

DRAFTING NOTE: Discretionary lottery funds have not been allocated to school districts in Florida since the 2019-2020 school year. However, F.S. 1011.69 still mandates that school boards shall "allocate to schools within the district an average of 90 percent of the funds generated by all schools and guarantee that each school receives at least 80 percent, except schools participating in the Principal Autonomy Program Initiative under s. 1011.6202 are guaranteed to receive at least 90 percent, of the funds generated by that school based upon the Florida Education Finance Program as provided in s. 1011.62 and the General Appropriations Act, including gross state and local funds, discretionary lottery funds, and funds from the school district's current operating discretionary millage levy." Additionally, F.S. 24.121(5)(F) requires that "each school district shall, on a quarterly basis, make available to the public and distribute, in an easy to understand format, the expenditures of lottery funds allocated to the school district."

Since discretionary lottery funds are still referenced in Florida law, even though they are not currently being allocated, school boards may continue to utilize this policy if desired.]

6234 - USE OF DISCRETIONARY LOTTERY FUNDS

The proviso language of the annual General Appropriations Act requires that each School District establish policies and procedures that define enhancement; and identify the types of expenditures that will be considered consistent with the definition.

DEFINITION

"Enhancement" shall be defined as the expenditure of funds to increase the instructional opportunities and to improve the behavioral patterns of students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through the post-secondary level as well as to preserve these activities within limited funding sources.

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFYING EXPENDITURES

The following items are intended to represent, but not limit, the types of expenditures that are consistent with the definition of enhancement:

- A. ~~funds appropriated to schools for school improvement initiatives~~
- B. ~~any other program or position consistent with the definition~~
- A. ☒ funds appropriated to schools for school improvement initiatives
- B. ☒ classroom instructional aides
- C. ☒ activity coordinators
- D. ☒ school level personnel positions supplemented in accordance with the teacher contract
- E. ☒ media resource teachers and media specialists above one (1) per school
- F. ☒ personnel involved with curriculum development and implementation at the school level
- G. ☒ personnel involved with attendance and discipline
- H. ☒ operation and expansion of Pre-Kindergarten
- I. ☒ supplemental funding for instructional technology
- J. ☒ maintenance of the ratio of students to certified professionals at or below the State average
- K. ~~() health occupation coordinator and placement specialist at the J. L. Walker Vocational Center~~
- L. ☒ any other program or position consistent with the definition

PROCEDURE

The Superintendent shall annually appropriate lottery funds consistent with the definition and these examples and shall comply with all reporting requirements of the State. Nothing contained in this policy shall

be construed to limit the authority of the Superintendent to apply lottery funds to any expenditure consistent with the definition.