

Education

Mission Statement

The Office of Education through its partnerships with the School District of Palm Beach County, educational providers and local business partners supports efforts to provide high quality educational opportunities for residents of all ages. It works closely with the Education Board to support and implement its goals. These goals include:

- Supporting grade level reading proficiency.
- Assisting in the alignment of education and workforce readiness.
- Collaborating with the community to help with learning loss recovery.

Program: Education

The Office of Education is responsible for identifying, proposing, planning and implementation of policies and programmatic efforts of the City's Comprehensive Plan in support of high-quality educational opportunities for residents of all ages. This is accomplished through collaboration and partnerships with the School District of Palm Beach County, education providers, and local business partners.

Performance Measures	2021 Actual	2022 Projected	2023 Projected
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Goal: Advance quality education and learning opportunities for Delray Beach Citizens

Objective: Sustain programs and initiatives that supports the Campaign for Grade Level Reading which impacts at risk children from K to 3rd Grade.

Coordinate four programs to increase 3 rd grade reading scores	100%	100%	100%
Coordinate two early childhood programs with non-profit partners	100%	50%	100%
Coordinate three family engagement programs with non-profit partners	25%	50%	100%

Objective: Design and/or coordinate programs to support individuals from Middle, High School and beyond to improve economic independence.

Support four mentoring programs for middle/high school students	25%	50%	75%
Coordinate two workforce readiness program with non-profit partner and the Office of Economic Development	50%	100%	100%
Provide non-profits with support services for five grant application submittals for programs that support education goals	80%	100%	100%

Objective: Provide Diverse types of education and outreach programs to help with learning loss recovery due to COVID-19

Provide outreach and support for two reading and book distributions targeted at elementary school students	n/a	100%	100%
Help to support and coordinate 2 projects that provides high speed connectivity to wi-fi	n/a	100%	n/a
Execute one program or event to support middle and/or high school learning loss recovery	n/a	100%	100%

Staffing Levels	20-21	21-22	22-23
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Education Workforce Coordinator	1	1	1
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General Fund						
Expenditures by Type	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Revised	2023 Budget	\$ Change 2023-2022	% Change 2023-2022
Personnel Services	\$907	\$146,741	\$154,136	\$172,369	\$18,233	11.83%
Operating Expenses	-	50,239	121,517	109,639	(11,878)	-9.77%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	
Grants	-	62,000	105,000	288,000	183,000	174.29%
Total Expenditures	\$907	\$258,980	\$380,653	\$570,008	\$189,355	49.74%
Per Capita	\$0.01	\$3.89	\$5.67	\$7.97	\$2	40.55%

2021-22 Accomplishments

- **Digital Inclusion Initiative** : The City partnered with School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) to install a WiFi Mesh Network system in the Northwest/Southwest neighborhoods. This system will provide free broadband access to 1,440 children or 770 households as identified by SDPBC
- **COVID-19 Education Task Force** : The Education Task Force was created to study the effects of COVID-19 on education and find creative solutions for learning loss during the shut-down. Solutions included: launching a dedicated educational social media platform, teen listening tour, Mayor’s Attendance Campaign, Pre-K book distribution and more
- **Girls Go Build** : The Education Division produced and organized a virtual year-long out-of-school program entitled “Girls Go Build”. The program assisted middle school girls to explore careers in landscape architecture and the construction. The program included project-based learning and culminated in the construction of an outdoor wood deck at the Milagro Center with industry partner support
- **Campaign for Grade-Level Reading**: The Education Division participated in numerous national webinars to learn about the effects of Covid-19 on learning, collected data and shared information and results with stakeholders to help communitywide efforts in learning loss recovery
- **Census 2020**: The City formed the Complete Count Committee with community stakeholders to implement a comprehensive Census 2020 communications campaign for the city, and facilitated numerous training sessions for adults and students to become ambassadors to support the City in their efforts to communicate the importance of being counted