



Florida Youth ChalleNGe



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Youth
ChalleNGe
Academy

Issue #1:

Funding



- **Created in 2000-2001**
- **Collaboration between DOE, DJJ, DCF, CCSD, DMA**
- **Mission: Provide a highly disciplined, motivational environment focusing on academic leadership, personal growth, self-esteem & physical fitness**
- **16 – 18 year old at-risk youth**
- **5 ½ month residential phase; 12 month post-residential follow-up**
- **School Board handles academic portion**

ONE OF A KIND!

- **34 programs in the Nation**
- **FLYCA is ranked near the top in all categories**
- **Only one in the Nation that is a State Certified High School (0020)**



FUNDING

- **Department of Defense**
- **State of Florida (FTE);
Based on averaging 150
cadets graduating each
class (x2)**



DIPLOMAS

OFFERED

- **State of Florida Diploma (Pass GED Only)**
- **Performance-Based Exit Option Diploma (Passed FCAT and GED)**
- **Certificate of Completion**

Received FTE for all enrollees in K-12





BUDGET

Budget for FLYCA (09-10) at Full Capacity for 9 Teachers, 1 Guidance Counselor & Administrative Costs

• Salaries/Benefits & 0020 Budget	-	\$781,354.29
• FTE for FLYCA	-	920,151.00

TOTAL - \$138,796.71+

BUDGET CRUNCH BEGINS TO HIT NATION/STATE

- **Cutback on Guidance Position
at FLYCA
(1.0 eventually to 0)**



Issues that Surface in



State requests application for Performance-Based Exit Early 2010 Out on programs;

- **DOE contacts District and raises concerns about issuing diplomas to students prior to their kindergarten cohorts;**
- **Specifically, the Performance-Based diploma is for students who are over age and behind in credits, but FLYCA is issuing to students not necessarily in that category;**
- **(6A-6.0212);**
- **State said FLYCA was placing students in “an accelerated means of completing high school” and determined the district needed to, instead, have these students enrolled in Adult Education to get their GEDs, NOT K-12.**

Repeated Conversations

with DOE

DOE Meet at FLYCA in March, 2012



- **Legislation by Rep. Van Zant, Sr. & Senator Wise**
- **Conversations between Superintendent, Governor & Clay County Legislative Delegation**
- **Conversation with Florida DOE Commissioner**
- **Superintendent visits Tallahassee**



**TOLD BY DOE TO
CORRECT
THE ISSUE!!**



3-TRACK PROGRAM

- **Track 1** - **Credit Recovery; return to home school; K-12 = FTE (Approx. 35-40 students)**
- **Track 2** - **GED Program; Adult Ed. No FTE (Bulk of students, 88 in current class)**
- **Track 3** - **Performance-Based Diploma (30-35 students)**





Predicted FTE – 75 =

Loss in FTE Revenue =

**Cut Staff and ask for
financial assistance
from National Guard
(\$250,000)**





BUDGET

Budget for FLYCA (12-13) at Full Capacity for 7 Teachers, 0 Guidance & Administrative Costs

• Salaries/Benefits & 0020 Budget	-	\$495,451.15
• FTE for FLYCA	-	315,597.00

TOTAL - \$179,854.15

What School Board Needs for FLYCA

- **Make FLYCA a separate line-item on the State Budget and fund the program completely**
- **Allow FLYCA to be exempt from 6A.6.0212 and receive FTE for all students under K-12**



Issue #2: Graduation



Rates... State of Florida joins other states in defining the “Graduation Rate.”

- **Florida’s grading formula for districts and schools begins to include the graduation rate.**
- **FLYCA is considered a Clay County High School.**
- **The question surfaced... “Will FLYCA’s students count against Clay County’s graduation rate?”**



**As of late 2010,
State of Florida
would not
comment on
this.**



2011-2012 5-Year Graduation Rate for Clay County

• With FLYCA Students		76.36%
• Without FLYCA Students	-	84.00%



Solution!

- **DOE must set policy that either excludes FLYCA students from Clay County's graduation rate... OR**
- **Report FLYCA students back to their home districts!**

