

GADSDEN CITY SCHOOLS

CURRENTLY FUNDED FEDERAL PROGRAMS

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

FUNDING YEAR 2026 (FY26) – BEGINNING YEAR ALLOCATIONS

TITLE I – Improving Academic Achievement: Disadvantaged Students

- \$3,122,865.00 allocation.,
- Money can be used in and for Title I schools only to supplement, not supplant
- There are 11 Title I schools in the Gadsden City School System during FY26: 7 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 1 high school.
- Based on poverty rate – percentage of free and reduced meal qualifiers
- Maintenance of Effort ranking “spirals down from highest to lowest poverty”
- Contains several “subparts”; minimum of 40% poverty rate required
- Has 588 regulations; must serve schools with 75% poverty rate
- Most of this grant is used for salary and benefits for teachers and teaching assistants
- Title I currently fully or partially funds salaries and benefits for 8 teachers, 11 paraprofessionals, 4 nurses, and 22 instructional facilitators and resource personnel.
- Provides supplemental supplies, materials, plus computer software and hardware
- Provides professional development for teachers and tutoring for at-risk students
- Provides parental involvement money on a per pupil basis for students in poverty attending Title I schools
- Provides support for homeless students
- Provides equitable services’ funding to one private school

TITLE II – Preparing, Training, & Recruiting High Quality Teachers & Principals

- \$392,130.00 allocation.
- Pays salary and benefits for class size reduction units
- Pays for district staff for professional development
- Pays for staff development programs based on school system data
- Pays for conferences, workshops, and travel for ongoing, evidence-based training in core academic subjects
- Pays stipend for mentoring advisor to support mentors of new teachers
- Provides equitable services funding to private schools within district

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TITLE III – Language Instruction: Limited English Proficient; Immigrant Students

- \$77,106.00 grant for English Learners (ELs)
- May not be used for required ESL teacher or teaching assistants salaries and benefits
- Used for instructional equipment, supplies, and professional development
- ESL instruction currently delivered at all of our 12 schools
- Eight teachers currently deliver instruction to more than 1,000 English-learners system-wide. Two EL translator/liaison paraprofessional assists with communication with parents and assists in the EL program.

TITLE IV – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant

- \$271,206.00 allocation.
- New grant tied to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Consolidated Administration

- \$590,061.41 set aside
- Cost to administer all Federal Programs and is limited to no more than 20% of each grant (except for Title III which is limited to 2%)
- Gadsden City will only use 8.35% of our total allocation (8.19% from Title I, .09% from Title II, 0.02% from Title III, and 0.06% from Title IV) for all administrative costs.
- Parent and Family Engagement Set Aside.
- Homeless Set Aside.

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TITLE IX – MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

- \$35,000.00 has been allocated for this year (**grant renewal submitted for FY26**)
- The services listed below will be adjusted accordingly
- Pays half of the salary and benefits for our local Homeless Liaison
- The other half of the salary and benefits for this employee is supported by our Family Resource Center grant
- Pays for before and after school tutoring for 85 homeless students
- Pays for transportation to the school of origin
- Pays for reasonable, allowable and necessary school supplies support
- Pays for enrichment field trips

21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS • \$1,416,900.00 for FY26

- Provides extended learning programs at five elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school
- A minimum of 12 hours per week of programming is required in before and after school activities
- Programs do not replicate the school day
- Students are referred based on academic, social and/or emotional need
- Programming includes science, technology, engineering, arts and math activities
- Students are highly encouraged to participate for thirty consecutive days or longer
- Academic and behavioral gains are quantified
- Pays stipends and benefits for 40 employees and 6 site coordinators