



SAC Funding

School Advisory Council
2024-2025 Meeting 3 Information

School Advisory Council Funds

Each School Advisory Council (SAC) has access to two district accounts.

Monies in these accounts may be used to provide funds for approved SAC Funds Requests.

The accounts are:

School Advisory Council- Program 102

School Recognition Funds- Program 805

The SAC treasurer or SAC chair should communicate with the school's bookkeeper and be able to report the balance in each account to the SAC monthly.

Monies from these accounts must be used for actions that implement the school improvement plan including **non-recurring expenditures** for educational equipment and materials or temporary personnel to assist in maintaining or improving student performance.

- **SAC may approve SAC Funds Requests for:** conferences, travel, curricular resources, classroom supplies, etc.
- **SAC may not approve SAC Funds Requests for:** food, uniforms, stipends/supplements, permanent personnel, etc.

It is recommended that SAC Funds Request forms are submitted at least one week before the meeting so the SAC chair can review it in advance.

If you have questions about a particular SAC Funds Request, call Katie Barnes, Accountability Coordinator at 547-8917.



SAC Funds

- “A portion of funds provided in the annual General Appropriations Act for use by school advisory councils must be used for implementing the school improvement plan..”
SS 1001.452 District and School Advisory Council
- These monies may be expended only on programs or projects selected by SAC
- Use of council funds are not subject to an override by the principal or school district staff
- Funds cannot used for capital improvements or projects that last more than one year – however SAC may determine to approve for each subsequent year
- The Budget Department will provide the principal with the estimated amount when it is available
- Any funds from the prior year are “rolled” into the SAC account for the following year



School Recognition Funds

NOTE: Each year the School Recognition Funds are subject to change.

Here is a historical look at the program:

- Funds are awarded to schools who:
 - receive a school grade of “A;” OR
 - improve at least one letter grade; OR
 - improve more than one letter grade and sustain the improvement the following school year
- Funds for the Florida School Recognition Program shall be awarded by the Commissioner of Education usually in the amount of \$75 - \$100 per Full Time Equivalent student for each qualifying school.”
- Funds are usually distributed in the winter of the next school year. (e.g., funds generated via 2024-25 school grades data would be distributed during the 2025-26 school year)



School Recognition Funds

- The staff and school advisory council at each recognized school jointly decide how to use the financial award. As specified in statute, schools must use their awards for one or any combination of the following:
 - Nonrecurring faculty and staff bonuses;
 - Nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment and materials; or
 - Temporary personnel to assist in maintaining or improving student performance.
- If school staff and the school advisory council cannot reach agreement by **February 1** the awards must be equally distributed to all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school.
- Submission of process for determining use of the funds must be submitted to PAA on the “*School Recognition Funds – District Request Form*” Form is due May of each year.
- **Start planning in January so the SRF Plan is ready by the due date in May for funds to be distributed during the winter of next school year.**

