

# School Profile 2024-2025



Developmental Research School  
at the University of Florida

## Demographics

Established in 1934, P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School is a public school district affiliated with the University of Florida and located on its campus. The school serves approximately 1,400 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. The school is designed as a special school district under Florida Department of Education funding and is given the responsibility to develop innovative solutions to educational concerns in the state and to disseminate successful instructional programs to other school districts. Eighty percent of the faculty holds advanced degrees. P.K. Yonge is fully accredited by the Cognia Organization. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is a legacy organization to Cognia.

## Enrollment

There are approximately 560 high school students enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. The demographic distribution for the 2024-25 school year is approximately 48% White, 23% Black, 15% Hispanic, 4% Asian, 9% Multiracial and 1% American Indian. 23% of high school students are on free or reduced lunch.

## Curriculum and Course Offerings

### Advanced Placement:

- P.K. Yonge offers a total of 17 Advanced Placement courses
  - Courses are offered in English Language Composition, English Literature, Pre-Calculus, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Environmental Science, Chemistry, Microeconomics, U.S. Government, World History, Human Geography, U.S. History, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Studio Art 2D, Seminar, and Computer Science Principles. AP courses are indicated as "AP" on our official records. AP courses are valued higher than general and honors coursework in our grade point average calculation (see table below).

### Honors and Pre-Advance Placement:

- P.K. Yonge offers a total of 24 Honors and Pre-AP courses
  - Courses are offered in Pre-AP English 1, Pre-AP English 2, and Pre-AP World History/World Geography, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Marine Science, Physics, Environmental Science, U.S. History, Economics with Financial Literacy, US Government, World History, Spanish 3, Spanish 4, 2D Portfolio, Theatre 3, Theatre 4, Vocal Ensemble, and Vocal Techniques. Honors and Pre-AP courses are valued higher than general coursework in our grade point average calculation (see table below).

### Pathways:

- P.K. Yonge offers 6 elective pathways
  - Pathways include Capstone, Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence, Entrepreneurship, Engineering, Health and Human Performance, Performing Arts

### Career and Technical Education (CTE):

- P.K. Yonge offers CTE certifications
  - Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence – WordPress, Python Coding Specialist, Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals, Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals
  - Engineering – WordPress, Entrepreneurship, Project Management, Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk Revit

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- Entrepreneurship – WordPress, Visual Design using Adobe Photoshop, Graphic Design & Illustration using Adobe Illustrator, Print & Digital Media Publication using Adobe InDesign, PMI: Project Management Ready, ESB: Entrepreneurship & Small Business
- Public Service – Project Management

## Dual Enrollment:

- The University of Florida and Santa Fe College offer full time (3.5) and part time (3.0) dual enrollment programs to students who meet unweighted cumulative grade point average standards, college readiness scores, and are on track for high school graduation.

## Grading System

Class rank is based on local weighted GPA. Class rank is determined at the end of each semester. All students are ranked. All classes are included in the GPA and class rank.

Grade	Score	Regular	Honors	Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment	University of Florida Dual Enrollment
A	3.51 - 4	4	4.5	5	5
B	3.01 - 3.5	3	3.5	4	4
C	2.51 - 3	2	2.5	3	3
D	2.01 - 2.5	1	1.5	2	2

## Faculty

71% of faculty hold advanced degrees, 12% are National Board Certified Teachers, 100% high qualified teachers, 35% of teachers have 6-14 years of experience, and 39% of teachers have 15+ years of experience.

## Calendar

P.K. Yonge students are enrolled in coursework on a 4-credit fall and 4 credit spring schedule. Credits are earned at the end of each semester. Students attend four classes for 85 minutes each day during the Fall semester. Students will attend four 85 minute classes in the Spring semester. Select courses are scheduled on an alternating day schedule with course meetings throughout both the Fall and Spring semesters. Credit is earned at the end of each semester at either a .5 or 1.0 credits earned, depending on the course.

## Community Demographics Population

Alachua County is home to approximately 241,364 residents. The city of Gainesville is home to approximately 114,375 residents. It also houses Florida's largest and oldest university, and is one of the state's centers of education, medicine, cultural events and athletics. UF Health/ Shands Hospital is the leading employer in Gainesville providing jobs for many residents of surrounding counties.

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Lynda Hayes, Ph.D.	Director
Carrie Geiger, Ed.D.	Secondary Principal
Ashley Pennypacker-Hill, Ph.D.	Elementary Principal
Tredina Sheppard, Ph.D.	Assistant Principal of Academic Achievement
Christy Gabbard, M.Ed.	Director of Secondary Programs
Mickey MacDonald, Ed.D.	Director of Research and Accountability
Carmen Butfiloski, M.A.	School Counselor, Grades 6-8
Catherine Walker, M.Ed.	School Counselor, Grades 9-10
Emily Schweim, M.Ed.	School Counselor, Grades 11-12

## Athletics

Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Competitive Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball

## Clubs

Black Student Union, BluePrint, Creative Computing Club, Debate Team, ECO Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Feminist Club, FTC and FRC Robotics Team, Gaming Club, Global Awareness Club, GSA, HOSA, JAM Club, Key Club, Love for the Elders, Odyssey of the Mind, PKY Art Collective, UNICEF, Peer Tutoring, Pre-Collegiate Club, Spread the Love, Student Government, Thespians

## Honor Societies

National English Honors Society, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Hispanic Honor Society, American Institute of Graphic Arts, Tri-M Music Honor Society

## Performing Arts

Vocal and Dramatic Arts, Modern Music, Marching and Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Indoor Percussion

## International Travel Opportunities

Panama – Spanish Language Immersion and Culture Program

Japan - Robotics, Engineering and the Future Program

Galapagos Islands - Environment and Conservation Program

## Post-Secondary Matriculation

2024 Graduating Class: four-year university: 50%, four-year state college: 45%; two-year community college: 1%; undecided: 4%

## Graduation Requirements

- English: 4 credits
- Math: 4 credits including Algebra 1/Geometry
- Science: 3 credits including Biology and two courses with lab components
- Social Studies: 3 credits including World History, U.S. History, US Government, and Economics with Financial Literacy
- Performing/Fine/Practical Arts: 1 credit
- Physical Education/Varsity Sports Waiver/Band Waiver and Personal Fitness: 1 credit

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- Electives: 8 credits
- GPA: Minimum 2.0 unweighted
- Community Service Hours: 75 hours
- Completion of Senior Research Requirement
- Qualifying score of Reading/Writing FAST/ACT/SAT/CLT Concordant Scores
- Qualifying score of Algebra 1 End of Course Exam

## College Acceptances

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Hamline University	University of Colorado Boulder
Abilene University	Hampton University	University Atlantic University
Adam State University	Hillsborough Community College	University of Alabama
Alabama A&M University	Howard University	University of Arizona
Alabama State University	Indiana Tech	University of California Davis
Albany State University	Indiana University	University of California LA
Albright College	Jackson College	University of Central Florida
Allegheny College	Jackson State University	University of Charleston
American University	Jacksonville University	University of Connecticut
Asbury University	Juniata	University of Denver
Auburn University	Keiser University	University of Florida
Ave Maria University	Lehigh University	University of Georgia
Averett University	Lenior Rhyne University	University of Hawaii Hilo
Berklee College of Music	Louisiana State University	University of Hawaii Manoa
Berry College	Loyola Chicago	University of Konstanz
Bethany College	Loyola New Orleans	University of Massachusetts
Bethune-Cookman University	Lynn University	University of Miami
Birmingham Southern University	Macalester College	University of Minnesota
Brown University	Mercer University	University of Mississippi
Cal Poly State	Methodist University	University of Missouri
Carthage College	Midland University	University of Mount Union
Case Western Reserve University	Mid Florida Technical	University of North Carolina
Cardenal Herrera Universidad	Mitchell College	University of North Florida
Cazenovia College	Monash University	University of North Texas
Champlain College	Morehouse College	University of Northwestern Ohio
Charles University Prague	New College of Florida	University of Pikesville
Charleston Southern University	New York Institute of Technology	University of the Pacific
Claflin University	New York University	University of Pennsylvania
Clark Atlanta University	North Carolina A&T	University of Portland
Clark State Community College	Nova Southeastern	University of Puerto Rico
Colgate University	Oberlin College	University of Plymouth
College of Central Florida	Oglethorpe University	University of South Alabama
College of Idaho	Oregon State University	University of South Carolina
Colorado Mountain College	Ottawa University	University of South Florida
Columbus State University	Paine College	University of Tampa
	Penn State University	University of Tennessee
	Pitt-Bradford University	University of Texas at Austin
		University of Texas at Dallas

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<p>Concordia University of Chicago</p> <p>Cornell University</p> <p>Covenant College</p> <p>Daytona State College</p> <p>Dean College</p> <p>Delgado Community College</p> <p>Eastern Carolina University</p> <p>Eastern Florida State College</p> <p>Eckerd College</p> <p>Edward Waters University</p> <p>Embry Riddle Aeronautical University</p> <p>Emory and Henry University</p> <p>Emory University</p> <p>Flagler College</p> <p>Florida Atlantic University</p> <p>Florida A&amp;M University</p> <p>Florida Gulf Coast University</p> <p>Florida Institute of Technology</p> <p>Florida International University</p> <p>Florida Polytechnic University</p> <p>Florida Southern College</p> <p>Florida State University</p> <p>Full Sail University</p> <p>Furman University</p> <p>Gardner Webb</p> <p>George Mason</p> <p>Georgia Southern University</p> <p>Georgia State University</p> <p>Georgia Tech</p> <p>Graceland University</p> <p>Guilford College</p>	<p>Pomona University</p> <p>Purdue University</p> <p>Prestige Worldwide Sports Academy</p> <p>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</p> <p>Rice University</p> <p>Rochester Institute of Technology</p> <p>Rollins College</p> <p>Saint Leo University</p> <p>Santa Fe College</p> <p>Savannah College of Art and Design</p> <p>Seton Hall University</p> <p>South Carolina State University</p> <p>Southeastern College of Missouri</p> <p>Southeastern University</p> <p>Spelman College</p> <p>Spring Hill</p> <p>Stetson University</p> <p>State University of New York – Purchase</p> <p>State University of New York - Stonybrook</p> <p>Sweet Briar College</p> <p>Tabor College</p> <p>Tallahassee Community College</p> <p>Tennessee State University</p> <p>Thomas University</p> <p>Tusculum University</p> <p>Trinity Baptist College</p>	<p>University of Utah</p> <p>University of West Florida</p> <p>University of Wisconsin - Madison</p> <p>Valdosta State University</p> <p>Valencia College</p> <p>Vanderbilt University</p> <p>Vassar College</p> <p>Webber International University</p> <p>Wentworth Institute of Technology</p> <p>William Peace University</p> <p>William Woods University</p> <p>Wisconsin Lutheran College</p> <p>Xavier University</p> <p>Yale University</p>
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