



SAC Funds Expenditures

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This presentation aligns to the following goals as part of the Volusia County Schools 2024 - 2027 Strategic Plan:

- ▶ Goal: High-Quality Instruction
- ▶ Guardrail 1: High-Quality Staff
- ▶ Guardrail 2: Safe & Supportive Environment
- ▶ Guardrail 3: Resources & Operational Processes
- ▶ Guardrail 4: Communication & Community Engagement



SAC Funds Legislation

A portion of such net revenues, as determined annually by the Legislature, shall be distributed to each school district and shall be made available to each public school in the district for enhancing school performance through development and implementation of a school improvement plan pursuant to s. 1001.42(18).

- These moneys may be **expended only on programs or projects** selected by the school advisory council or by a parent advisory committee created pursuant to this paragraph.
- Neither school district staff nor principals may override the recommendations of the school advisory council or the parent advisory committee.
- These moneys may not be used for capital improvements or for any project or program that has a duration of more than 1 year



The Overall Purpose of SIP

The FLDOE provides that the overall **purpose of the SIP is for schools to “review data, set goals, and create an action plan and monitor progress.”**

The SIP process further provides that each school has to develop a support and improvement plan created in partnership with stakeholders that is informed by all the indicators **in the State’s accountability system** and includes evidence-based interventions based on **a school-level needs assessment that identifies resource inequities** to be addressed by through the implementation of the plan.

The purpose of SAC Funds is to support these identified resource inequities to ensure improvements in educational outcomes for our students.



Use of School Improvement Funds

- Funds are provided for developing and implementing Schoolwide Improvement Plans only.
- Funds are to be used on programs and projects to **directly improve educational outcomes outlined in the school improvement plan.**
- SACs must reference specific areas of focus and/or strategies in the School Improvement Plan.
- These funds may be expended **only on programs or projects** selected by the SAC.



Use of School Improvement Funds

- SAC Funds may be used for off campus experiences that have a direct impact on student achievement for the current school year and delineated on the school improvement plan. The impact on educational outcomes in the school improvement plan is determined by time of the year the off-campus experience happens. The list below provides examples:
 - ACCEPTABLE: Solution Tree PLC Conference at the start of the school year to support teacher collaboration in ELA.
 - ACCEPTABLE: Get Your Teach On Conference sessions in September on differentiation and progress monitoring to support ELA/Math Learning Gains.
 - NOT ACCEPTABLE: NCTM Conference to increase math achievement in April.



How do I know if SAC Funds request is appropriate?

The SAC Funds request supports **a program or project** that will have a **direct impact on educational outcomes** outlined in the SIP. The SAC Funds request is **aligned to an Area of Focus** in the SIP and/or **directly outlined under one of your Action Steps supporting an Area of Focus.**



Appeal of alignment of SAC Request

Requesting SAC Funds

- The SAC Chair will coordinate with the School Principal to ensure alignment to legislation and the School Improvement Plan is being supported by the application for SAC Funds.
 - Verified applications are uploaded to Canvas Course School File three days prior to SAC meeting in accordance to Sunshine Law.
- The Research, Evaluation and Accountability Office will review uploaded applications and provide feedback.
 - Appeals to feedback will be reviewed by committee, composed of REA and Division Directors.
- The SAC agenda will indicate the voting item.
- The SAC will vote by adhering to the following voting guidelines:
 - Voting cannot occur unless a quorum is present. Virtual voting is not permissible.
 - A **quorum** is defined as a majority of the membership roster.
- SAC minutes must reflect the discussion and voting action (approved or denied).
- The meeting minutes and agenda that indicates the voting for the expenditure of these funds shall be uploaded to the SAC Canvas Course School File.

These guidelines (use of and requesting SAC Funds) are established based the language governing the use of School Improvement Funds found in 24.121 (5)(c) and 1001.452, Florida Statutes.



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