

*Delaware*



*Department of  
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# Opportunity Funding for Mental Health Services

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Funding Period: Fiscal Year 2020

**Delaware Department of Education  
Opportunity Funding Form  
2019-2020 School Year**

Opportunity Funding  
*Directed funds for mental health services*

**Application deadline: Friday, Aug. 9, 2019**

**Purpose:** The Opportunity Funding directed to mental health services provides \$5.0 million in FY20, \$2.5 million in HB 225 (Annual Appropriations Act) and \$2.5 million authorized in HB 226 (One-Time Supplemental). With a total supplemental amount of \$7.5 million over three years, the total amount will be \$15 million *contingent on future appropriations*.

It shall be apportioned to schools which qualify for a Reading Interventionist under the Student Success Block Grant as detailed in House Bill 225 (the FY20 operating budget).

This funding shall be used by school districts and charter schools for *mental health services* in the form of school counselors, school social workers or licensed clinical social workers, school psychologists, and/or for additional reading supports for grades K-5. Services may include the employment of staff, where such funding may be used to cover 100 percent of personnel costs on a 10 to 12-month basis and/or contracted services.

This funding is allocated separately from the directed funds for English learners and low-income students.

**Allocation Method:** Amounts vary per school and that amount is indicated below. Each LEA has already received the first half of the funding; the second amount will be released upon receipt and approval of this application.

DISTRICT/CHARTER NAME: Academy of Dover Charter School
ADDRESS: <b>104 Saulsbury Road, Dover, DE 19904</b>
CONTACT NAME: <b>Michele Marinucci</b>
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ALLOCATION AMOUNT: \$63,658

**Overall summary**

1. What will you do to offer mental health supports specifically to low-income and English language learners?

For the 2019/2020 school year these funds will support the employment of a Behavioral Interventionist and a part time certified school counselor (starting in January 2020) to support the mental health/social emotional needs of our low income and EL students.

2. How will the funding also assist students not in those two subgroups?

While these positions are primarily supporting our EL and low income students, since our population is approximately 85% EL and low income, other students may be served.

3. What kind of specialist are you hiring (school counselor, school social worker, licensed clinical social worker or school psychologist)?

We are hiring a Behavioral Interventionist and a part time certified school counselor. Both will be leading the positive relationship building Academy-wide.

4. Are you using this money for additional reading supports in addition to mental health services? If so, what types of services will be provided?

Any funds remaining after paying for the salaries and OECs/health care costs of our School Counselor and Behavioral Interventionist are being directed to support the salary of our K/1 literacy teacher who is teaching a small class of students in grades K and 1 who also are of lower income households.

5. Is this money is being used to contract services?

YES  NO

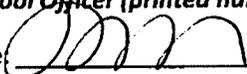
6. Please provide a copy of your expenditure plan.

**Assurances and signatures:**

As the chief school officer of the district or school, including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I am also authorized to obligate the district or charter school to conduct any activity approved under this form in accordance with all applicable state requirements, including statutory and regulatory requirements, and program specific requirements. The information contained in it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements. I further agree that

1. I understand that this funding may not be used to supplant otherwise available funding.
2. I understand that our district shall be authorized to assess a local match to provide for the local contribution of personnel costs associated with this appropriation (districts only).

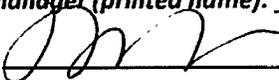
**Chief School Officer (printed name):** Michele Marinucci

Signature:  Date: 9/19/19

As the business manager of the district or school, including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I have read this form and reviewed the financial information contained in this form. The information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have reviewed and approve the submission of the budgetary information for this form. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements. I further agree that

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**Business manager (printed name):** Michele Marinucci

Signature:  Date: 9/19/19

By signing this form, I am approving the plan submitted by the district or charter.

**Secretary of Education/Designee (printed name):** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academy of Dover**  
**FY 20 Mental Health/Reading Supports Opportunity Funding**

<b>Position</b>	<b>MH Opp Fund</b>
K/1 Literacy Immersion Classroom	\$ 10,692.84
Behavior Interventionist	\$ 44,558.16
PT School Counselor	\$ 8,407.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 63,658.00</b>

