# Jackson County School District Resiliency Education Implementation Plan (Grades K-5)



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## Resiliency Education Curriculum Overview

In an effort to build resiliency among our youth and to foster safe environments conducive to student learning, Jackson County School District will require that all students in Grades K-5 complete instruction each year with regards to Resiliency Education to include the following state mandated requirements:

- 1. Character
- 2. Personal Responsibility
- 3. Mentorship and Citizenship
- 4. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

The chosen Sanford Harmony curriculum at the elementary school level has lessons designed that are tailored to the intellectual, cognitive, and social development of the student. Interactive games and activities help students visualize and apply the strategies and skills directly, so they can begin to apply them in their daily life right away. The core competencies of Harmony equip students in grades K-5th to practice vital social and emotional skills, pursue academic and personal goals with confidence, and build positive friendships and relationships. Harmony aligns with the knowledge, skills and attitudes outlined in the updated definition and competencies from the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the framework used by a majority of states to develop their SEL goals and objectives. Harmony engages students in social and emotional learning with discussion, role-play, and imagination through Everyday Practices, interactive lessons, games, stories, songs, as well as other additional activities.

#### **Instructional Delivery**

1. The Resiliency education curriculum will be taught by Jackson County School District employed K-5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary teachers that are certified by the State of Florida Department of Education. The teachers will present the program effectively by following approved policies, procedures, and evidence-based practices. The curriculum meets the ruling requirement of instruction with course specification per grade that is developmentally appropriate. Instruction will be delivered in the following courses:

Grade Level:	Course Delivered:
Kindergarten	Social Studies
1st Grade	Social Studies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Social Studies
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Social Studies
4th Grade	Social Studies
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Social Studies

#### **Professional Qualifications**

- 1. The Jackson County School District school based instructional staff will instruct the students in the Sanford Harmony curriculum effectively by following their approved policies, procedures, and evidence-based practices. The instructors must have a minimum of a Bachelors' Degree and have Florida educator certification with the Florida Department of Education.
- 2. Oversight and implementation of the Sanford Harmony curriculum will be conducted by the Director of Safety, Director of K-12 Programs and MIS, and the Mental Health Administrator for Jackson County School District. The combined qualifications of the two staff are as follows:
  - A. Certified School Safety Specialist
  - B. Fortify FL Administrator
  - C. Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer
  - D. District Threat Management Coordinators
  - E. Threat Assessment Trainer (Dewey Cornell Model)
  - F. Florida Department of Health Licensed Mental Health Counselor #MH 24858
  - G. Florida Department of Education Professional Licensure # 706231
  - H. Florida Department of Education Professional Licensure # 740806
  - I. Florida Department of Education Professional Licensure # 716970

#### **Materials and Resources**

1. The Jackson County School District has chosen to use the Sanford Harmony curriculum with all Kindergarten through fifth grade students. The Sanford Harmony curriculum meets the ruling requirement of resiliency instruction, as required by the State Board of Education, with age appropriate course specification per grade that is developmentally appropriate and skill building, which advances each year with student progression.

#### **Data Tracking & Reporting**

- 1. The Director of K-12 Programs and MIS for Jackson County School District will provide a report to the Commissioner of Education by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year verifying completion of instruction.
- 2. The Director of Safety, Director of K-12 Programs and MIS, and the Mental Health Administrator for Jackson County School District will monitor completion of the Sanford Harmony curriculum instruction, to meet the requirement of Resiliency Education for all Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, issued by the State Board of Education.