

Safety and Security of School Buildings

P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School will enhance the safety and security of the school campus in response to recommendations made by the University of Florida Police Department and Gainesville Fire Rescue after completing the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool. Given the available level of funding, P.K. Yonge seeks to implement the following first responder recommended safety enhancements to the school campus.

In response to recommendations and based on the school safety assessment tour and evaluation, lock upgrades were recommended as additional interior security measures for this campus. Upgraded door-locking mechanisms will secure elementary learning communities from outside and inside. In response to this recommendation, this grant will fund the installation of new door hardware and locks on the double doors to each of the three learning communities, so they can be locked and secured from the inside while restricting outside access to the learning community and building to school personnel only.

In response to recommendations and based on the assessment teams' observations, it was determined that school security would be improved by enhancing the school's current video monitoring coverage or capability. The assessment teams recommended installing video cameras at the loading dock, playground, and front circle child pick up area. This grant will fund the installation of cameras in these locations.

It was further recommended that the school remove brush adjacent to the top of the field fence that protects the playground area as this brush creates hiding places. This grant will fund the cutting and removal of trees and brush on the top field fence line.