

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title IV, Part A-Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

This project will focus on the Safe and Healthy Schools section of the Elementary and Secondary Education act (ESEA, section 4108). Two part-time counselors (advanced graduate students) will be employed through the University of Florida Counselor Education program to provide direct support to 9th and 10th grade students. This support will be in the form of mental health, social, emotional, and academic counseling. The provision of additional school counseling support during these critical transition years will directly contribute to several “Areas of Focus” in Florida’s Next Generation PreK-20 Education Strategic Plan.

Increased counseling support will enable P.K. Yonge to focus on local goals that contribute to statewide goals. For example, the goals of Just Read Florida will be addressed by ensuring every P.K. Yonge high school student successfully completes at least one college credit accruing course prior to graduation. Also, the goals of the Math/Science initiative will be addressed by supporting a high school math/science course trajectory that ensures every student successfully completes at least one advance mathematics and/or one advanced science course prior to graduation.