Federal Programs & Grants

Lorain City Schools

2025-2026

Purpose of Federal Programs & Grants

The U.S. Department of Education gives funding to school districts to provide a variety of programming aimed at helping children succeed academically including:

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Summer School/Camps
- After School Programming
- Family & Community Engagement
- Counseling
- Computers & Software
- Professional Development for Staff
- Educational Materials
- Career Exploration
- Preschool
- School Supplies

Strategic Plan & Funding Alignment

The spending of Federal Funds & Grants must be aligned to the district's strategic plan. All spending is aligned to support the following goal:

By Spring 2027 and beyond, all LCS students PK-12 will be on track for colleges and careers upon graduation from our district. This means that within six months of graduation, our graduates will be ready to either be enrolled in a post-secondary education, secure employment, enroll in an apprenticeship, or enlist in the military.

We will do this by challenging each child to discover and learn, prepared to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society.

Types of Federal Funds

Title I – funds to provide interventions to support struggling students and family engagement activities.

Lorain City Schools has used these funds for the following programs:

- Title I Reading Teacher at each elementary school
- Title I Reading and Math Teacher at each middle school and LHS
- Summer Programming
- Educational Software & Supplies
- Family Engagement Nights – 3 events at each school

District-Wide Title I Policy

Lorain City Schools believes that family involvement is critical to the success of it's Title I and educational programs. To build a partnership between the home and school the district :

- Informs families of the Title I program, the reason for their children's participation and educational goals.
- Trains teachers, families, and other staff to work together to support participating students.
- Consults with parents and provides opportunities for families to be involved in the design, operation, and evaluation of the Title I program.
- Provides opportunities for families to participate who lack literacy skills or whose native language is not English.

Types of Federal Funds

Title II-A – funds to provide is to provide supplemental activities that strengthen the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals and other school leaders to.

Lorain City Schools has used these funds for the following training programs:

- Use of Educational Technology
- Evidence-based instruction across a system of multi-tiered supports that aligns to the science of reading
- Instructional strategies designed for English Learners
- Support for students on Individual Education Plans (special education)
- Academic Coaching for teachers

Types of Federal Funds

Title III – funds to support language instruction for English Learners.

Lorain City Schools has used these funds for the following staff positions:

- Bilingual Paraprofessionals

Types of Federal Funds

IDEA-B and IDEA Early Childhood Special Education– funds to support students with disabilities PK-12 (special education).

Lorain City Schools has used these funds for the following programs:

- Intervention Specialists & Paraprofessionals (salary and benefits)
- Instructional Materials
- Professional Development for staff

Types of Federal Funds

Title IV-A – funds is to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of States, local educational agencies, schools, and local communities to

Lorain City Schools has used these funds for the following programs:

- Mentoring & Social Emotional Learning Programs
- Instructional Materials
- School Counselors
- Wellness Coaches

We Want Your Ideas



Parent Promise (School/Parent Compact)

- Lorain City Schools is committed to partnering with students, parents/families, teachers and staff to ensure the success of all students.
- The Parent Promise or school/parent compact outlines how we will share the responsibility of helping our children reach high academic standards.
- Together, we will ensure our students succeed in school, and in life.

Copies are available at
https://www.lorainschools.org/departments/federal-programs-grants

Feedback

We value your input and invite you to complete a Federal Programs Feedback form to let us know how federal funds and grants can better support you and your child and ensure their success in school.

- Feedback forms are available on the website: Federal Programs & Grants - Resources & Documents
- Please contact our office with questions or concerns:

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