



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

Memo

To: Governing Board for the Collegiate High School
From: Mel Ponder, President
Date: January 21, 2025
Re: School Recognition Funds 2023-2024

Florida Statutes § 1008.36 established the Florida School Recognition Program to reward school districts and charter schools and to recognize the efforts of outstanding faculty and staff for positive outcomes related to compliance and performance. In years when school grades are issued, the Department of Education may distribute funds appropriated in Specific Appropriation 88A. When school grades are issued and corresponding funds are appropriated, these school grades are used to calculate the distribution of the appropriated funds. The amount of each eligible school district and charter school shall be based on the school district's and charter school's proportionate share of the total eligible full-time equivalent students.

Based on its high performance, which resulted in an A+ school grade in the 2023-2024 Academic Year, this year the Collegiate High School has been allocated \$56,957 in Florida School Recognition Program Funds, which requires development of a spending plan to designate specific, approved uses of these funds.

In accordance with Florida Statutes § 1008.36, uses of the funds must be determined jointly by the school's staff and school advisory council (which is the Governing Board for CHS). Following consultation with CHS faculty and staff representatives, CHS leadership has presented the CHS Governing Board, in its functional capacity as school advisory council, a spending plan for the Florida School Recognition Program allocation. The spending plan, presented here for your review, reflects only expenditures which are allowable as outlined in Florida Statutes § 1008.36 and as follows:

- Nonrecurring bonuses to the faculty and staff
- Nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or materials to assist in maintaining and improving student performance; or
- Temporary personnel for the school to assist in maintaining and improving student performance.

The following spending plan was developed by CHS leadership with input from CHS faculty and staff. The plan has been proposed based on student performance data, areas of greatest student need, and current budget considerations for the upcoming year.

Request	Cost	Total
Equipment	68 laptops X \$837.60	\$56,957
	Total	\$56,957

This request assists the school with maintaining and improving student performance. Laptops will be purchased to ensure every student is issued a school laptop to support academic success.

CHS recommends approval of this spending plan as presented, as it has been determined to best align these resources with new and emerging needs at CHS, supporting both the maintenance and improvement of student performance at the school. Per Florida Statutes § 1008.36, if the school staff and the CHS Governing Board cannot reach agreement by February 1, the awards must be equally distributed to all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school. We are, therefore, seeking approval of the spending plan to move forward with drawing down the funds for these purposes as outlined.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Governing Board approves the Florida School Recognition Program spending plan, as presented.