

Deerlake Middle School
11/7/24

Dear Middle School Parents/Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to share important information regarding our annual required instruction, in accordance with State Board [Rule 6A-1.094124 in the Florida Administrative Code](#). Florida Statute mandates that public schools facilitate at least 5 hours of resiliency education for students in grades 6-8 as well as required instruction on several critical topics, including substance use and abuse, child trafficking prevention and awareness, and suicide prevention.

We are proud to incorporate resources from Florida's First Lady, Casey DeSantis, and her Resiliency Toolkit, which assists educators in teaching character education. These resources may also be beneficial for you to explore at home.

This year, students will receive instruction for grades 6-8 through the following initiatives:

- **Resiliency Day:** On December 6th, 2024, all students will participate in interactive lessons lasting 30-50 minutes via Canvas. Students will follow a modified bell schedule and remain in a familiar class setting.
- **Content Sources:** Leon County Schools will utilize materials from The Jason Foundation, Safer, Smarter Teens, and the Resiliency Toolkit.

These topics are vital in equipping our students with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate challenging situations. I believe this instruction will not only be beneficial for your child but will also reinforce discussions held at home.

All student materials will be accessible through the Canvas app in the LCS Classlink Portal. To learn more about the topics and lessons provided, I encourage you to visit your child's Canvas app and explore the resources mentioned. All lessons will be available in their Homeroom class.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and your dedication to your children's education.

Sincerely,

Deerlake Middle School