

School Profile 2025-2026

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 1,435 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) are a legacy organization to Cognia.

Enrollment

There are approximately 585 high school students enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year. The demographic distribution for the 2025-2026 school year is approximately 44% White, 20% Black, 24% Hispanic, 6% Asian, 5% Multiracial and >1% American Indian.

Curriculum and Course Offerings

Advanced Placement:

- P.K. Yonge offers a total of 20 Advanced Placement courses
 - Courses are offered in English Language Composition, English Literature, Pre-Calculus, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, Human Geography, US History, Microeconomics, US Government, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Studio Art 2D, Seminar, Capstone Research
 - 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-Advanced Placement:

- P.K. Yonge offers a total of 24 Honors and Pre-AP courses
 - Pre-AP Courses are offered in Pre-AP English 1, Pre-AP English 2, and Pre-AP World History/World Geography.
 - Honors Courses are offered in English 3, English 4, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Probability and Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Experimental Science, U.S. History, Economics with Personal Finance, US Government, World History, Spanish 3, Spanish 4,
 - 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 Academic Electives, Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence, Digital Design & Entrepreneurship, Engineering, Health and Human Performance, Modern Music & Entrepreneurship

Public Service and Academic Success:

- P.K. Yonge offers 6 courses
 - Public Service Leadership, Critical Thinking and Study Skills, Public Service Communication, Experiential Learning in Public Service, Career Research and Decision Making, Senior Research



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Career and Technical Education (CTE):

- P.K. Yonge offers CTE certifications
 - WordPress, Python Coding Specialist, Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals, Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals, Entrepreneurship, Project Management, Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk Revit, 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

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 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
A	3.51 - 4	4	4.5	5
B	3.01 - 3.5	3	3.5	4
C	2.51 - 3	2	2.5	3
D	2.01 - 2.5	1	1.5	2

Faculty

76% of faculty hold advanced degrees, 100% high qualified teachers, 32% of teachers have 6-14 years of experience, and 47% of teachers have 15+ years of experience.

Calendar

P.K. Yonge students are enrolled in coursework on a 7 to 8 credit schedule. Students attend four classes for 85 minutes each day. 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 291,782 residents. The city of Gainesville is home to approximately 145,812 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.

Faculty and Staff

Carrie Geiger, Ed.D.	Director
Ashley Pennypacker-Hill, Ed.D	Secondary Principal
Tredina Sheppard, Ph.D.	Assistant Principal of Academic Achievement
Dicy Watson, M.Ed.	Director of Elementary Programs
Christy Gabbard, M.Ed.	Director of Secondary Programs
Mickey MacDonald, Ed.D.	Director of Research, Assessment, and Accountability
Catherine Walker, M.Ed.	School Counselor, Grades Pre-K-5
Bryce Stevenson, M.Ed., Ed.S.	School Counselor, Grades 6-8

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Carmen Butfiloski, M.A.	School Counselor, Grades 9-10
Emily Schweim, M.Ed.	School Counselor, Grades 11-12

Athletics

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

Clubs

AIGA, Art Collective, Best Buddies, BSU, BluePrint/BluePrint Jr., Creative Writing Club, Dance Marathon, DECA, Dungeons & Dragons Club, ECO, Empower Her, FCA, Feminist Club, HOSA, Key Club, Model UN, Odyssey of the Mind, Peer Tutoring, Pre-Collegiate Club, SkillsUSA, Speech & Debate Team, Spread the Love/ Love for the Elders, Thespians, UNICEF

Honor Societies

National Art Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Hispanic Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, National STEM Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, National Tri-M Honor Society, Jr. Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society

Performing Arts

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

International Travel Opportunities

Spain – Spanish Language Immersion and Culture Program

Post-Secondary Matriculation

2025 Graduating Class: four-year university: 60%, four-year college: 35%; two-year community college: >1%; gap year: >1%; internship/apprenticeship: >1%; workforce: >1%

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
- 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
		University of Arizona



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Alabama A&M University	Howard University	University of California Davis
Alabama State University	Indiana Tech	University of California LA
Albany State University	Indiana University	University of Central Florida
Albright College	Jackson College	University of Charleston
Allegheny College	Jackson State University	University of Connecticut
American University	Jacksonville University	University of Denver
Asbury University	Juniata	University of Florida
Auburn University	Keiser University	University of Georgia
Ave Maria University	Lehigh University	University of Hawaii Hilo
Averett University	Lenior Rhyne University	University of Hawaii Manoa
Berklee College of Music	Louisiana State University	University of Konstanz
Berry College	Loyola Chicago	University of Massachusetts
Bethany College	Loyola New Orleans	University of Miami
Bethune-Cookman University	Lynn University	University of Minnesota
Birmingham Southern	Macalester College	University of Mississippi
University	Mercer University	University of Missouri
Brown University	Methodist University	University of Mount Union
Cal Poly State	Midland University	University of North Carolina
Carthage College	Mid Florida Technical	University of North Florida
Case Western Reserve	Mitchell College	University of North Texas
University	Monash University	University of Northwestern
Cardenal Herrera Universidad	Morehouse College	Ohio
Cazenovia College	New College of Florida	University of Pikesville
Champlain College	New York Institute of	University of the Pacific
Charles University Prague	Technology	University of Pennsylvania
Charleston Southern University	New York University	University of Portland
Claflin University	North Carolina A&T	University of Puerto Rico
Clark Atlanta University	Nova Southeastern	University of Plymouth
Clark State Community College	Oberlin College	University of South Alabama
Clermont McKenna College	Oglethorpe University	University of South Carolina
Colgate University	Oregon State University	University of South Florida
College of Central Florida	Ottawa University	University of Tampa
College of Idaho	Paine College	University of Tennessee
Colorado Mountain College	Penn State University	University of Texas at Austin
Columbus State University	Pitt-Bradford University	University of Texas at Dallas
Concordia University of	Pomona University	University of Utah
Chicago	Purdue University	University of West Florida
Cornell University	Prestige Worldwide Sports	University of Wisconsin -
Covenant College	Academy	Madison
Daytona State College	Rensselaer Polytechnic	Valdosta State University
Dean College	Institute	Valencia College
Delgado Community College	Rice University	Vanderbilt University
Eastern Carolina University	Rochester Institute of	Vassar College
Eastern Florida State College	Technology	Webber International
Eckerd College	Rollins College	University
Edward Waters University	Saint Leo University	Wentworth Institute of
Embry Riddle Aeronautical	Saint Thomas University	Technology
University	Santa Fe College	William Peace University
Emory and Henry University		William Woods University

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Emory University Flagler College Florida Atlantic University Florida A&M University Florida Gulf Coast University Florida Institute of Technology Florida International University Florida Polytechnic University Florida Southern College Florida State University Full Sail University Furman University Gardner Webb George Mason Georgia Southern University Georgia State University Georgia Tech Graceland University Guilford College	Savannah College of Art and Design Seton Hall University South Carolina State University Southeastern College of Missouri Southeastern University Spelman College Spring Hill Stetson University State University of New York -- Purchase State University of New York - Stonybrook Sweet Briar College Tabor College Tallahassee Community College Tennessee State University Thomas University Tusculum University Trinity Baptist College	Wisconsin Lutheran College Xavier University Yale University
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