

## FY26 Student Mental/Behavioral Health Services Grant Funding Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**1. May we use these funds to purchase intervention, assessment, or other materials to be utilized for support services?**

No. These funds should only be used to provide direct services to students to support mental/behavioral health and wellbeing.

**2. May we use these funds to purchase a universal screener or other assessment tools?**

No. These funds should only be used to provide direct services to students to support mental/behavioral health and wellbeing.

**3. Does the full allocation need to be spent at each school?**

No. Each local education agency (LEA) will receive a funding allocation of \$20,000 per middle and high school. The funding should be utilized to increase direct student services for students in grades 6-12 only but can be distributed to schools and programs serving these grades however the LEA deems fit. The local school district should determine the best way to maximize funding to support student mental/behavioral health in grades 6-12 across the district.

**4. We have an alternative program that serves grades 6-12 but did not receive funding for it. Are we allowed to use funds to support students who attend this program?**

Yes. This funding may be used to support the mental/behavioral health of students in grades 6-12 in your school district.

**5. May we use these funds to pay for training for the adults providing the services?**

No. These funds should only be used to provide direct services to students.

**6. Are there training options for staff?**

Yes. Schools and districts can access no cost training for staff via the state-funded GaDOE/RESA Mental Health Awareness Training project. Schools and districts can request training from a [curated catalog](#) and can request training not on the catalog by collaborating with their local RESA.



**7. How do we access the funding?**

FY26 funding will be distributed monthly through Georgia's Online Reporting System (GaORS).

- Fund 100, Program 1517, Revenue Source 3800

**8. Are we required to complete any reports related to this grant?**

Yes. All districts receiving the funding will be required to complete a mid-year report. The report shall be completed in collaboration with your school district's financial team. The survey will request information regarding the number of students served at Tiers 1, 2, and 3; specific funding allocated for contracted services, tele-health, and school district personnel; and additional types of services provided. A completion report is not required.

**9. I noticed that GaDOE shared a vendor list for telehealth services. Am I required to use a vendor from that list (if we select telehealth services for implementation)?**

Yes. LEAs that choose to implement telehealth services with these grant funds must choose one of the [state-approved vendors](#).

**10. Who can I contact at GaDOE with any questions?**

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