**Section 555.10 Purpose and Applicability**

This Subpart A establishes the application procedure and criteria for selection by the State Superintendent of Education of the entities that will receive grant funds for programs designed to support students' mental health by:

a) enhancing the recipients' capacity to identify and meet students' needs for early, coordinated mental health intervention services in "natural" settings;

b) contributing to the development of a mental health support system for students that is integrated with community mental health agencies and other agencies and systems that serve children; and

c) reducing the stigma associated with mental health and mental illness within the school community.