

Lima City Schools

STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUCCESS FUND PLAN FY2024

Describe your district's goals for the Student Wellness and Success funding.

The Lima City Schools has four main goals for the use of the Student Wellness and Success funding. Goal One: To employ school nurses for each of the nine buildings to provide the necessary medical care needed to keep our students both physically and mentally healthy and in school. Goal Two: Employ an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher to serve the rapidly growing needs of our immigrant population. Goal Three: To employ additional School Psychologists to meet the mental health and academic needs of our student population. Goal Four: To employ a teacher for the Lima Senior High School Movement Academy. The Movement Academy was established in 23-24 as an in-school opportunity for students to receive academic and mental health assistance in lieu of out-of-school suspension.

Do you have a logic model you can share?

We will pay for salaries and benefits for these positions up to 100% of the fiscal year expenses.

What successes from your district can you share in relation to the topic of student wellness and success?

Chronic absenteeism rate has declined with the assistance of the school nurses and the opportunity for students to remain in school in lieu of suspension.

Our school nurse is vital to our daily operations not only for the routine medical needs of our students, but for mental health and connections with necessary and needed outside agency services.

Our School Psychologist is critical to the well being and support services of our students to ensure they succeed and receive the necessary assessments for identification of special education services.

Our Limited English Proficient Teacher is critical as the rate of non english speaking students has dramatically increased over the last year. This teacher can provide a stable educational environment for our students while ensuring academic success.

What obstacles or challenges are you experiencing or anticipate experiencing as you implement your plan?

We continue to deal with an immense amount of mental health issues with our student population. Attendance continues to be a challenge post pandemic. These goals will address both of these issues.

INITIATIVE DETAILS

Goal 1

Initiative: Employ nurses for each of nine buildings

Initiative state: Existing

Community partner category included in the planning for this initiative: Health Partners of Western Ohio

District partnership description: We partnered with the Health Partners of Western Ohio (HPWO) to provide both medical and mental health needs for our students. HPWO has a school based clinic in Lima Senior High School. The Clinic staff work closely with our school nurses on student medical and mental health issues. Both the Clinic and our school nurses work to serve the whole family.

Allowable use of funds: Mental health services/Medical and Family Engagement

Grade and number of students directly impacted by the initiative: Grades Prek-12. Number of students: 3,400

How will you measure the success of this initiative: We will evaluate students attendance, discipline referrals, outside agency referrals and use Student Success Plans at the high school level to track student progress.

What data will you use to demonstrate successful implementation: Medical records from nurses. Student accident form data, EMIS for attendance, HPWO data on students and families served, Educlimber data that will track both discipline and attendance.

Goal 2

Initiative title: Employment of an English as a Second Language Teacher

Initiative state: Existing

Community partner category included in the planning for this initiative: Title III LEP Consortium out of Allen County

District partnership description: LCS meets regularly with the Title III Consortium to share initiatives and strategies to serve our LEP population.

Allowable use of funds: Culturally appropriate services to a non english speaking population of students. Family Engagement

Grade and number of students directly impacted by the initiative: PreK-12. Approximate number of students is 100

How will you measure the success of this initiative: We will evaluate students served by the position to ensure they are academically successful. We will measure attendance and discipline to determine assimilation.

What data will you use to demonstrate successful implementation: Grades and attendance.

Goal 3

Initiative title: Employ School Psychologist

Initiative state: Existing

Community partner category included in the planning for this initiative: Educational Service Center

District partnership description: We partnered with the Allen County Educational Service Center

Allowable use of funds: Support Services and mental health

Grade and number of students directly impacted by the initiative: Prek-8. 1200 students.

How will you measure the success of this initiative: We will look at IAT data from all of the buildings that she serves.

What data will you use to demonstrate successful implementation: IAT data.

Goal 4

Initiative title: Employ a certified teacher for the Lima Senior High School Movement Academy.

Initiative state: Existing

Community partner category included in the planning for this initiative: Health Partners of Western Ohio (HPWO)

District partnership description: We partnered with HPWO

Allowable use of funds: Mental Health and Family Engagement

Grade and number of students directly impacted by the initiative: Grades 9-12. Number of students: 1,100

How will you measure the success of this initiative: We will look at attendance and academic data on each student served in the Movement Academy

What data will you use to demonstrate successful implementation: Attendance and discipline data through Educlimber

The plan was adopted by the Lima City Schools on January 8, 2024 and certified by the following:

Superintendent, Lima City Schools

Health Partners of Western Ohio

Allen County Title III Consortium

Allen County Educational Service Center