

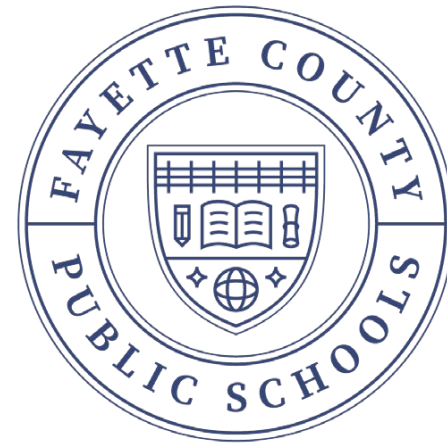
# 2025 | Legislative Agenda

State and Federal Policy Priorities



# Kentucky Priorities

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## Student Wellness

FCPS urges the legislature to develop a Poverty Reduction Task Force with representation from school officials, health officials, and other appropriate partners aimed at addressing the root causes of poverty plaguing Kentucky families.

FCPS supports policies that bolster community resources and partners in the work of supporting families.

FCPS supports legislation to improve the FAIR Team process by increasing collaboration between the district and the courts and addressing underlying community-level issues fueling the need for FAIR Teams.

FCPS supports legislation holding social media companies accountable for their deliberate algorithmic manipulation of students, which have contributed to today's youth mental health crisis, rises in student behavioral incidents, and increased frequency and severity of bullying.

FCPS supports legislation holding tobacco, nicotine, and vaping companies accountable for their role in deliberately targeting youth in advertising and marketing as well as their role in product development intended to disguise vaping tools as school supplies and other everyday items.

FCPS supports common sense legislation to address the scourge of gun violence in our communities, which has claimed the lives of too many children in Fayette County and the Commonwealth.





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## **Student Success**

FCPS supports legislation that would establish safe guardrails for artificial intelligence use in schools and provide training and funding for increased cybersecurity efforts in schools. FCPS also supports policies that allow local control in developing specific guidelines that can remain nimble as technology changes.

FCPS supports legislation to adapt the state accountability system to provide data in time to inform instruction and to urge the Kentucky Department of Education to seek waivers for special education and English Language Learners to better support and target their learning progress.



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## **Teachers and Staff**

FCPS supports red tape reduction that would reduce the amount of regulation and paperwork required of all educators to allow greater focus on instruction and individual learning needs.

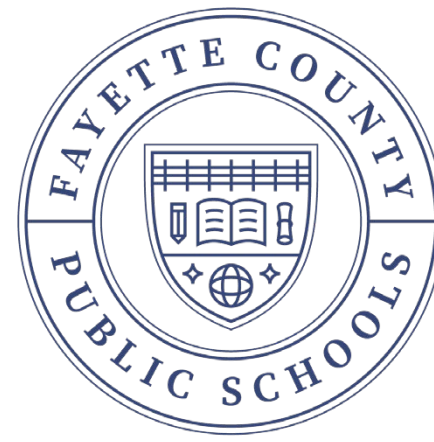
FCPS supports legislation funding a statewide marketing plan showcasing the benefits of being a teacher and improving the public image and perspective of the education profession.

FCPS supports legislation enacting a cohesive student loan forgiveness program for educators who stay in the profession for a defined number of years.

FCPS supports legislation funding 2024 Regular Session SB265 supporting local teacher mentorship and induction programs.

FCPS supports legislation to invest in educator wellness, including providing statewide mental health supports for educators.

FCPS supports legislation to provide state funding specifically for higher starting teacher pay so that Kentucky can remain competitive with surrounding states.



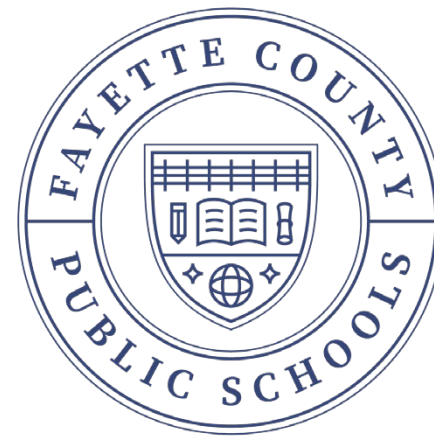
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## **School Choice**

FCPS opposes any legislation that would divert public dollars to private schools.

FCPS supports legislation that would increase transparency for taxpayers by requiring home school students and private school students to participate in state accountability testing.



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## Budget

FCPS supports increased education funding overall, but especially in the areas specified for school safety (including mental health supports), all-day Kindergarten, increased access to pre-school, and additional funds in the SEEK Formula base.

FCPS supports funding schools based on enrollment rather than attendance.

FCPS supports legislation that would fund the SEEK per pupil base at a minimum of 2008 levels when adjusting for inflation, or roughly 25% higher than current levels.





# Federal Priorities

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## **Career and Technical Education**

FCPS supports increased funding under the Carl D. Perkins Act to support increased career and technical opportunities to Fayette County students.



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## **Special Populations**

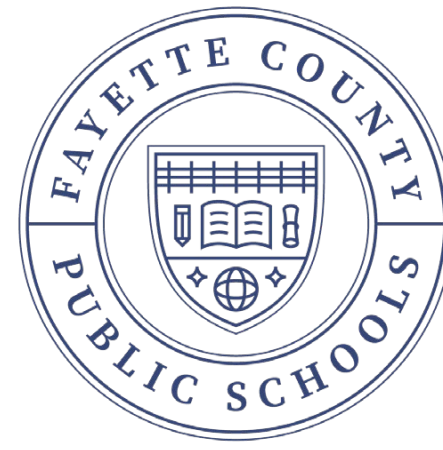
FCPS urges Congress to fulfill the commitment it made when passing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by fully funding the federal share (40%) of special education costs.

FCPS supports full and ongoing funding of the Title I, Part A grant within the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and do not believe these funds should be restricted to competitive grants or used to support any form of portable vouchers.

FCPS supports federal funding and support for English learners, including full funding to provide local districts the tools and resources to ensure English learners meet the requirements established by Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

FCPS supports legislation providing full funding for the implementation of IDEA and legislation transitioning McKinney-Vento funding from grant-based to automatic funding upon proving eligibility of students.





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## **Technology and Infrastructure**

FCPS supports continued and sufficient funding for educational technology and internet connectivity (E-Rate) to reduce the digital divide, modernizing the list of eligible services, and streamline processes for application and distribution of funds to eligible districts. FCPS supports the investment of federal infrastructure dollars to modernize public school facilities and equipment.



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## **Workforce and Educator Pipelines**

FCPS supports expanded funding for and attention to marketing and implementing Registered Apprenticeships for students of all abilities.

FCPS supports efforts at the federal level to expand access to affordable college and higher education for future educators and staff. This includes improvements to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program that would streamline and simplify the application process and support future and current educators facing student loan debt.

FCPS supports legislative efforts to improve retirement security for school employees in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who are not currently eligible to receive previously earned Social Security benefits, either from prior employment or spousal survivor benefits. This includes, but is not limited to, support for repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision/Government Pension Offset (WEP/GPO).