**Duval County Public Schools** 

# **Highlands Middle School**



**2021-22 TSSSA Plan** 

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#### **Eligibility and Allocation**

#### **Eligibility**

Eligibility for 2021-22 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	ExitedExited Implementing Year Year 1 2	Preliminary Allocation	Updated Allocation
2441 H	lighlands Middle School		\$376,780.00	

#### 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.

Our most fragile families at Highlands Middle School will have the opportunity of full service plus options. A full service plus option in Duval County allow schools to refer families for services. For example, families may need assistance helping students with classroom conduct, mental health and academic concerns. Referrals may also assist with family issues such as divorce, grief, relationships, etc.

#### Community Partners:

Since the school is a full service plus school, students may also participate in wrap around services that may occur during school hours, before or after school. These services allow students to receive counseling services. They may participate in after school programs such as the Communities in Schools Team Up, and benefit from City Year in class tutoring funded via AmeriCorps. Finally, students and families benefit from social work services via the Communities in School's Achievers for Life program.

#### Supplemental Dean of Students:

These partnerships help strengthen the family and improve behavior and academics for participating families. In order to streamline and facilitate the aforementioned services, Highlands Middle will hire a third dean of students to coordinate services. A third dean will provide focused attention on groups of students. Each grade level will be supported by a dean of students to track tier two and three students to ensure their successful transition into

middle school and into high school. The dean will also coordinate services with community partners to ensure students have access to full service plus opportunities which include after school academic and enrichment programs, mental health opportunities as well as medical services i.e. physicals and eye exams.

#### Supplemental Truancy Officers (2):

If students are to become successful attendance must be tracked thoroughly. An attendance plan that includes incentives for attendance and improvement in attendance is needed. Since the district provides a truancy officer for multiple schools, this plan will include utilizing truancy officers to be a conduit to improve attendance and provide Highlands Middle families with services due to the large student population and attendance zone. These officers will not work with any other school.

The impact of volunteers in the school is paramount to improving relationships between families and school. Family and community members will have opportunities to volunteer throughout the year. They may volunteer in a variety of ways, on trips, in class, or via after school programs. Our school's partners who'd like to impact the school may also volunteer to participate on the school's advisory council or Parent teacher organization.

#### **Academic and Character Standards**

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

Information gleaned from the 5 Essentials survey shows a need to improve ambitious instruction and the support environment. Improvement in these areas will build academic and character standards for teachers and students. The strategies Highlands Middle will implement are the following:

- 1. Recruit and retain high quality teachers or provide support to returning teachers via coaching cycles and constructive feedback. This includes building morale and creating a culture and climate of respect and service to students. (More about recruiting and retaining high quality teachers in the Incentives for Instructional Personnel section)
- 2. Provide rigorous and relevant professional development that encourages autonomy, but enhances standards based instruction. (More about the professional development plan in the Professional Development section)
- 3. Create and communicate the academic and Positive Behavior and Intervention Plan to all stakeholders (teachers, students and families) early and often.
- 4. Monitor and track academic, behavioral, and early warming data to ensure students are on track to enter high school within the appropriate time.
- a. Provide interventions and enrichment opportunities for students. Tier 2 and tier 3 students will receive reading, writing, and math interventions via intervention teachers. Students at Highlands will also benefit academically via the pre-early college, STEM, arts, and military sciences program.
- 5. Support teachers with all resources which include coaches, deans, school counselors, and assistant principals to support instruction, classroom management, school safety, and family engagement.
- a. Ensure teachers have curriculum and supports to deliver a rigorous instruction and formative assessments.
- Celebrate success!

Supplemental Assistant Principal and Dean of Students:

Fund via TSSSA a supplemental Assistant Principal and Dean of Students to ensure academic and character standards addressed to improve student engagement (academics, behavior, attendance). A supplemental

assistant principal will provide structure to support parents and teachers and oversee the work of all student services. (see Family and Community Partnerships)

Supports under students services

- 1. Overseeing community partners who work within the school to serve students academically and behaviorally
- 2. Monitoring tier 1, 2, and 3 behavior and attendance
- 3. Direct and monitor truancy officers

The responsibilities of the dean was identified in the family and community partnerships section.

#### **Parental Involvement**

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

Refer to the TIPA Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2021-2022

#### **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 strategies the school will implement to identify, recruit, retain, and reward instructional personnel at Highlands Middle are as follows:

- 1. Coordinate with Human Resources to:
- a. Identify potential teachers. Potential teachers will be offered an opportunity to hear about the school and the \$15,000 and \$7,500 bonus for teachers with a 3-year aggregate VAM score of Highly Effective or Effective. Teachers understand the bonus will be paid in two installments.
- b. Participate in a virtual recruitment fair before non-turnaround schools in June, 2020.
- c. Allow priority transfer teachers with Highly Effective or Effective VAM scores to be placed in vacant positions prior to the official transfer period.
- 2. New to Highlands teachers will be provided a buddy teacher to assist with understanding the "way of work".
- 3. First and second year teachers will be provided a mentor to assist with daily classroom planning, instruction, and management.
- 4. The school will provide incentives for attendance via monetary and non-monetary means.
- 5. Team building exercises will occur throughout the school year to build comradery and collegial relationships.

#### **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.

The strategies the school will implement to provide professional development that focuses on academic rigor, direct instruction, and creating high academic and character standards include the following:

- 1. Review the data: Academic, attendance for teachers and students, discipline to determine needs
- 2. Create a professional development plan that ensures teachers understand how to interpret standards, item specifications, and instructional delivery, and informative assessment.
- 3. Provide the professional development
- 4. Monitor instruction via walk throughs with timely feedback
- 5. Discuss trends in data (instruction and assessment) during professional learning communities and collaborative planning.
- 6. The district will provide specific professional development to provide support to teachers in turnaround schools (i.e. content specific or pedagogical related subjects needed to improve learning outcomes.
- 7. The district will provide professional development to teachers at turnaround schools prior to the first teacher day. Teachers will be paid their daily rate of pay during early return days.

During the 20201-2022 school year (other grant) funding has been requested to incorporate the following Professional development to ensure academic rigor, direct instruction, and creating high academic and character standards:

- 1. Positive Behavior and Intervention Support
- 2. Dr. Max Thompson's Learning Focused Teaching and Learning Framework

- 3. Curricula PD
- a. Understanding curriculum and pacing guides
- b. ACALETICS, iReady, Achieve 3000, Corrective Reading, Imagine Learning Language and Literacy
- c. Formative Assessment: Data Analysis

#### Part Time Retired Teachers (Teacher Mentors)

Finally, two retired educators will be funded via TSSSA to provide ongoing mentoring/ professional development to first and second year teachers. The retired educators will hired on a part time basis from August, 2020-April, 2021 at a rate of \$28/hour for four hours per day.

Book Studies (Carryforward Funds): Monthly discussions on three different professional development books during Early Release and after instructional hour PLCs paid for using UniSIG funds.

- 1.) It's Not Complicated!
- 2.) Fearless Voices
- 3.) The Lesson Planning Handbook

#### **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 strategies Highlands Middle 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 include:

- 1. Ensuring high quality teachers are recruited, retained with support and professional development
- 2. Provide relevant professional development and a quality curriculum and supplemental curriculum that focuses on direct instruction for students at each tier, 1, 2, and 3.
- a. Ensure teacher use the district's curriculum guides and core resources
- b. Utilize coaches to ensure direct instruction supports student learning
- c. Fund direct instruction and blended learning programs
- i. iReady Math, Achieve 3000 Reading, Study Island Science and Social Studies, ACALETICS, math, Top Score Writing
- d. Provide reading and math intervention during the school day
- i. Reading and Math Interventionist, City Year AmeriCorps in class tutoring
- e. Offer tutoring before, after and on Saturdays delivered by certified teachers
- f. Include direct instruction in the school after school Team Up program by certified teachers
- 3. Conduct evaluative and non-evaluative walk throughs to determine trends in instruction and assessment
- 4. Provide parent information events that explain and support curriculum and tutoring opportunities

#### Reading Interventionist:

An interventionist will be funded to provide direct instruction to groups of students identified as either Tier 2 or 3. The interventionist will work with identified curriculum i.e. Curriculum Associates LAFS and Top Score Writing. The interventionist will collaborate with ELA, reading teachers, and the Reading coach to track and report data which supports core instruction.

#### Tutoring:

UniSIG funds will provide tutoring instruction before, after, or on Saturday to identified students to improve proficiency and learning gains. Funds will pay support direct instruction in reading, writing, math, science, and civics.

Supplemental Math Teacher and Supplemental ELA Teacher (Carryforward Funds) - Adding supplemental

teachers in Math and ELA will allow us to add more intensive reading and intensive math classes to support students. Adding these classes will allow smaller class sizes and more tiered support for students.

#### 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.

1	I III.1. Family and Community Partnerships			\$146,635.56		
	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2021-22
	6100	160-Other Support Personnel	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA	2.0	\$47,000.00
			Notes: 2 Truancy Officers - These pos The school currently has two vacancie within the first two months, the school ensure our school adds an additional I officer will help make phone calls and need and encourage the students to c Must have a high school diploma with years experience working with second system, law enforcement, or in a posit OR, an Associate or higher degree in or a related field. A valid Florida driver maintained during employment in this good condition for use on school board paid.	es, if the school is not a will amend this line ite. ayer of parent connect home visits to ensure a bility to read, write, a lary students in a sociation requiring investigate Psychology, Social World is license is required p class. May be required	ble to find a m. Two Tru ledness and our student ay. OPEN F nd speak E al services/ji vive and/or i ork, Social E rior to appo I to furnish	a Truancy Officers ancy Officers will d support, a truancy s have what they REQUIREMENTS: nglish. Must have two uvenile justice interviewing skills; Behavioral Sciences, intment and must be a motor vehicle in
	6100	110-Administrators	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA	1.0	\$60,276.00
			Notes: Supplemental Dean of Student funds. The same Dean will be with the County Code of Student Conduct at the and teachers regarding disciplinary issemblems. Essential Functions: 1. Add the Code of Student Conduct, which o contact of students' homes. 2. Ensures and explained to all students, teachers all school employees. 3. Develops and students with excessive absences/tard referred by teachers before actual disciplinations with excessive when appropriate and accredited college or university. Strong experience in behavioral interval.	e school this year. Job of the school level. Problem sues. Supervises attentions and procedures for ministers appropriate of the necessitates the control of the second parents. Conduct of oversees a school attifies. 4. Provides "preventioning measures are priate. Qualifications ty; Experience: Two (2) the school of the sch	Summary: In solves wind ance proceur the elimin disciplinary ounsel of selent Conductor Conductor Conductor Country Cournecessary. Education:	implements the Duval th students, parents, edures and student ation of disciplinary actions as outlined in tudents and the ct is disseminated Conduct training for Ian. Counsels aseling for students to Bachelor's degree thing experience.
	6100	210-Retirement	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$6,521.86
			Notes: Supplemental Dean of Student	s - Benefits Retiremen	t 10.82%	
	6100	220-Social Security	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$4,611.11
			Notes: Supplemental Dean of Students - Benefits Social Security 7.65%			
	6100	231-Health and Hospitalization	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$9,662.24
			Notes: Supplemental Dean of Student	s - Benefits Group Hea	alth Insuran	ce 16.03%

			Notes: Supplemental Assistant Princip funds. There is a new candidate for the ensure safety and discipline of the car maintaining a structured Positive Beha Attendance/Plan with incentives for in student management team (includes in parent/teacher support, and school sa will also participate in parent conferent with the school resource officer to ensily Principal of the learning community. Deshared vision that is supported by the	is position. Assistant Parpus. Responsibilities in avior Intervention and Suprovement and perfect restorative justice system of the planning and prepares with certificated states after Job Summa Develops, articulates, con	rincipal This include: -Or Support plar attendance ms, antibuli aration) Thi aff as well a ary: Serves ommunicated the school	s position is funded to ganizing and number - Implementing an electric - Leading the lying program, s assistant principal is facilitate systems as Assistant s, and implements a	
	7300	110-Administrators	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA	1.0	\$69,179.22	
	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2021-22	
2	III.2.	Academic and Character Sta	·			\$94,861.17	
			Notes: 2 Truancy Officers Benefits Fle	ex .52%			
	6100	290-Other Employee Benefits	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$244.40	
			Notes: 2 Truancy Officers Benefits Workers Compensation 1.65%				
	6100	240-Workers Compensation	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$775.50	
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	6100	232-Life Insurance	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$9.40	
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	6100	231-Health and Hospitalization	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$7,534.10	
	1	I	Notes: 2 Truancy Officers Benefits So	cial Security 7.65%			
	6100	220-Social Security	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$3,595.50	
		<u> </u>	Notes: 2 Truancy Officers Benefits Re	tirement 10.82%			
	6100	210-Retirement	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$5,085.40	
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	6100	290-Other Employee Benefits	2441 - Highlands Middle	TSSSA	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	\$313.44	
			Notes: Supplemental Dean of Student	ts - Benefits Workers C	ompensatio	n 1.65%	
	6100	240-Workers Compensation	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$994.55	
			Notes: Supplemental Dean of Student	 ts - Benefits Life Insural	nce .02%		
	6100	232-Life Insurance	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$12.06	

			to planning, development, delivery, for operations, facilities, and resources. Norganization. Promotes a safe, efficient Collaborates with families, businesses diverse community interests and need mobilizes community resources. 6. Collimprovement. 7. Plans and implement teaching, learning, management, rese Requisitions supplies, textbooks, and and checks on receipts for such mater required reporting documents, account school operations. 10. Performs other degree from an accredited college or teaching experience. Evidence of lead Leadership; Successful completion of acceptance into current Assistant Printscores.	Maximizes use of resount, legal, and effective loss, volunteers, and communis; works effectively with the integration of technical equipment; conducts in equipment; conducts in the distance of the conducts in the former and but the former and but the former Administration.	rces in an in- earning envi- munity mem- hin the large ta for contin- hnological a ion responsi- vventories, r- supervises udgetary exp ualifications: Three (3) ye tions & Licel ive Training	astructional ironment. 5. bers; responds to er organization; and uous school and electronic tools in ibilities. 8. maintains records, the preparation of all benditures relative to Education: Master's ears of successful program or
	7300	210-Retirement	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$7,485.22
			Notes: Supplemental Assistant Principal Benefits Retirement 10.82%			
	7300	220-Social Security	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$5,292.23
	•		Notes: Supplemental Assistant Princip	pal Benefits Social Sect	urity 7.65%	
	7300	231-Health and Hospitalization	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$11,089.47
Notes: Supplemental Assistant Principal Benefits Group Health Insurance 1					e 16.03%	
	7300	232-Life Insurance	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$13.84
Notes: Supplemental Assistant Principal Benefits Life Insurance .02%						
	7300	240-Workers Compensation	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$1,141.46
			Notes: Supplemental Assistant Princip	oal Benefits Workers Co	ompensatio	า 1.65%
	7300	290-Other Employee Benefits	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$359.73
			Notes: Supplemental Assistant Princip	oal Benefits Flex .52%		
	6400	369-Technology-Related Rentals	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$300.00
			Notes: PBIS Training (virtual), 6 partic	cipants \$50 each		
3	III.3.	Parental Involvement				\$0.00
4	III.4.	Incentives for Instructional F	Personnel			\$0.00
5	III.5.	Professional Development				\$51,392.15
	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2021-22
	6400	130-Other Certified Instructional Personnel	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA	2.0	\$42,784.00
Notes: 2 Retired Teacher Mentors - These positions were approved last funds. To help our novice teachers with lesson planning and classroom retired teachers have been very beneficial to teacher retention and stude rate of pay is \$28 an hour plus benefits for all Retired Teacher Mentors. I retired teachers providing supporting our novice teachers with lesson pla classroom management, they are responsible for providing new teachers areas, content, time management, parent communication, lesson planning.				nanagement, the ent achievement. The ln addition to the enning and swith support in all		

			management, and upcoming evaluation mentor to go to outside of other teach			teacher(s) to have a
	6400	210-Retirement	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$4,629.23
	-1		Notes: Teacher Mentor Benefits Retire	ement 10.82%		
	6400	220-Social Security	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$3,272.98
	•		Notes: Teacher Mentor Benefits Social	al Security 7.65%		
	6400	240-Workers Compensation	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$705.94
			Notes: Teacher Mentor Benefits Work	kers Compensation 1.65	5%	
6	III.6.	Focused Instruction				\$83,891.12
	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2021-22
	5100	120-Classroom Teachers	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA	1.0	\$46,812.00
			Notes: Reading Interventionist - This I This line item will be used to work with Performing Quartile students in each during the 2019-2020 school year, we group instruction. This position's an accredited college or university. En the elementary level; 4 years continue based on verified years of teaching excertificate in Elementary Education K-OR Reading endorsement at the second last year, will continue to fulfill the last second last year, will continue to fulfill the last second last year, will continue to fulfill the last second last year.	h all grade levels in our grade level. Due to hon will need to push-in ar qualifications are: Educ perience: 3 years contions reading teaching at experience. Certifications of (Elem. level); Florida andary level. If approved	school. Sp ne learning nd pull-out s ation- Bach inuous tead the second s & License teaching cd d, the cand	ecifically, the Lowest for 2-3 months students form small pelor's degree from sching experience at dary level. Salary is selected: Florida Teaching pertificate in Reading idate who was with
	5100	510-Supplies	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$4,475.45
	•		Notes: Supplies - Dry Erase Markers Erase Lap Boards (100pk), White cop			
	5100	644-Computer Hardware Non-Capitalized	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$12,894.00
			Notes: Technology - Printer (1) and S support printing out small group instru laptops are needed for students to en	iction and progress moi	nitoring dat	a. The student
	5100	210-Retirement	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$5,065.06
	1		Notes: Reading Interventionist Benefit	its Retirement 10.82%		
	5100	220-Social Security	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$3,581.12
			Notes: Reading Interventionist Benefit	ts Social Security 7.65%	%	
	5100	231-Health and Hospitalization	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$7,503.96
		Notes: Reading Interventionist Benefits Group Health Insurance 16.03%				
	5100	232-Life Insurance	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$9.36

				Total:	\$376,780.00
		Notes: Supplies - Toner			
510	519-Technology-Related Supplies	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$1,748.35
		Notes: Technology - Student laptop ca small group instruction and progress r students to engage in the blended lea	monitoring data. The stu		
510	648-Technology-Related Capitalized Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$786.00
		Notes: Reading Interventionist Benefit	ts Flex .52%		
510	290-Other Employee Benefits	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$243.42
		Notes: Reading Interventionist Benefit	ts Workers Compensati	on 1.65%	
510	240-Workers Compensation	2441 - Highlands Middle School	TSSSA		\$772.40