



Section 21h Grant Funding Budget Approval

Board Approval Request: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Good Afternoon SPSP Board of Education,

Board approval is being requested for the Section 21h 2026 grant budget.

Eligible applicants are districts assigned by the superintendent to participate in a partnership agreement to improve student achievement and district financial stability.

Funds allocated under this section, may be used to pay for district expenditures approved by the MDE to improve student achievement. Funds may be used for professional development for teachers or district or school leadership, increased instructional time, teacher mentors, literacy, numeracy, reducing K-3 class sizes, reducing chronic absenteeism, or other expenditures that directly impact student achievement and cannot be paid from existing district financial resources (Michigan Department of Education, 21h grant award approval form).

Partnership districts with signed partnership agreements are eligible to apply for this funding.

Partnership Districts are required to provide documentation to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) on the implementation, utilization, and expenditure of Section 21(h) funds throughout the life of the partnership agreement.

Implementation and Effectiveness Data are submitted bi-annually on the following dates:

- Last Friday of January 2027
- Last Friday of July 2027

Districts must also submit a Budget-to-Actual Report for these funds by Friday, July 30, 2027. Subsequent Budget-to-Actual Reports must be submitted annually by the last business day of July (MDE 21h memo, 8/3/26).

The School District of the City of Saginaw has received a total of \$485,248.00 of Section 21(h) funds in FY 26. Board approval is being requested for the attached budget

Thank you for your consideration.

Please feel free to direct any questions to:

Jennifer Nichols, Executive Director of State / Federal Programs & Professional Development
SPSD Administration Building Office, Phone: (989)399-6641, Email: jnnichols@spsd.net