



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
fldoe.org

Adoption of New Rule 6A-5.079, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Florida School Counseling Standards

**State Board of Education
May 24, 2023**

Rule 6A-5.079, F.A.C.

- Supports students to increase resiliency skills.
- Aligns with statewide resiliency initiatives.
- Provides framework for school counselors.
- Developed with stakeholder workgroup.
- Satisfies House Bill 1557 (2022) requirements.

Rule 6A-5.079, F.A.C.

After the 2022 Legislative Session, House Bill 1557 became law.

- By June 30, 2023, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) shall review and update, as necessary, school counseling frameworks and standards; educator practices and professional conduct principles; and any other student services personnel guidelines, standards or frameworks in accordance with the requirements of this act.
- Student support services training developed or provided by a school district to school district personnel must adhere to student services guidelines, standards and frameworks established by the FDOE (section [s.] 1001.42[8], Florida Statutes [F.S.]).

Rule 6A-5.079, F.A.C.

- This rule sets forth Florida's expectations for effective school counselors and forms the foundation for school counseling:
 - preparation programs
 - educator certification requirements
 - professional learning; and
 - evaluation systems.

Student Support Pathways for Resiliency

- On March 22, 2023, First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the development of four pathways for additional student support and mentorship.
- Florida's school counseling standards connect to existing resiliency initiatives, by providing training for caring adults such as moms, dads, volunteers, and athletic coaches to support students facing day-to-day challenges.
 - Resiliency Coach
 - Resiliency Endorsed Educator
 - School Counseling Apprentice
 - School Counseling Mentor

BUILDING *Resiliency*

RESILIENCY EDUCATION STANDARDS

- ✓ Character
- ✓ Personal Responsibility
- ✓ Mentorship and Citizenship
- ✓ Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

SCHOOL STAFF TRAINING

80% or more of school staff receive youth mental health awareness training.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION AND FLORIDA SAFE SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT TOOL

District funding and planning tools to strengthen school safety and support school staff training, services and resources.

RESILIENCY TOOLKIT

Dynamic resources for students, parents/caregivers, educators and community partners.

FLORIDA SPECIFIC YOUTH SURVEY

Results on students' resiliency and behaviors will inform student instruction, resources, supports, and staff training.

RESILIENCY EDUCATION, CIVIC AND CHARACTER EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION

School districts provide 5 hours of data-driven instruction annually to students in grades 6-12 related to resiliency, character development, and mental health.



www.FLDOE.org



www.FLDOE.org