

Pinellas County Schools

# Ponce De Leon Elementary School



2020-21 TSSSA Plan

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## Eligibility and Allocation

### Eligibility

Eligibility for 2020-21 TSSSA will be based on 2019 school grades and meeting one of the following criteria: a school implementing a turnaround plan or a turnaround school that has improved to a C or higher and has exited turnaround status within the last two years.

The preliminary allocation is based on a per-FTE funding amount of \$500 or as provided by the General Appropriations Act. Districts are required to complete a district-level plan. In addition, school-level plans are also required. The district and school level plans must be submitted to your school board for approval by August 1. The school board approved plan is due to the Bureau of School Improvement no later than September 1.

### Allocation

School ID	School Name	Implementing	Exited Year 1	Exited Year 2	Preliminary Allocation	Updated Allocation
3461	Ponce De Leon Elementary School			Y	\$245,930.00	

## Plan Assurances

### Family and Community Partnerships

Assure that the school will implement strategies to establish comprehensive support services that develop family and community partnerships.

YES

### Academic and Character Standards

Assure that the school will implement strategies to establish clearly defined and measurable high academic and character standards.

YES

### Parental Involvement

Assure that the school will implement strategies to increase parental involvement and engagement in the child's education.

YES

### Incentives for Instructional Personnel

Assure that the school will implement strategies to identify, recruit, retain, and reward instructional personnel.

YES

### **Professional Development**

Assure that the school will implement strategies to provide professional development that focuses on academic rigor, direct instruction, and creating high academic and character standards.

YES

### **Focused Instruction**

Assure that the school will implement strategies to provide focused instruction to improve student academic proficiency, which may include additional instruction time beyond the normal school day or school year.

YES

## **Plan Items**

### **Family and Community Partnerships**

Explain how the school will establish comprehensive support services that develop family and community partnerships.

Ponce de Leon Elementary will develop family and community partnerships by leveraging the numerous resources provided through the district's Office of Strategic Partnerships, Family & Community Relations. Parent Toolkits will be available to support learning at home, including projects, learning games, suggested daily routines, and resources for virtual learning environments. Parent Academy Power Hour webinars will be offered to provide flexibility and adaptability for families' schedules. Teacher resources and tips to enhance family engagement will be provided and periodically updated. Mentoring and tutoring programs will be implemented to engage business and community partners. Parent Advocacy programs will facilitate positive, collaborative communications to resolve conflicts between students, families, and the community.

The district demonstrates its commitment to family and community engagement by providing a part-time Family and Community Liaison for all schools. Ponce de Leon will utilize strategically utilize this position to coordinate and connect families to the various resources and support services that are available.

### **Academic and Character Standards**

Explain the strategies the school will implement to establish clearly defined and measurable high academic and character standards.

Ponce de Leon Elementary will establish and implement clearly defined and measurable high academic standards by providing support for teachers to plan collaboratively each week, with guidance from instructional coaches, to ensure that lessons are designed to engage scholars in higher-order thinking and promote scholars' deeper understanding of the core content. Professional development to deepen teachers' understanding of ELA/Math standards will be provided by coaches and administrators. Through job-embedded, timely and relevant coaching, Instructional Coaches will support teachers with aligning their instruction to the cognitive complexity of the grade level standards. As a result, they will be more adept at adapting and aligning instruction to learning progressions, providing accessed and scaffolded support for each learner at the entry point of their grade-level standards. To support instruction and build student efficacy, a description of lesson-specific teaching standards, with

learning scales and/or rubrics, will be posted for students to reference and monitor their own learning. Interim assessments aligned to standards will be given and data reviewed and used to drive review/remediation efforts. Demonstrated progress toward mastery of standards will be celebrated to encourage continued growth.

Clearly defined and measurable high character standards will be established and supported through implementation of the Commitment to Character program. Among numerous other benefits, this district-wide character education initiative teaches students to use basic character traits in everyday life, empower students to solve their own problems, and increases communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving. School wide implementation is supported by strategic focus on a character word of the month with accompanying literature (such as character book of the month) and recognition of students who exhibit the featured character traits.

### **Parental Involvement**

Explain the strategies the school will implement to increase parental involvement and engagement in the child's education.

Ponce de Leon Elementary will increase parental involvement and engagement by utilizing the Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family School Partnerships (Mapp & Kuttner, 2014). Specifically, family engagement activities will be designed and delivered based on the five process conditions for authentic partnership. Activities will be:

- 1) linked to learning, so parents are aware of school-wide, classroom, and individual learning and achievement goals for their children
- 2) relational, so the positive, respectful relationships in the classroom extend to families of all students
- 3) developmental, to build knowledge and capacity of families to support learning at home and advocate for their children's academic success
- 4) collaborative, to foster the social capital families and promote networking opportunities; and
- 5) interactive, so families have hands-on opportunities to practice and apply new learning

Promising practices, such as Academic Parent Teacher Teams and Parent Teacher Home Visits will be used as models.

### **Incentives for Instructional Personnel**

Explain the strategies the school will implement to identify, recruit, retain, and reward instructional personnel.

As referenced in the **K-12 ESEA Common Program Guidance**, Recruitment, retention and reward incentives must be based on a three-year aggregate state value-added model (VAM) score. If state VAM is not available, another student growth model may be proposed. The student growth model must be fair and reliable. The LEA must submit the model demonstrating the classification and distribution of non-state VAM teacher scores for approval. Incentives can be part of a structured pay system or a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); however, the above criteria shall apply. Incentives for attendance and non-instructional personnel are not allowable. Recruitment incentives for teachers with less than one year of experience or for hard to staff positions will be considered on a case by case basis.

The district's Talent Acquisition Team will support Ponce de Leon Elementary to identify, recruit, retain, and reward instructional personnel through targeted recruitment efforts for educators who demonstrate a disposition, passion, and commitment to working in a

turnaround school. All teachers receive a salary supplement through a county-supported referendum. Additional recruitment, retention, and performance incentives will be provided using state and local funds. Teachers will have the benefit of full-time, embedded instructional coaches, as well as opportunities to participate in other high-quality professional workshops and conferences.

### **Professional Development**

Explain the strategies the school will implement to provide professional development that focuses on academic rigor, direct instruction, and creating high academic and character standards.

Ongoing, relevant, differentiated professional development will be provided to support a sustained focus on academic rigor, effective core instruction, and high academic and character standards. Professional learning will be delivered in a variety of formats, including embedded coaching, practitioner inquiry, professional learning communities, and workshops in face-to-face and/or virtual formats. Teachers will receive coaching in English/Language Arts, Math, and Science to support growth in delivery of effective core instruction and timely interventions. Content coaches will support teachers in professional learning communities to review student data and progress monitoring of assessment data to design differentiated instruction that addresses students' specific learning needs.

### **Focused Instruction**

Explain the strategies the school will implement to provide focused instruction to improve student academic proficiency, which may include additional instruction time beyond the normal school day or school year.

The primary strategies that will be implemented to ensure focused instruction that improves student academic proficiency are the use of standards-aligned, grade level guides to provide a guaranteed, viable curriculum and the use of ongoing, formative assessments to inform timely, effective adjustments to instruction. Supplemental certified instructional and support personnel (such as Reading Recovery teachers, supplemental intervention teachers, and paraprofessionals) will be utilized to provide focused small group and/or individual instruction, reinforcement, and extension of learning activities.

A variety of high-quality instructional materials will be provided for teachers to differentiate instruction while still teaching to high academic standards. Daily classroom schedules will be developed to ensure sufficient, dedicated blocks of time each day for instruction in all core subjects. Additional out-of-school learning time will be provided through daily extended learning programs beyond the regular school day and school year, including 24/7 access to virtual learning resources through the district's digital platforms.

## **Part V: Budget**

This section will assist in generating a school TSSSA budget for submission based upon each budget item tied to a Plan Item identified in the Part III: Plan Items.

Access the budget by clicking the blue Manage Budget button. This will direct you to the Budget page. This page includes the breakdown of funds by Plan Item.