



Polk County Schools

Board of Education Info Brief

Federal Programs: Title I, Title II, and Title IV Plans for 2026-2027

Title I: Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs

Polk County Schools will continue to use Title I funding for at-risk students and to supplement programs serving at-risk students. Each year, the district receives “Title I” funding from the federal government to address the needs of students performing below grade level or living in poverty. Funding is primarily dedicated to “intervention teams” that focus on reading proficiency, as it is the most important determinant of student success in future coursework. The intervention teams generally comprise one or more licensed teachers with expertise in reading instruction, teaching assistants, and hourly educators working with students during and after the school day. In addition to the intervention teams, materials, and resources required for intervention work, Title I funds are used to supplement existing programming related to Title I goals and strategies. Title I monies help to fund Pre-K programming, summer remediation programs, professional development activities for teachers working with at-risk students, and administrative costs associated with Title I efforts. A small percentage of Title I funding is required to be allotted to each school for “family engagement” projects. Title I funds and programs provide Polk County Schools with a substantial safety net for students at risk of failure in the early grades.

Title I Planning Allotment	\$567,256.00
Preschool Program	\$10,000.00
Administrative Cost	\$49,977.91
Homeless Students	\$2,900.00
Foster Care Transportation	\$1,000.00
Professional Development & District-wide Initiatives (Grab & Go Books)	\$35,000.00
Salaries & Benefits of Title I teachers, teaching assistants & tutors	\$462,705.10
Family Engagement	\$5,672.99

The remaining funds will be distributed to the four elementary schools based on PPA (per-pupil allocation based on the number of low-income students enrolled at the school). Schools may use these funds for literacy-based professional development, supplies, materials, and additional tutoring services during the school day.

Title II: Supporting Effective Instruction

Planning allotment \$85,209.00

No carryover from 2025-2026

Polk County Schools uses Title II funding to hire two elementary teachers to reduce class size numbers in 4th and 5th grade.

Title IV: Student Support and Academic Enrichment

These federal funds are intended to help increase the capacity of local educational agencies to:

(1) provide all students with access to a well-rounded education; (2) improve school conditions for student learning; and (3) improve the use of technology to improve academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

Budget for Title IV 2025-2026		\$43,301.00
Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities	(must budget at least 20% of funds)	\$24,601.00
Great Minds Arts & Letters Curriculum Materials		
Safe and Healthy Students	(must budget at least 20% of funds)	\$10,000.00
Character Strong (Character Development Program)		
Effective Use of Technology		\$8,700.00
Amplify ELA Boost (Personalized digital reading and intervention program)		

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