

School LAND Trust Program Appropriate Expenditures

August 2009

It has been suggested that a list of appropriate expenditures be made available to School Community Councils. These are not a complete list but are suggested expenditures included in the State Board Rule R277-477 as passed August 7, 2009.

Plans are to focus on the school's most critical academic needs consistent with Section 53A-1a-108.5. Funds are to be used to directly impact instruction and enhance academic excellence. Plans shall include specific academic goals, steps to meet those goals, measurements to assess improvement and specific expenditures to implement plans that may include:

- workbooks
- textbooks
- professional development directly tied to school academic goals
- computer hardware and software, LCDs, smart boards
- library and media supplies
- supplemental funding for aides, teachers and specialists
- other tools for student academic improvement
- study skills classes
- credit recovery courses and programs
- college entrance exam preparation classes
- academic field trips
- classroom equipment and materials such as flashcards, math manipulatives, calculators, microscopes, maps, books or student planners
- teachers and teacher aides

Examples of programs not eligible for funding using School LAND Trust Program funds include plans to:

- improve school climate
- provide security
- address behavioral issues
- prevent bullying
- install permanent auditorium audio systems
- initiate or support other non-academic school needs.

A legislative audit indicated that nominal incentives to encourage academic achievement could be appropriate.