



# Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

## Next Generation School Improvement Grant Awards

In the 2021-2022 academic year, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) debuted the [Next Generation School Improvement Grant \(“Next Gen SIG”\)](#) program to provide funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) fully committed to aligning a student’s learning with their academic and personal needs. This competitive, federal grant will support a one-year planning phase (up to \$300,000 per school), followed by a three-year implementation phase (up to \$3 million per school) in schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and/or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)<sup>1</sup> under Indiana’s ESSA plan.

Applicants were required to identify an intervention priority upon which to focus their improvement efforts, and an intervention model designed to secure the necessary conditions to transform educational opportunities. Additionally, given that school transformation requires specialized expertise, applicants were encouraged to identify an expert partner to provide strategic guidance and expert support in the planning and implementation phase.

The IDOE received nearly 40 applications from across the state representing over 55 eligible schools. Each application was evaluated by at least two independent reviewers against a scoring rubric to identify the final awardees. Some finalists also participated in a virtual interview about their grant application to discuss the details of their proposal prior to being selected as a recipient.

**Summary of Funding:** The Next Gen SIG program is funded with federal Title I funds as required by The Every Student Succeeds Act. More information about Indiana’s approved state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act can be found at the [IDOE Website](#). This is an annual grant opportunity that is not associated with the one-time COVID relief funding also known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund.

**Summary of Applications:** The IDOE received nearly 40 applications from across the state representing over 55 eligible schools. Each application was evaluated by at least two independent reviewers against a scoring rubric to identify the final awardees. The evaluation focused on the impact of COVID 19 on student performance and a commitment to a transformational vision to strengthen educational opportunities.

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<sup>1</sup> The Indiana Department of Education currently has an amendment pending that would expand eligibility for School Improvement Grant funds to schools identified for TSI. Awards to these schools are contingent upon approval of Indiana’s amendment.



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**Award Summary:** The IDOE receives approximately \$16M annually to support a cohort of Next Gen SIG recipients. For the first cohort (22/23 Planning Year), the IDOE has awarded the following grants:

School Corp	Schools	Planning \$ (22/23 SY)	Implementation \$ (Over 3 Years)	Intervention Priority	Intervention Model	Expert Partner
Indianapolis Public Schools	PLA @ Louis B Russell	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	Differentiated Instructional Model	Innovation Network School	Phalen Leadership Academies
Muncie Community Schools	South View Elementary Grissom Elementary Longfellow Elementary	\$ 558,000.00	\$ 7,500,000.00	Primary Literacy Transformation	Other	SkyBound Education
Randolph Eastern School Corp	Union City Jr/Sr High School	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	Student Pathways & Postsecondary Credentials	Other	Empower Schools
New Castle Community Schools	New Castle Middle School New Castle High School	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 4,000,000	Student Pathways & Postsecondary Credentials	1003 Flexibility Waiver	SkyBound Education
Whitley County Cons Schools	Columbia City High School	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	Student Pathways & Postsecondary Credentials	Other	Empower Schools
Washington Community Schools* Wes-Del Community School Corp* Western Wayne Schools*	Washington Jr High School Wes-Del Middle/High School Lincoln Middle School	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 6,750,000.00	Meaningful Career and Postsecondary Exploration & Engagement (K-8)	Transformation Zone	Equitable Education Solutions
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,283,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,250,000.00</b>			

\*This award consists of three separate applications from different school corporations who have all committed to working collaboratively to share resources and maximize capacity in service of their students.