



2022 Legislative Priorities

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2022

As a top ten and Florida Department of Education Academically High-Performing school district, Clay County District Schools believe our 2022 legislative priorities will allow Clay County District Schools to extend our efforts as we continue to provide a world-class education to all students as we prepare children and youth for college, career, and life.

Career and Technical Education

- Provide adequate funding to recruit and compensate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Instructors.
 - \$65,000 industry salary vs. \$47,500 beginning teacher salary
 - CTE teachers on a district-issued teaching certificate must have 6 years of verifiable work experience.
- Increase funding for career and technical education programs, including internships, externships, and Work-Based Learning to provide our students with the opportunity to access and fully participate in the local workforce.
 - 22/23 SY Open Building Construction Technologies Program at Fleming Island High School (\$450,000).
 - 22/23 SY Open Health Science Program at Ridgeview High School (\$200,000).
 - CTE Teacher to oversee students out on internships and Work-Based Learning (Cost of a teacher plus benefits for seven high schools is \$417,000).
 - 7th period for students who are in Intensive Reading and Acceleration programs the opportunity to participate in Work-Based Learning (\$53,000).
 - The estimated total cost of programs: \$1,120,000.00

Funding

- Increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) to support new additional reporting requirements.
- Maintain the Required Local Effort and restore the LCIF 2 mill.
- Provide adequate funding and support to all school districts to offer full-day VPK Programs to ensure high-quality preschool programs are available and affordable to all Florida families.

Workforce

- Increase and support additional funding for Student Discipline and Support Services, such as hiring additional hearing officers, truancy officers, school counselors, licensed mental health counselors, and social workers so we can continue to provide support for the increased need for mental and behavioral health services for students and staff.
- Maintain and increase funding of the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation.

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