

NICE Community School District

1. What was the total amount of the district's Section 31a allocation for the 2025-26 school year?

Total Section 31a spent in the 2025-26 school year was \$525,851.14

2. Describe the district's methodology and decision-making for distributing Section 31a At-risk grant funds to target the buildings with the highest needs.

The NICE District has two buildings, Aspen Ridge School K-8 and Westwood High School 9-12. Teacher(s) and teacher aides/paraprofessionals in grades K-5 for reading and math intervention supports during the school day and instructional materials for grades K-12. Before and after school programs Morning Math and Learning Lab for grades K-8 and also a summer school program. Parent, family and community engagement through the Aspen Ridge Family Resource Room. Counseling services available at both buildings for grades K-12.

3. What evidence-based interventions and services were implemented with the Section 31a At-risk grant funds during the 2025-26 grant cycle?

Training opportunities for teachers and teacher aides/paraprofessionals were provided to meet both academic and/or behavioral areas where the MTSS Model plays an important role in meeting individual student needs. A tiered delivery system and selection and implementation of instruction, intervention, and supports was used to meet individual student needs.

4. In what ways has the district collected feedback from parents or legal guardians on these interventions and services provided this year?

Suggestions and feedback from parents or legal guardians occur during parent-teacher conferences and throughout the school year via verbal and email communications with the teachers, principals and/or interventionists. For concerns with students both academically and/or behaviorally, we host child study meetings where the teacher, counselor, interventionist, principal and anyone else deemed necessary are included and parents/guardians are asked for feedback.

5. Describe the method parents or legal guardians may use to provide feedback on the use of these funds.

Parents or legal guardians may attend parent-teacher conferences, a child study meeting if deemed necessary, or by calling or emailing the district contacts via the information below to provide feedback on the use of Section 31a funds.



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For more information about Section 31a interventions and services available for your child(ren) contact: visit the District website at www.nice.k12.mi.us under the Public tab, State and Federal Programs or by calling the Aspen Ridge School Office (906) 485-3175 or Westwood High School Office (906) 485-1023.

To provide feedback or for more information on the use of Section 31a funding for the 2025-26 school year contact: Chris Marana, Principal, Aspen Ridge School, 350 Aspen Ridge School Road, Ishpeming, MI 49849 Phone: (906) 485-3175 or Email: maranac@nice.k12.mi.us

For additional questions regarding the Section 31a At-risk grant contact: Melissa Maki, Administrative Assistant for Finance, NICE Business Office, 300 Westwood Drive, Ishpeming, MI 49849 Phone: (906) 485-1021 or Email: melissa@nice.k12.mi.us