



OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

New Measure N Schools Funding Policy: 3 OPTIONS for Consideration

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OVERVIEW

Public high schools serving Oakland students are eligible to apply to OUSD for Measure N funding to serve 9th-12th grade students in accordance with the Measure N legislation as summarized below:

The Purpose of Measure N

The Oakland College & Career Readiness For All Act is established to pay for the implementation of a comprehensive approach to high school education in Oakland that integrates challenging academics with career-based learning and real-world work experiences. **This comprehensive approach creates small learning communities of career-oriented pathways**, and offers intensive, individualized support to create the conditions for all students to graduate high school prepared to succeed in college and career.

The Goals of the Measure

The following goals of Measure N are to be met through the implementation of Linked Learning:

- Decrease the high school dropout rate
- Increase the high school graduation rate
- Increase high school students' readiness to succeed in college and career
- Increase middle school students' successful transition to high school
- Reduce disparities in student achievement and student access to career pathways based on race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, English Learner-status, special needs status, and residency

FUNDING POLICY - OPTION 1

Funding Policy Option 1 is the practice currently in place. Schools new to Measure N funding are eligible to apply for funding each year up to a maximum of \$850 per pupil (Oakland Residents only):

- In Year 1, schools can apply for a **Planning Grant**, capped at \$200 per pupil.
- Beginning in Year 2, schools can apply for a **Full Implementation** grant (\$850 per pupil)

While schools are eligible to apply for increased funding beginning in Year 2, it is not a guarantee. The Measure N Commission approves all funding allocations for Measure N schools and makes an annual determination of the approved funding amount for each school.

The chart on the following page summarizes the funding levels for which new Measure N schools are eligible in Option 1.

Year of Funding	Funding Level Eligibility	Funding Approval Requirements	Assessment Expectations
1	Planning Grant \$200 per pupil <i>Oakland Residents Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Planning Grant Application & Budget Presentation of Planning Grant to Measure N Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 meetings with Measure N staff to assess progress Formal Site Visit in second semester demonstrates readiness to implement Linked Learning
2 and beyond	Full Implementation Grant \$850 per pupil <i>Oakland Residents Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of report documenting Planning grant progress Measure N Education Improvement Plan (EIP) Measure N Commission approves EIP, EIP Assessment, and site Funding Allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site participates in Measure N site visit process utilized for all schools

FUNDING POLICY - OPTION 2

Schools new to Measure N funding are eligible to apply for increased funding each year up to a maximum of \$850 per pupil (Oakland Residents only):

- In Year 1, schools can apply for a **Planning** grant (\$200 per pupil)
- In Year 2, schools can apply for a **Planning & Piloting** grant (\$525 per pupil)
- Beginning in Year 3, schools can apply for a **Full Implementation** grant (\$850 per pupil)

While schools are eligible to apply for increased funding each year, it is not a guarantee. The Measure N Commission approves all funding allocations for Measure N schools and makes an annual determination of the approved funding amount for each school.

The following chart summarizes the graduated progression of funding for which new Measure N schools are eligible in Option 2.

Year of Funding	Funding Level Eligibility	Funding Approval Requirements	Assessment Expectations
1	Planning Grant \$200 per pupil <i>Oakland Residents Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Planning Grant Application & Budget Presentation of Planning Grant to Measure N Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 meetings with Measure N staff to assess progress on development of Pathway and four pillars of Linked Learning

2	Planning & Piloting Grant \$525 per pupil <i>Oakland Residents Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of report documenting Planning grant progress • Measure N Education Improvement Plan (EIP) • Measure N Commission approves EIP, EIP Assessment, and site Funding Allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Visit Assessment (in Fall Semester) demonstrates progress on pathway development
3 and beyond	Full Implementation Grant \$850 per pupil <i>Oakland Residents Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure N Education Improvement Plan (EIP) • Measure N Commission approves EIP, EIP Assessment, and site Funding Allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site participates in Measure N site visit process utilized for all schools

FUNDING POLICY - OPTION 3

Schools new to Measure N funding are eligible to apply for funding each year up to a maximum of \$850 per pupil (Oakland Residents only):

- In Year 1, schools can apply for a **Planning Grant**, capped at \$200 per pupil.
- Beginning in Year 2, schools can apply for EITHER a **Planning & Piloting** grant (\$525 per pupil) or a **Full Implementation** grant (\$850 per pupil). Measure N Staff make a determination of whether the school is eligible to apply for a Planning & Piloting or Full Implementation grant based on an assessment of the school's readiness to implement Linked Learning.

While schools are eligible to apply for increased funding beginning in Year 2, it is not a guarantee. The Measure N Commission approves all funding allocations for Measure N schools and makes an annual determination of the approved funding amount for each school.

The following chart summarizes the funding levels for which new Measure N schools are eligible in Option 3.

Year of Funding	Funding Level Eligibility	Funding Approval Requirements	Assessment Expectations
1	Planning Grant \$200 per pupil <i>Oakland Residents Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of Planning Grant Application & Budget • Presentation of Planning Grant to Measure N Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 meetings with Measure N staff to assess progress • Formal Site Visit in second semester to determine site's readiness for Planning & Piloting or Full Implementation grant.

2 and beyond	<p>Planning & Piloting Grant</p> <p>\$525 per pupil <i>Oakland Residents Only</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Full Implementation Grant</p> <p>\$850 per pupil <i>Oakland Residents Only</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of report documenting Planning grant progress • Measure N Education Improvement Plan (EIP) • Measure N Commission approves EIP, EIP Assessment, and site Funding Allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site participates in Measure N site visit process utilized for all schools
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Measure N staff recommend the Measure N Commission proceeds with Option 1, which is the current practice for funding new Measure N schools. Schools with Planning Grants should receive a formal site visit during the second semester to determine the site's readiness for implementing Linked Learning. We believe that Option 1 is the most appropriate and equitable option since this has been the process followed by all other Measure N schools receiving Planning Grants.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the application and funding procedures for schools new to Measure N, please contact Stacey Blankenbaker, Measure N Coordinator, at Stacey.Blankenbaker@ousd.org.