

Orchard Park Central School District Foundation Aid Increase Plan

Section 10-d of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, as amended by §5-b of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, requires school districts receiving a foundation aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 in 2023-24 must create plans on how these funds will be used to address student performance and need. These plans must be completed, submitted to the department, and posted to district websites prior to July 1 of 2023. This is the final year that this requirement is in effect. It should be noted that this requirement does not obligate districts to spend additional foundation aid funds in specific ways, but does require the district to seek public comment and share plans on how they intend to spend these additional funds. Plans are required to cover only the foundation aid increase. The plan does not cover how the district intends to use its entire foundation aid amount.

Please note that the district's foundation aid increase for 2023-24 was included in the district's general fund budget that was approved by voters. Positions and programs were specifically added with the funds. The aid allowed the district to maintain programs, class sizes, and student opportunities without having to raise the \$4.288M through increasing other revenue sources (taxes). NYS has made efforts over the past three years to fully phase in the aid formula. With 2023-24's increase, foundation aid for Orchard Park CSD is finally 100% funded compared to the formula for the first time in seventeen years.

We encourage all stakeholders to review the draft plan and provide feedback at any time. Please also be advised that feedback will be accepted on a continual basis throughout the 2023-24 fiscal year, which is the timeframe of these funding sources. Input may be submitted to Jeffrey Petrus, Assistant Superintendent for Business via the following email address: jpetrus@opschools.org

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Position	Grade/Subject	Location	FTE	Foundation Aid Amount	Priority Area
Assistant Principal	Building	Eggert	1.00	\$115,975	Additional administrative support to help families & students
Teacher	Reading	Eggert	1.00	\$80,680	Providing adequate resources for students in need
Teacher	Spec Ed/Life Skills	Eggert	1.00	\$80,680	Providing adequate resources for students in need
Teacher	Special Ed	Eggert	0.50	\$40,341	Providing adequate resources for students with disabilities
Assistant Principal	Building	Ellicott	1.00	\$115,975	Additional administrative support to help families & students
Teacher	Special Ed	Ellicott	1.00	\$80,680	Providing adequate resources for students with disabilities
Teacher	Special Ed	South Davis	0.50	\$40,341	Providing adequate resources for students with disabilities
Teachers	Club Stipends	Elementaries		\$37,648	Provide additional after school club opportunities for kids to connect
Teacher	Music	Middle School	1.00	\$80,680	Reducing class size
Teacher	Special Ed/Reading	Middle School	1.00	\$80,680	Providing adequate resources for students with disabilities
Teacher	Special Ed	Middle School	1.00	\$80,680	Providing adequate resources for students with disabilities
Teacher	Special Ed	High School	1.00	\$80,680	Providing adequate resources for students with disabilities
Teacher	Technology Ed	HS & MS	1.00	\$80,680	Increase course offerings for students
Art Coordinator	Added Stipend	District Wide		\$9,412	Improve leadership & communication within the department
OT Therapist	Special Ed	District Wide	1.00	\$80,680	Providing adequate resources for students with disabilities
PT Therapist	Special Ed	District Wide	1.00	\$80,680	Providing adequate resources for students with disabilities
OT/PT/Speech	IL Stipends	District Wide		\$4,026	Improve leadership & communication within the department
Music IL	Added Stipend	District Wide		\$4,706	Improve leadership & communication within the department
Elementary	Added IL Stipends	District Wide		\$8,052	Improve leadership & communication within the department
Tech Coach	K-12	District Wide	1.00	\$80,680	Provide additional support to classroom teachers to improve student learning
Program Assistant	Lacrosse	Athletics		\$4,401	Assist coach and students
Modified Coaches	Football	Athletics		\$18,252	2nd modified team to develop more afterschool opportunities for kids
Freshman	Basketball	Athletics		\$3,741	Additional after school team building opportunities for kids
Freshman	Baseball	Athletics		\$3,741	Additional after school team building opportunities for kids
Maint.Mechanic	B&G	District Wide		\$114,825	Assistance in the B&G department so teaching spaces meet instructional needs
Accounting Supv.	Business Office	District Wide		\$129,825	Assist w/additional reporting and business office oversight
School Resource Officers		Elementaries	2.00	\$200,000	Provide additional building security & student learning opportunities

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Increase support staff salaries	District Wide		\$1,031,352	Stay ahead of minimum wage increases and priority to keep good employees
Increase supply & equipment budget	District Wide		\$379,000	Increase supply & equipment lines to ensure classrooms have the resources they need
Reduce need for tax levy increase	District Wide		\$1,139,049	Will not need to raise school property taxes in 2023-24

\$4,288,142 TOTAL FOUNDATION AID INCREASE