



2019–2020 Curriculum Narrative

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The largest percentage of SSEF funding is dedicated to academic enrichment and curriculum-enhancing educational programs. These dollars support curriculum initiatives that further all SRS students mastery of Math, Science, English and the Arts.



Academic Competition Programs

Provides funds for academic competitions such as the Technology Fair, and the First Lego League Competition, where select SRS students represent our school in district and state level competitions. Grades: 4-5

\$1,750

Classroom Libraries

In addition to the school's media center, classroom libraries and the bookroom will provide close proximity to literary resources. In-class libraries will help enhance literacy, increase time spent reading and help improve fluency, phonics, phonemic awareness, and reading comprehension. Funds pay for books for each class, leveled readers, and novels to support both the Georgia Standards of Excellence and the IB Inquiry-based Units. Grades: All

\$7,500

Specials: Art, French, Music & PE

Provides funds for program-enhancing training, materials and equipment to supplement what APS provides. Grades: All

\$12,000

Technology Integration

Instructional technology and hardware provided to assist in the goal of equipping every classroom with state-of-the-art teaching tools. Our goal this year is to update promethean boards, TV studio and chromebooks. Grades: All

\$12,000

Tutoring and Enrichment

Targeted tutoring provided for students for reading and math on an as-needed basis by qualified tutors from a non-profit tutoring organization. Grades: 1-5

\$30,000

READING & ELA :

Grammar, Phonics & Writing Resources

Lucy Calkins strengthens students' writing skills and confidence through a cycle of focused lessons and modeling. Adhering to the writer's workshop model, students participate in classroom lessons that address the different genres of writing through explicit instruction, guided support, and time to practice new skills.

\$53,303

Learning-to-Read Resources

Wilson Language Foundations developed with Orton-Gillingham methodology, has developed instructional models and a powerful literacy action plan that builds a solid foundation for beginning learners, closes the reading gap for struggling students, and provides valuable resources for teachers to support early learners. Fountas and Pinnell is a systematic approach to identifying the needs of each student and addressing needs through interactive read-aloud, standards-based mini-lessons and small group reading instruction Grades: K-5

\$600

MATH:

Math Manipulatives

Math manipulatives, consumables, workbooks and hands-on tools to support the Georgia Standards of Excellence, Math Exemplars, and Eureka Math, the APS math program as students are able to make meaning of abstract concepts. Grades: All

\$2,000

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES:

Captain Planet Gardens

Funds will support the school learning garden. Students can get hands-on experience in the garden with curriculum that ties into their classroom instruction and aligns to the Georgia Standards of Excellence in an interactive way. Grades: All

\$250

High Touch High Tech

Local scientists set up and oversee 'in-house' field trips in order to provide students with hands-on learning directly tied to each grade level's Science curriculum and the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Grades: All

\$22,000

Science Lab

Uses hands-on activities and lab experiments to help each SRS student discover the joy of science, critical thinking, and scientific methodology. The curriculum is driven by the Georgia Standards of Excellence and the IB Inquiry-based Units. Science labs will be developed at both the IC and PC. Grades: All

\$2,000

TOTAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

\$151,403

TALENT & MANAGEMENT

The SSEF is committed to supporting faculty development opportunities that encourage teaching innovation and excellence. Investments in this area include a focus on improving teacher efficacy in International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.



Classroom Investment Funds

With the goal of enhancing the teaching environment at SRS, the SSEF provides a \$300 check to every full-time teacher to purchase individualized classroom supplies in support of the curriculum. Grades: All

\$22,850

International Baccalaureate Training

SSEF funds are available for all teachers to attend IB training and development opportunities. Grades: All

\$21,800

Teacher Initiatives Program (Faculty Grants)

The SSEF offers a grant program to allow teachers to apply for up to \$500 through the Teacher Initiatives Program, to try out innovative ideas and different educational approaches in their classrooms. Grades: All

\$3,000

Teacher Training & Enrichment

SSEF funds are available for teachers to attend training in the following areas: Foundations, Fountas and Pinnell reading and writing, Dual Immersion, and GATE. Grades: All

\$11,500

TOTAL TALENT & MANAGEMENT

\$59,150

SYSTEMS RESOURCE

The SSEF invests to build systems and resources to support IB, Dual Immersion implementation and ESOL community support



Dual Immersion

Funds provide classroom materials and supplies in English and Spanish to support the fidelity of program implementation for the dual immersion cohorts in Kindergarten through 3rd grades. Additionally, funds will support professional learning for the teachers. Grades: K-3

\$6,000

Facility & Faculty Support

Provides funds for the annual maintenance contract plan and ink cartridges for the copiers in the PC teacher workroom, the Staff Retreat, and additional faculty support.

\$2,850

International Baccalaureate Inquiry Materials, Resources, Dues & Programming Fees

SRS was first awarded IB status in 2006. The IB program encourages students to be active, curious learners, well-rounded individuals, and engaged world citizens. This program impacts the whole curriculum at SRS as this instructional philosophy permeates all facets of our instructional programming. IB teaches each student essential skills for learning and becoming a productive global citizen. SSEF funds pay for inquiry materials for each grade, and for required development and training of teachers and for programming fees and dues. This year we will be going through our IB Evaluation. Grades: All Grades

\$14,480

TOTAL SYSTEMS & RESOURCES

\$23,330

CULTURE

The SSEF strives to foster and support a positive, informed and engaged school culture and community.



Administrative Support

Provides funds for the Principal and Assistant Principals for additional needs not met by APS, such as trophies and medals for the annual student awards. Additionally, this fund is used to support initiatives set by the Administrative team, such as the use of Google Classrooms with iPad technology to providing recognition for the teaching team.

\$5,500

Agendas

Students use daily agendas to organize their work and manage their time. Grades: 2-5

\$2,500

International Travelers Week

The International Travelers Program is a week-long classroom immersion in the culture, history, and language of a foreign country. The program, which is unique to Sarah Smith, is a collaboration among a cadre of dedicated parent volunteers, teachers and administrators and "transports" the school to a new country every year. Grades: All

\$4,000

TOTAL CULTURE

\$12,000

TOTAL 2019-2020 SSEF BUDGET

\$245,883

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