



Broward County Public Schools

2024 State Legislative Priorities

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) will advocate for legislation consistent with School Board policy and believes the legislature should increase funding and adopt policies that educate today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

School Board Innovation:

- Preserve School Board constitutional and home rule authority.

Deregulation:

- All public schools should have the same statutory flexibility.

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP):

- Increase the Base Student Allocation by at least five percent to ensure teachers and school-based staff receive salary increases, ensure a full-time nurse at each school, and provide funding for Multilingual Classroom Programs.
- Maintain the Required Local Effort rate to allow for growth to pay for FEFP enhancements such as the Base Student Allocation, Safe Schools Allocation, Mental Health Assistance Allocation, and supplemental services for additional students.
- Maintain the Education Enrollment Stabilization Program to ensure school districts are not prorated in the 2024/25 school year.

Funding (Non-FEFP):

- Increase funding to pay for high-quality, full-day Voluntary Prekindergarten for all eligible students.
- Expand funding for exceptional student education (ESE) programs.
- Continue \$800,000 in funding for the BCPS Adults with Disability program.
- Request \$300,000 in funding from the Legislature for the BCPS Athlete Mental Health Pilot Project.
- Request \$500,000 in funding from the Legislature for the BCPS Smart Pass Pilot Project.
- Continue funding the Education Foundation Matching Fund program for BCPS students.

School Safety:

- Increase the Safe Schools Allocation to further ensure students, teachers, and staff are safe at school every day and continue to provide the necessary training for the Guardian program.
- Support an appropriation to offset the cost of creating a BCPS Police Department.
- Ensure charter schools authorized by the school district have a detailed school safety plan in place prior to the start of the school year. Charter schools should be required by law to provide a full-year school safety plan at least 30 days prior to the start of school.

Teacher (Instructional Personnel) Retention and Recruitment:

- Provide preschool teachers with the opportunity for the same incentive programs currently afforded to K -12 teachers such as retention bonuses and retirement options.

Accountability:

- All schools that receive taxpayer dollars should have the same accountability measures.
- Ensure results from the FAST progress monitoring system are meaningful and can be exported to other student information systems within one week of the testing window closing.

College, Career and Technical Education:

- Maintain statewide funding for industry credentials.
- Continue to support the Governor's initiative to make Florida the number one state in the nation for Workforce Education by 2030.
- Target funding for college, career, and technical education programs for all students including ESE students, including funding for job coaching.