



2019 Legislative Priorities

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2019

Many districts throughout the country now offer schools with specialized programs to serve the special interests of students within their community. These schools focus on a unique approach to academics, specific career pathways, the arts or many other themes appealing to different student interests and goals. Therefore, Clay County District Schools will seek to offer Choice Programming within the public education setting in order to attract, retain, and recruit students. The proposed areas of school choice, along with support from local legislators, will drive the vision and implementation of providing robust programming in Clay County. Below are Clay County District Schools' proposed Choice offerings with estimated costs associated to each program:

➤ Elementary School Choice Programs

- Offer Cambridge International program at select Elementary Schools (cost - \$339,500)
- Offer Dual Language at Select Elementary Schools (cost - \$100,000)
- Offer 3 and 4-Year-old Programs in Elementary Schools (cost per site- \$186,000)
- Dedicated Visual & Performing Arts Elementary School (cost - \$263,200+ additional potential building renovations costs)
- Expansion of STEM/STEAM throughout Elementary Schools (cost - \$685,329)
- Estimated Total Cost for Elementary Choice Programs - > **\$1,574,029.00**

➤ Junior High Choice Programs

- Offer AVID at all Junior High Schools in Clay County (cost per site -\$19,940)
- Pre-AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) (cost per site - \$257,400)
- Pre- Early College (cost -\$244,000) ○ Dedicated Visual & Performing Arts Junior High School (cost - \$263,200 + additional potential building renovations costs)
- Expansion of STEM/STEAM throughout Elementary Schools (cost - \$685,329)
- Estimated Total Cost for Junior High School Programs - > **\$1,225,869.00**

➤ High School Choice Programs

- Offer a Computer Science Program (cost -\$260,000)
- Offer a Civil Engineer Program (cost -\$260,000)
- Offer Video Game and Digital Design in Select High Schools (cost - \$400,000)
- Fire Leadership Pathway (cost - \$285,250)
- Dedicated Visual & Performing Arts High School (cost - \$600,000 + additional potential building renovations costs)
- Estimated Total Cost for High School Programs - > **\$1,805,250.00**

*Estimated costs include facility adaptations, curriculum and materials cost, human capital, and professional learning for Faculty to all Choice Programs in order to create equity and access for all Clay County students.

In addition to Choice Programming, Clay County District Schools would like the following concepts to be adopted in education:

- Provide School-districts funding for VPK Full Day Programs
- Increase Beginning Teacher Salary and make Standard Across the State (Provide funding to support)
- Increase the Dollar per Student Station for Capital Outlay Projects
- Allow Half Cent Sales Tax to be used to pay for School Resource Officers for Counties with Sales Tax
- Increase Safe School Funding to cover the Cost for All School Resource Officers
- Increase Millage Rate from 1.5 and place back to 2.0
- Eliminate all High School Assessments and transition to national assessments such as SAT and ACT
- Provide Funding to pay for SAT and ACT for every student, one time, during their 4 year High School Stint

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