Education Across the Department

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION

DJJ CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT/AFTERCARE
Education in Residential Programs

• In FY 2021-22, 2,338 youth were served across 44 residential programs.

• Residential facilities in 25 local school districts.
  • 14 districts directly provide educational services to students.
  • 11 districts contract with private educational providers to provide education.

• Education provided 250 days per year.
Florida Scholars Academy

A single unified education system in DJJ residential programs, with a sole focus on providing this student population with a world-class education that meets their individual needs by embracing multiple educational pathways for students to succeed.
Florida Scholars Academy

• Allows DJJ to contract with a single educational provider to operate the school on a statewide basis:
  • A state college or university.
  • A charter school network.
  • An existing public school district.
  • A private educational services provider with a proven track record of success.
Embracing Individual Student Needs

• Placing a focus on educational pathways that meet the individual educational needs of students:
  • High school diploma.
  • High school equivalency diploma.
  • Enrollment in an educational program of study at a Florida technical or state college or university.
  • Attainment of industry-recognized credentials of value.
Current Funding Model

• Reliance on the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) and traditional FTE counts.

• Economies of scale challenges.

• FEFP fund limitations and restrictions.
Funding the Florida Scholars Academy

• Year One Funding: $12 million recurring general revenue

• Year Two Funding: $24.1 million total recurring funding

• Funding for instructional staff, special education, instructional materials and curriculum, among other educational expenses.