



School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program

2023-24 Legislation Considerations Tips for Local Education Foundations in Planning Projects

LEFs are encouraged to confer with local school district attorneys in providing support for classroom materials. The Consortium will provide information as guidelines are developed by the Florida Department of Education. In the meantime, consider the following:

- Think about all the programs and projects that involve reading material, supplies or professional development that may be scrutinized. This includes classroom grant applications, training/professional development for school personnel and teacher resource stores.
- Provide disclaimers/reminders to demonstrate awareness of the need for compliance. Here is an example from our Marion County member:
"Please be sure all materials are in compliance with school procedures, district policy and state statutes for usage with your students."
- In the case of classroom grant programs, consider an approval process such as having reading material approved by the district media specialist. Our Volusia County member has the district's media specialist serve on their classroom grant committee specifically to screen books included in grant requests.
- Consider a "sign off" or check box on applications indicating the applicant is compliant with state and local regulations and policies with respect to curriculum and classroom activities/materials. You'll notice a similar statement for you to sign off on when you submit your MG application to the Consortium.
- State statute section 934.50, sub section 7 limits the drones that are allowed for purchase and use by state agencies. It appears that only drones on the [approved list](#) can be purchased. This could be problematic as drones on the approved list are not designed for classroom use and are more expensive.