Oakridge Public Schools

2016-17 TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY MILLAGE FUNDING

STUDENTS
2,028

2016-17 FUNDS
$324,324

"Technology is a tool for learning. We do not become smarter because we use technology. We become better thinkers when we learn how to use technology. We live in a technical age, and we need to communicate in school the way we do in the real world."

Erica Trowbridge,
School Library Media Specialist & Technology Coach, Middle/High School

2016-17 DOLLARS SPENT

TECHNOLOGY	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	SECURITY	TOTAL SPENT
$43,249.00	$565.00	$414,726.39	$458,540.39*

Three Year Summary of Success

At Oakridge Public Schools the Technology and Security Millage funds are being used to transform teaching and learning by making it possible for teachers to vary content delivery based on student need and to use a variety of teaching methods and tools. This makes learning engaging and motivates students to reach their highest potential.

At Oakridge every kindergarten student and all students in grades seven through 12 are issued a personal learning device. Kindergarteners use iPads to learn to read and master math facts. Sixth grade students make mystery podcasts, and 32 students in high school are taking AP (Advanced Placement) Computer Science. A Learning Management System (LMS) known as Schoology allows students, staff, and parents to create, manage, and share content and resources so the learning does not end when the school day does. This helps students who fall behind and allows students to move ahead. The middle/high school library hours were extended to give students an extra two hours a day to utilize WiFi, get help with their devices, collaborate with their peers, and provide a quiet place to study.

All K-12 staff have participated in training on technology-related topics and instructional technology curriculum and are supported by an instructional technology coach whose focus is to assist them in integrating technology into daily lesson plans.

Media Specialist Erica Trowbridge said now that every student has access to a Chromebook, teachers are able to create richer lessons with real-world connections, and students have greater opportunities to learn, create, and grow using well-known tech tools, others that are just being invented, and some that they are creating themselves. One sixth grade student is now taking a math class through Hope College and participating in other higher-level courses thanks to the availability of a Chromebook and instructors who were able to identify his unique needs and meet them with technology. Early College students are also benefiting from using their Chromebooks both at high school and at Muskegon Community College.

Since the millage passed, every building at Oakridge Public Schools now has a secure entrance with the main office serving as the only entry point for visitors. During this past year, two middle school classrooms were renovated to relocate the school's main office so that it could be the single point of entry for all visitors. The former office was down the hallway from the main entrance, allowing visitors access to the entire building without going through a secure checkpoint. Without the millage this would not have been possible.

Every student, safe and healthy, college and workplace prepared.

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**Districts may use unspent funds or accelerate spending beyond the revenue received based on district needs to cover larger projects.*

Technology and Security Funding Through Countywide Millage

On February 25, 2014, voters in Muskegon County said YES to a one-mill property tax increase to improve technology and security within Muskegon County's neighborhood public schools. Clearly voters agreed that today's 21st Century students must have secure schools and strong technology skills in order to compete in our world-wide economy.

The MAISD Technology & Security Enhancement Millage is the first of its kind in Muskegon County. Although funds flow through the MAISD, school leaders and elected school boards of education have complete control and oversight of their expenditure. From 2014 through 2023, this funding will pay for:

- New and upgraded personal learning devices and software licensing fees
- Security upgrades, including added cameras and single, secure points of entry
- Expanded training and support for teachers
- Improved technical support
- Maintaining infrastructure to accommodate multiple learning devices
- Sustaining and maintaining current technology

Between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District received and distributed $4,221,882.24* in tax revenues generated by the third of ten years of the Technology & Security Enhancement Millage.

2016-17 Funding Distributed by MAISD

Neighborhood Public School District	State Aid Membership	Percentage of Total Membership	Funds Distributed to Schools 2016-17
Fruitport	2,794.67	10.58%	$446,885.78
Holton	856.17	3.24%	$136,907.11
Mona Shores	3,842.28	14.55%	$614,405.38
Montague	1,500.88	5.68%	$240,000.40
Muskegon	4,183.09	15.84%	$668,903.10
Muskegon Heights	760.98	2.88%	$121,685.62
North Muskegon	1,034.43	3.92%	$165,412.04
Oakridge	2,028.21	7.68%	$324,323.87
Orchard View	2,406.99	9.12%	$384,893.24
Ravenna	1,056.28	4.00%	$168.905.99
Reeths-Puffer	3,802.75	14.40%	$608,084.28
Whitehall	2,135.47	8.09%	$341,475.44
TOTAL	**26,402.20**	**100.00%**	**$4,221,882.24***

** This amount does not include $4,131.81 in delinquent tax revenue and interest. The MAISD paid this amount to districts on August 25, 2017.*