



Polk County Schools

Board of Education Info Brief

Federal Programs: Title I, Title II and Title IV Plans for 2023-2024

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” which focus on reading proficiency as it is the most important determiner of student success in future coursework. The intervention teams are generally made up of 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 and 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.

Total Budget for Title I	\$633,054.53
Title I Planning Allotment	\$585,536.00
Carryover from 2021-2022	\$47,518.53
Title I District Set Asides	
Preschool Program	\$57,257.43
Administrative Cost	\$52,716.07
Homeless Students	\$2,500.00
Foster Care Transportation	\$1,000.00
Professional Development	\$8,000.00
Salaries & Benefits of Title I teachers, teaching assistants & tutors	\$387,973.94
Family Engagement	\$5,855.36
District Wide Initiatives (Amplify Reading & Scholastic Books)	\$44,435.90
Remaining Funds for PPA	\$73,315.83

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 (Orton-Gillingham or LetterLand), supplies, materials and additional tutoring services during the school day.

Title II: Supporting Effective Instruction

Planning allotment \$87,999.00

No carryover from 2022-2023

Originally established as a vehicle for “educator recruitment and development” Title II funds are used for everything from class size reduction to helping staff become “highly qualified.” Due to Polk County Schools’ record of hiring teachers that are already highly qualified the district is able to direct the funds to class size reduction. This means funding up to two positions in the largest instructional staff “need” areas.

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 in order to improve academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

Total Budget for Title IV		\$45,655.00
Title IV Planning Allotment		\$45,655.00
Carryover from 2022-2023		\$0
Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities	(must budget at least 20% of funds)	\$11,504.98
Scholastic bundle book sets for students		\$11,504.98
Safe and Healthy Students	(must budget at least 20% of funds)	\$9,285.00
Remind App for Parent Communication		\$9,285.00
Effective Use of Technology	(only 15% of this portion may be used for infrastructure) \$10,655.00	
IXL Mathematics Program for K-8 Teachers		\$10,655.00
Indirect Cost		\$1,158.61

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