

DISCRETIONARY LOTTERY FUNDS

The 1996 Florida Legislature adopted an amendment to Section 24.121, Florida Statutes, requiring school districts make available to the public, on a quarterly basis, a report displaying discretionary lottery revenue and expenditures.

Reporting Date	09/30/2011	12/31/2011	03/31/2012	06/30/12
Revenue Budgeted / Amended	\$267,320	\$268,605	\$268,605	\$304,468
Funds Received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$304,527
Spent or Encumbered	\$15,226.19	\$45,378.75	\$71,739.35	\$108,068.87
General Fund Original Operating Budget	\$732,477,699	\$732,477,699	\$732,477,699	\$732,477,699
% of Operating Budget and Number of days Lottery Funds could operate Polk County Schools	0.036% <1	0.037% <1	0.037% <1	0.042% <1

Expenditures

Lottery funds are expended to (1) support the School Improvement and Accountability initiative, providing schools with an annual per student allocation to flexibly support local school improvement plans as directed by each school's SAC (School Advisory Committee), (2) continue support of programs previously funded by state categorical and other state revenue sources and (3) support general operating fund expenditures.

Discretionary lottery dollars, allocated within the General Operating Fund, are appropriated in accordance with the published District budget (a copy of which is available on this web site). Unspent funds will be carried over to the next school year for their use.

Florida Lottery proceeds are distributed by the State as follows: 50% for prizes, 38% for education (including K-12 schools, community colleges, and universities), and 12% for lottery department administration.

Polk County's share of the Florida Lottery funds is made up of two components. **School Recognition Dollars** are distributed to specific schools maintaining an A+ grade under the Governor's A+ Program. **Discretionary Lottery Funds** are allocated to support the School Improvement and Accountability initiative and to provide continuing support to the general operating budget. Each school is given an allocation of less than \$5 per student. Discretionary allocations are controlled and spent under the direction of each school's School Advisory Committee (SAC).

As one can see from the table above, the amount of lottery funding that has been diverted to the School Recognition program is significant. Discretionary and total lottery revenues remain less than they were five years ago.

Historical Perspective of Lottery Funding for Polk County School District



Year