



AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Smart Schools Bond Act Submission Proposal

January 7, 2026

NYS Smart Schools Bond Act Initiative

Passed by New York Voters in November of 2014
Awarded \$2 Billion to all schools based on
enrollment and state aid formula

Akron's total allocation was \$1,255,318

Smart Schools Bond Act funds can be used for:

6 categories

- Classroom Connectivity
- Classroom Technology
- Community Connection
- Pre-K Classroom Improvements
- Elimination of Temporary/Trailer Classrooms
- School Security and Safety

Smart Schools Bond Act funds can NOT be used for...

- Salaries
- Software
- Professional Development

Districts are expected to provide these as needed, but they cannot be funded from the Bond.

Akron Smart School Plan

- The Smart School Planning Committee presented and the Board of Education adopted a \$144,018 Smart School Investment Plan submission in 2016 with expenditures for **Classroom Connectivity** (wireless infrastructure.)
- Supplemental submissions were made in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024, and 2025 totaling \$1,151,935.90 in claimed/paid expenditures for **Classroom Technology** (Chromebooks).
- **Unallocated Funds Remaining: \$103,364.10**

Details on previous submission and expenditures can be found on our website at: <https://www.akronschools.org/Page/5396>

Proposed Submission

- The approved Technology Plan accounts for a regular replacement cycle of chromebook devices throughout the district.
- Students in grades 1, 5, 9 will receive new devices. **Proposed expenditure= \$101,236.48**
\$93,938.98 Chromebooks \$7297.50 Cases (278)

SSBA Allocation Update

- This submission is the last planned under the Long Range Fiscal Plan as the total submitted expenditures will nearly exhaust Akron's initial allocation. However, savings realized in past submissions *may* allow some some/all of the 2027-28 purchase to be funded by SSBA funds. Future Chromebooks will be purchased through BOCES to maximize aid revenue.

Next Steps

1. Members of the public and school community may submit comments and input related to this proposed plan. 30 days will be allowed for the submission of comments.
2. A Public Hearing will be held on January 21, 2025 providing additional opportunity for public comment.
3. Revisions will be made as necessary based on comments received to create a final plan.
4. A final plan may be adopted by the BOE and then submitted to NYSED for approval.

QUESTIONS ??

Comments and/or questions about the proposed expenditure plan may be submitted via email to:

SmartSchoolsComments@akronk12.org

or sent via US Mail to:

Akron Central School District

47 Bloomingdale Avenue

Akron, NY 14001

Attn: Paul Kowalski – Smart Schools Comments