

Evidence-Based Funding: Fiscal Year 2026 Spending Plan Cerro Gordo CUSD 100

Part I: Achieving Student Growth and Making Progress Toward State Education Goals

The questions below allow you to indicate the strategic priorities and strategies that will drive your efforts to achieve student growth and make progress toward state education goals. These may involve investing in any combination of an Organizational Unit's core resources: time, money, people, and programs.

Collaboration Opportunity - Organizational Units may find that Part I is most easily and effectively completed if led by program leaders in consultation with finance leaders.

1)	<p>What are the Organizational Unit's strategic goals for student success for the 2025-26 school year? What measures will be used to evaluate progress? (No more than 2000 characters, including spaces.)</p> <p>Cerro Gordo CUSD #100 will continue to target the reduction of chronic absenteeism and improvement of mathematics outcomes. Providing support for early interventions in Reading and Math at the elementary school will be coupled with support for the improvement of teaching and learning in the content areas in the upper grades.</p>												
2)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%;">Top Strategy 1</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Top Strategy 2</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Top Strategy 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Select the top three strategies that the Organizational Unit will employ to achieve student growth and make progress toward state education goals. (Select three different responses from the dropdown list.)</td> <td>Maintain or expand pupil support services</td> <td>Improve programs, curriculum, and/or learning tools</td> <td>Focus increased time and attention on special student groups</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">If "Other" was selected in question 2, please describe. (No more than 1000 characters, including spaces.)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Top Strategy 1	Top Strategy 2	Top Strategy 3	Select the top three strategies that the Organizational Unit will employ to achieve student growth and make progress toward state education goals. (Select three different responses from the dropdown list.)	Maintain or expand pupil support services	Improve programs, curriculum, and/or learning tools	Focus increased time and attention on special student groups	If "Other" was selected in question 2, please describe. (No more than 1000 characters, including spaces.)			
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Part II: Planned Use of Evidence-Based Funding

The questions below provide an opportunity to document the stakeholders with whom you consulted and the data you analyzed as you determined your strategic allocations of FY 2026 EBF dollars. Key statistics related to EBF distributions are provided for your reference. Form 50-36/50-39 is typically released before current-year appropriations are known. Therefore, the figures provided are for the prior fiscal year.

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Evidence-Based Funding Organizational Unit Results (FY 2025)	<i>Final Resources / Adequacy Target = Percent of Adequacy</i>	Average Student Enrollment	423.50	Adequacy Target	\$5,539,566
		Final Resources	\$5,314,031	Percent of Adequacy	96%
	<i>Base Funding Minimum + Tier Funding = Gross State Contribution</i>	Tier Assignment	3	Gross State Contribution	\$1,412,355
		FY25 Base Funding Minimum	\$1,404,983	FY 2025 Tier Funding	\$7,372
		Low-Income Students	\$143,066		
		English Learners (ELs)	\$0		
<i>Within FY 2025 Gross State Contribution, Resources Attributable to Specific Populations</i>	Special Education	\$118,158			

1)	FY 2026 Tier Funding Allocation*: Enter the dollar amount of Tier Funding (e.g., NEW MONEY only) allocated to the Organizational Unit for FY 2026. Select whether the amount is estimated or actual funding.	FY 2026 Tier Funding	Funding Type (Select)	<p><small>*Note: Tier Funding allocations are published annually at https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ebfdistribution.aspx. Amounts are available in early August. Districts must use actual funding amounts if they are available before submitting the budget to ISBE.</small></p>
		\$7,599	Actual	

2)	<p>Select the <u>top three</u> sources of data used to inform the Organizational Unit's planned allocation of EBF dollars. (Select three different responses.)</p>	Data Source 1	Data Source 2	Data Source 3
		Attendance data (e.g., chronic absenteeism, graduation or dropout rates)	Student grades or other local academic performance data	Student growth and achievement data, disaggregated by student groups

3)	Indicate with which groups the Organizational Unit engaged to inform its intended allocation of EBF dollars. (Select any that apply; otherwise leave blank.)	Bilingual Program Director(s)		Principals	Yes	Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee	
		Special Ed. Program Director(s)	Yes	School Improvement Teams		Other Parent Group(s)	
		Other Program Leaders	Yes	Teacher or Support Staff Unions		Community Focus Group(s)	
		School Board Members		Other School Staff	Yes	Other	
	(Optional) Provide a brief description of the Organizational Unit's process for consulting with internal and external stakeholders in determining the allocation of EBF dollars. (No more than 1000 characters, including spaces.)						
		Priority Investment 1	Priority Investment 2	Priority Investment 3			
4)	Given the data analyzed, the stakeholders consulted, and the priorities identified in Part I, indicate the top three priority investments the Organizational Unit will make with its FY 2026 Base Funding Minimum (e.g., excluding Tier Funding). Choose "Other" if investments do not match the provided list. (Select three different responses. "Other" may be selected more than once if needed.)	Core Teachers	Supervisory Aide	Instructional Materials			
	If "Other" was selected in question 4, please describe. (No more than 1000 characters, including spaces.)						
<p align="center">Cost Factor Table</p> <p>The table below presents the regionally adjusted amount embedded in the Organizational Unit's FY 2025 Adequacy Target for each of the 34 cost factors in the Evidence-Based Funding model (Column F). Column G is required for all Organizational Units that receive at least \$5,000 in Tier Funding, while column H is optional. Organizational Units may choose to provide additional narrative context in Columns I-M to elaborate on the figures included in the table. ISBE has produced guidance for populating the cost factor table. The guidance includes a definition for each cost factor, along with suggestions for using Employee Information System position codes and common expenditure accounts to support a determination of expenditures. This guidance is available at https://www.isbe.net/ebfspendingplan.</p> <p>Column G: If the Organizational Unit will receive at least \$5,000 in FY 2026 Tier Funding (as entered in Q2.1/cell G31), column G is required. Please indicate the Organizational Unit's planned expenditures in FY 2026 from Tier Funds only. Organizational Units are not expected to place a value in each cell. Rather, the table allows for the communication of priority investments with new state resources for the current fiscal year. During years in which there is no new Tier Funding, column G will not be required. During years in which Tier Funding is available, the amount of new Tier Funding entered in Q2.1/cell G31 above must equal the sum in cell G90 below. If some or all Tier Funding is invested outside of the cost factors, enter a dollar amount in cell G89 and provide additional context in the space for a narrative beginning in row 93.</p> <p>Column H: Optionally, Organizational Units may populate column H with total planned expenditures in FY 2026 for each cost factor from all revenue sources (e.g., not just from EBF). By comparing the figures in column F to the figures entered in column H, the Organizational Unit may engage local stakeholders in productive dialogue about resource allocation decisions.</p>							
<p align="center">Cost Factors</p>		Amount in FY 2025 Adjusted Adequacy Target	Budgeted FY 2026 Investments with New Tier Funding [Required]	Budgeted FY 2026 Expenditures (All Resources) [Optional]	Optional District Narratives		
Core Investments	Core Teachers	\$1,296,432	\$7,599		Enter optional context for core investment decisions.		
	Specialist Teachers	\$307,106					
	Instructional Facilitator	\$140,968					
	Core Intervention Teacher	\$57,968					
	Substitute Teachers	\$42,970					
	Guidance Counselor	\$94,576					
	Nurse	\$30,741					
	Supervisory Aide	\$54,142					
	Librarian	\$64,381					
	Librarian Aide	\$39,071					
	Principal	\$94,909					
	Assistant Principal	\$82,664					
	School Site Staff	\$64,967					
Subtotal		\$2,370,894	\$7,599				

Per Student Investments	Gifted	\$37,800		Enter optional context for per student investment decisions.
	Professional Development	\$52,938		
	Instructional Materials	\$137,638		
	Assessments	\$14,399		
	Computer & Tech Equipment	\$120,909		
	Student Activities	\$160,603		
	Maintenance & Operations	\$635,674		
	Central Office	\$424		
	Employee Benefits	\$1,084,803		
	Subtotal*	\$2,628,704		
Additional Investments	Low-Income Intervention Teacher	\$54,263		Enter optional context for additional investment decisions.
	Low-Income Pupil Support Staff	\$54,263		
	Low-Income Extended Day Teacher	\$56,298		
	Low-Income Summer School Teacher	\$56,298		
	EL Intervention Teacher	\$0		
	EL Pupil Support Staff	\$0		
	EL Extended Day Teacher	\$0		
	EL Summer School Teacher	\$0		
	EL Core Teacher	\$0		
	Sp Ed Teacher	\$203,486		
	Sp Ed Instructional Assistant	\$83,724		
	Sp Ed Psychologist	\$31,638		
		Subtotal	\$539,969	
	Other Investments			
	Total**	\$5,539,566	\$7,599	
		Tier Funding Check (Cell G90)		Complete, G90=G31
<p>*The subtotal for Per Student Investments is a calculated figure that adjusts salary portions of Central Office and Maintenance & Operations to account for regional salary differences. As a result, the sum of each individual cost factor will not equal the subtotal.</p> <p>**The total is the Final Adequacy Target (adjusted for Regionalization Factor) calculated in the Full FY 2025 EBF Calculation file. Due to differences in rounding, this figure may vary slightly from the sum of the subtotals in this table.</p>				
<p>If some or all Tier Funding was invested outside of the cost factors, please describe. (No more than 1000 characters, including spaces.)</p>				
<p align="center">Part III: Support for Special Student Groups</p> <p>EBF statute sets aside specific allocations to be spent for special education, English learners, and low-income students. Per statute these designated funds must be spent on programs and services benefiting these specific student groups. Funds for English learners and low-income students must be spent in addition to, and not in lieu of, funding that supports general programs of instruction for all students. Funds attributable to special education must be used for the provision of special education facilities and services as outlined in ILCS 14-1.08. Current-year EBF amounts attributable to each of the special student groups must be reported in Question 1 below (cells G100-G102). If the Organizational Unit received at least \$5,000 for any of the student groups, a response to Questions 2 through 4 below is required. For amounts less than \$5,000, a response is optional for those questions. All other EBF funds may be spent in any manner deemed appropriate by the school district.</p> <p align="center"><i>Collaboration Opportunity - Organizational Units may find that questions in this section are most easily and effectively completed through collaboration between program leaders affiliated with each student group and finance leaders.</i></p>				
1) FY 2026 Student Population Allocations*: Enter the dollar amount of resources attributable to Specific Populations within the FY26 Gross State Contribution. Enter "0" if no funds are allocated for a student group. Select whether amounts are estimated or actual.	Low-Income Students	\$143,605	Actual	*Note: Allocations for each of the three student groups are published annually at isbe.net/ebfdist under "Reports." Amounts are typically available by September 1. Districts must use actual funding amounts if they are available before submitting the budget to ISBE.
	English Learners	\$0	Actual	
	Special Education	\$118,746	Actual	

2)	Organizational Unit investment of EBF dollars for low-income students: Select the investments that apply. (Optionally, dollar amounts for each investment may be entered.)	Low-Income Intervention Teacher	Yes	Low-Income Extended Day Teacher		Other Investments	
	Response Required	[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]	
		Low-Income Pupil Support Staff		Low-Income Summer School Teacher			
		[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]			
Additional context for the Organizational Unit's planned use of dollars attributable to low-income students in FY 2026. (Required if "Other Investments" selected above. No more than 500 characters, including spaces.)							
3)	Organizational Unit investment of EBF dollars for English learners: Select the investments that apply. (Optionally, dollar amounts for each investment may be entered.)	English Learner Intervention Teacher		English Learner Extended Day Teacher		English Learner Core Teacher	
	Response Optional	[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]	
		English Learner Pupil Support Staff		English Learner Summer School Teacher		Other Investments	
		[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]	
Additional context for the Organizational Unit's planned use of dollars attributable to English learners in FY 2026. (Required if "Other Investments" selected above. No more than 500 characters, including spaces.)							
4)	Organizational Units investment of EBF dollars for Special Education: Select the investments that apply. (Optionally, dollar amounts for each investment may be entered.)	Special Education Teacher		Special Education Psychologist			
	Response Required	[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]			
		Special Education Instructional Assistant	Yes	Other Investments			
		[Optional - Enter \$]		[Optional - Enter \$]			
Additional context for the Organizational Unit's planned use of dollars attributable to Special Education students in FY 2026. (Required if "Other Investments" selected above. No more than 500 characters, including spaces.)							
<p align="center">Plan Assurances</p> <p>Please complete the assurances below related to Article 14C of the Illinois School Code, which contains provisions for EL services, parent participation, and the use of EBF dollars provided for English learners. It is the joint responsibility of home and serving entities to ensure compliance related to the use of state funding provided for English learners. Organizational Units should maintain supporting documentation (e.g., sign-in sheets, meeting agendas) to affirm the veracity of the below assurances. Responses in this section are only required if an Organizational Unit receives any amount of EBF dollars attributable to English learners.</p> <p align="center"><i>Collaboration Opportunity - Organizational Units may find that the plan assurances are most easily and effectively completed if led by program leaders.</i></p>							
<p>1). "I hereby affirm that at least 60% of the school district's state funds attributable to English learners will be used for instructional costs of programs and services for English learners (function 1000), in accordance with Article 14C of the Illinois School Code. The remaining balance of state funds attributable to English learners will also be used to serve English learners."</p> <p>N/A <input type="text"/></p> <p>2). "My school district has at least one attendance center with 20 or more English learners (including parental refusals) who speak the same home language other than English in grades K-12. Alternatively and/or additionally, my school district has at least one attendance center with 20 or more English learners (including parent refusals) who speak the same home language other than English in pre-K."</p> <p>Required <input type="text"/> No <input type="text"/></p> <p>3). "I hereby affirm that the school district's BPAC will review this EBF Spending Plan by or before October 31, 2025."</p> <p>N/A <input type="text"/></p> <p>4). Enter the anticipated date on which the BPAC review will take place and the name of the BPAC chair for SY 2025-26.</p> <p>N/A <input type="text"/></p> <p align="center">BPAC Meeting (MM/DD/YYYY) <input type="text"/></p> <p align="center">Name of Chair <input type="text"/></p>							

Spending Plan Completion Tracker		
Use the information below to confirm completion of all required questions. Note that the "status" column adjusts to responses, so the tracker is most helpful to consult <u>after</u> you have completed the spending plan.		
Question	Status	Acceptance Criteria
Part 1, Q1	Complete	Character length of response must be >10 and <=2000, including spaces.
Part 1, Q2	Complete	A different response must be selected in G11, I11, and L11; cells cannot be blank.
Part 1, Q2 (Narrative)	Complete	Response required only if "Other" selected in G11, I11, or L11; character length of response must be >10 and <=1000, including spaces.
Part 2, Q1	Complete	A numeric value must be entered in cell G31 (estimated or actual Tier Funding, or 0 if appropriations did not include Tier Funding). A type must be selected in cell H31.
Part 2, Q2	Complete	A different response must be selected in G35, I35, and L35; cells cannot be blank.
Part 2, Q3	Complete	At least one response must be selected.
Part 2, Q4	Complete	Cells G43, I43, and L43 cannot be blank. "Other" may be selected more than once, but other responses may not be repeated.
Part 2, Q4 (Narrative)	Complete	Response required only if "Other" selected in G43, I43, or L43; character length of response must be >10 and <=1000, including spaces.
Part 2, Q5 (Cell G90)	Complete	Cell G90 must be equal to the value in cell G31.
Part 2, Q5 (Narrative)	Complete	Response required only if a value was entered in cell G89; character length of response must be >10 and <=1000, including spaces.
Part 3, Q1 Low-Income Funds	Complete	A numeric value must be entered. A type must be selected in cell H100.
Part 3, Q1 English Learner Funds	Complete	A numeric value must be entered, which may be "0" if the organizational unit received no funding for the specified student group. A type must be selected in cell H101.
Part 3, Q1 Spec. Ed. Funds	Complete	A numeric value must be entered. A type must be selected in cell H102.
Part 3, Q2	Complete	At least one response must be selected.
Part 3, Q2 (Narrative)	Complete	Response required only if "Other Investments" was selected in the previous question; character length of response must be >10 and <=500, including spaces.
Part 3, Q3	Complete	At least one response must be selected.
Part 3, Q3 (Narrative)	Complete	Response required only if "Other Investments" was selected in the previous question; character length of response must be >10 and <=500, including spaces.
Part 3, Q4	Complete	At least one response must be selected.
Part 3, Q4 (Narrative)	Complete	Response required only if "Other Investments" was selected in the previous question; character length of response must be >10 and <=500, including spaces.
Assurances 1	Complete	Response required if the value entered in cell G101>0.
Assurances 2	Complete	Response required if the value entered in cell G101>0.
Assurances 3	Complete	Response required if "Yes" selected in cell E133.
Assurances 4 (Meeting Date)	Complete	Response required if "Yes" selected in cell E133; enter date in MM/DD/YYYY format.
Assurances 4 (Name of Chair)	Complete	Response required if "Yes" selected in cell E133.