



Ridgedale Local Schools

Empowering students to reach their full potential

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Student Wellness and Success Funds & Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Plan – SY 2026 and SY 2027

Ohio's districts and schools receive Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid and Student Wellness and Success Funds to fund initiatives to support wraparound services for Ohio's students. These vital services help students overcome obstacles to learning, accelerate learning, and prepare for future success.

Ridgedale's SWSF and DPIA Plan will include the following:

- The District will spend at least 50% of Student Wellness and Success Funds on physical or mental health services.
- The plan for using Student Wellness and Success Funds and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid will include collaboration with the Marion ADAMH Board and the North Central Ohio Education Service Center.
- The Student Wellness and Success Fund and Disadvantage Pupil Impact Aid plan will be shared with the Ridgedale Board of Education and posted to the district website within 30 days after development or amendment of the plan.
- The Superintendent and/or Treasurer will report annually to ODE how the district spent Student Wellness and Success Funds and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid.
- Ridgedale will spend Student Wellness and Success Funds by the end of the next fiscal year after they are received. Funds received in FY26 will be spent by June 30, 2027. In addition, Student Wellness and Success Funds received in FY27 will be spent by June 30, 2027.
- [Ohio law](#) does not specify the timeline in which Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid must be spent, but our District will leverage these funds in a timely manner to support the critical needs of students.

Ohio law outlines the uses for [Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid](#) and [Student Wellness and Success Funds](#). For Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, districts and schools are required to use funding to support the initiatives outlined by the Department of Education and Workforce.

Student Wellness and Success Funds received by Ridgedale will be used to support the following initiatives during the Fiscal Years of 2026 and 2027:

1. **Physical Health Services** – Continued employment of a School Health Provider/School Nurse to assess and treat students' physical health needs throughout the day.
2. **Mental Health Services** – Continued employment of a Social Worker (in partnership with ADAMH Board) along with a School Counselor to provide mental health support to students including behavioral health services and recovery supports.

Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funds will be spent for the following initiative(s):

1. **School Safety Measures** – Continued employment of a school resource officer to help students connect with community-based resources and provide safety training to staff members and students
2. **Dropout Prevention** – Continued employment of Associate Principal of College and Career Readiness to assist with graduate pathway counseling, career counseling, and credit recovery to all students with special emphasis on at risk students.

Administrators and staff members will review the plan yearly and adjust as necessary in order to benefit all students.

It is understood Ridgedale Local Schools will provide the services listed in a way that best serves the students of the school district for the duration of the availability of Student Wellness and Success Funds and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funds or similar funding source(s).