



# NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

## Memo

To: Governing Board for the Collegiate High School  
From: Dr. Devin Stephenson, President  
Date: January 17, 2023  
Re: Florida School Recognition Program Spending Plan

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The Florida School Recognition Program rewards school districts and charter schools and recognizes the efforts of outstanding faculty and staff for positive outcomes related to compliance and performance (Florida Statutes § 1008.36). In years when the Department of Education issues school grades, the Department of Education may distribute funds appropriated in Specific Appropriation 88A. When the Department issues school grades and appropriates corresponding funds, the Department uses the school grades to calculate the distribution of the appropriated funds. Each eligible school district and charter school receives the amount that reflects its proportionate share of the total eligible full-time equivalent students.

Because the Collegiate High School received an A+ school grade in the 2021-2022 Academic Year, this year CHS has been allocated \$51,036 in Florida School Recognition Program Funds. To spend the funds, CHS must develop a spending plan to designate specific, approved uses of these funds.

In accordance with § 1008.36, F.S., the school's staff and its school advisory council jointly determine how to use the funds for permissible expenditures:

- 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 CHS Governing Board functions as the CHS school advisory council. Following consultation with and input from CHS faculty and staff, CHS leadership presents the following spending plan for your review. CHS proposes this plan based on student performance data, areas of greatest student need, and budget considerations for the upcoming year.

Request	Cost	Total
CHS Academic Services Coordinator (1.0 FTE)	\$31,290 + benefits	\$43,806
Support for Student Organization Clubs	\$200 x 15 clubs	\$3,000
Fees for Industry Certification Tests	\$100 x 40 students	\$4,000
Capstone Evaluators	\$230	\$230
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,036</b>

Each allocation assists CHS with maintaining and improving student performance. The CHS Academic Services Coordinator (1.0 FTE) will be a twelve-month annual employee who assists with special needs testing, tutoring, industry certification support, administrative and instructional support. The plan also designates funds to equally support all CHS student organizations, which encourage student engagement and the development of learning

communities. The plan finally allocates funds to cover costs associated with industry certifications and community involvement to include activities that directly support CHS Capstone projects, the culmination of students' achievements at CHS.

CHS recommends this spending plan because it best aligns these resources with new and emerging needs at CHS, supporting both the maintenance and improvement of student performance at the school. Under § 1008.36, F.S., if CHS faculty and staff and its Governing Board do not reach agreement by February 1, the award must be equally distributed to all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school. We, therefore, seek approval of the proposed spending plan to move forward with drawing down the funds for these purposes outlined in the spending plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Governing Board approves the Florida School Recognition Program Spending Plan, as presented.