



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
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Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Grant –

Item Name

WCS – Grant – FY26 Student Mental/Behavioral Health Services Grant

Recommendation – Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education authorize the State School Superintendent to award a grant to all local education agencies with schools serving grades 6-12 at a cost not to exceed \$19,360,000 in State funds for direct student mental health services.

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

Foster a safe, healthy, and positive learning climate in every school.

Grant Purpose

The Student Mental/Behavioral Health Services Grant is intended to provide additional mental/behavioral health support to students by providing funding to schools that can be utilized for direct student services related to mental/behavioral health.

Grant Financial Details

Grant Amount: \$19,360,000 .
Funding Source: State
Grant Recipient: Local education agencies with schools serving grades 6-12
Grant Period for Recipient:
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
Budget History:
FY 2025: N/A
FY 2024: N/A
FY 2023: N/A

Grant Overview

Grant Description:

The FY2026 state budget appropriated funding to establish student mental/behavioral services grants for middle and high schools in the amount of \$20,000 per school. These grant funds may only be used to provide direct services to students in grades 6-12 to support their mental/behavioral health and wellbeing.

Grant Selection Process:

Formula

Eligibility Criteria & Selection Process:

Formula grant based on the number of middle/ high schools (6-12) in each school system.

Grant Monitoring:

A mid-year survey requesting information on how money is being spent will be completed by LEA Chief Financial Officers (CFO) and reported to the House Budget and Research Office.

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