



Needs Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF)



November 18, 2025

- Transylvania County Schools was awarded a \$62,000,000.00 NBPSCF grant.

This is in ADDITION to the Step One Investment Projects being funded by the county with bond funds to provide renovations and repairs at all 9 schools. Over \$100 million will be invested in school improvements over the next four years.

What is the Needs-Based Public School Capital fund Grant (NBPSCF)?



State-funded capital grants for high-need counties

- Created by the NC General Assembly to support critical school construction in lower-wealth counties
- Funded by the North Carolina Education Lottery
- Up to \$62 million per grant project based on school type
- Helps counties build, renovate, or replace outdated or unsafe school facilities

Transylvania County qualified based on wealth tier (2) and facility need



Why Transylvania's Project Matters

Addressing decades of facility inequities

- Davidson River School (1945) and BHS CTE/EC Wings (1959/1974) are outdated and limiting student success
- DRS students: 0% earned credentials; 32% are EC; isolated from arts and advanced coursework
- CTE infrastructure: 18,000 sq ft below DPI standards and lacks capacity for modern equipment

This grant enables us to replace 66+ year-old facilities with 21st-century learning spaces

***Bond funds are repaid over 20 years and require continued public use of the facility during that time as a legal requirement of the bond's tax exempt status. ***



Impact Beyond the Buildings

This isn't just a construction project — it's an investment in lives and our local economy.

- 3,085+ students will benefit
- 16 career pathways fully accessible
- 300+ students earning industry credentials annually
- Enhanced arts wing = resource for all schools & community

From isolation and outdated systems... to opportunity and innovation



From Grant Awarding to Groundbreaking

- The School District leads and designs the new educational spaces in collaboration with county project staff just as has been occurring with the security vestibules. This keeps design and program decisions with schools with county supporting budgeting, contracting and timeline management for the project.
- The County manages the project - the same as the bond projects with design selections approved by school district and coordination with schools on logistics to maintain site safety and academic functions.

We are Educators - Not Construction Managers



We Have A Proven Partnership That Works



Why County Management Makes Sense

- The County has:
 - Experience managing large public construction with established processes for contracting, procurement, quality control and budget tracking.

Our team stays focused on:

- Student learning
- Space design for instruction
- Delivering innovation

Who Does What - Clear Roles, Shared Mission



Board Of Education

Designs the educational vision

Selects instructional layout and programming

Ensure spaces meet learning needs

County Government

Manages construction contracts

Continue use of the project manager

Ensures facilities get built safely and legally

Building a Stronger Tomorrow...Today



We stay student-centered and
they stay shovel-ready