

Student Support Funding Application Budget FAQs

1. What is considered a supply?

An item that is under \$1,000 is consumable and/or replaced when broken and has a life expectancy of less than a year.

2. What is considered equipment?

An item that is over \$1,000, has a life expectancy greater than a year, it's more permanent, not consumable, can be repaired and inventoried and cannot be easily lost, stolen, or destroyed.

3. What is Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)?

Total cost of ownership (TCO) is the complete cost of an item which includes original purchase cost (including taxes, shipping, etc), overhead costs associated with operating the item, warranty and maintenance agreements, and any other additional one-time or ongoing costs directly associated with the item. You should include any anticipated direct expenses (one-time and/or ongoing in your proposal)

4. What items are not allowable expenses?

- Gifts – funds may not be used for gifts of thanks, recognition of usual life events, or for any item that does not serve an education purpose.
- Stipends for students – funds cannot be used to pay stipends to students for participation in classroom assignments.
- Supplanting – funds should not supplement or replace, general or state categorical (restricted) district funds expended on similar program activities prior to the availability of funding.
- Certain compensation restrictions – funds may not be used to pay a project lead associated with this program or to employees for services that are already assigned as part of their assignment.

5. Am I required to use a district standard for purchases?

Yes. All purchases must follow the district standards.

6. Where can I find any district standards for technology or furniture?

Here are links for the following:

[District Standards for Technology](#)

[District Standards for Furniture](#)