



2024 Legislative Priorities

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2023

As a top ten and Florida Department of Education Academically High-Performing school district, Clay County District Schools believe our 2024 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.

Funding

- Increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) to support the rising costs of goods and services.
- Maintain the Required Local Effort and additional funding from the state.
- Expand funding for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program sufficient to cover the cost of a full-day Pre-Kindergarten Program.
- Provide the full cost of the increases expected in Voucher and Scholarship programs to ensure adequate planning for budgeting and allocating resources.
- Continue funding for school safety infrastructure enhancements to schools, such as building classroom wings onto current campuses to reduce the use of portables at each school site.

Workforce Development

- Enhance funding and resources to recruit, develop, and retain highly qualified teachers
- Provide financial support during the student teaching process to prepare and recruit students into the teaching profession.
- Provide additional financial resources and paid training opportunities for educators and employees who work with individuals with disabilities.
- Provide adequate funding to recruit and compensate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Instructors.
- Increase and support additional funding for Student Support Services, such as hiring additional 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 unrestricted funding of the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation.

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