

Below is an executive summary of the Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and uAspire, Inc.

Program	uAspire
Status	Request approval of the Agreement with uAspire, Inc.
Funds Requested	Two annual payments of \$27,140 (Aug. 1, 2016 & 2017)
Financial Impact Statement	There is no financial impact to the District beyond the requested funds. Existing staff and resources will be utilized for this initiative after participating in the uAspire training.
Schools Included	All schools serving grade 12
Managing Department/School	School Counseling & BRACE
Source of Additional Information	https://www.uaspire.org/providers/trainingpartnerships/hip-rfp
Program Description	<p>Lack of financial resources is a primary barrier for students to pursue a postsecondary education. Annually, approximately 36% of graduating BCPS seniors complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which provides access to loans, grants, and work study options to financing a postsecondary opportunity. As a result, our graduates leave over \$10,000,000 in Pell Grants on the table, annually.</p> <p>This uAspire training will provide professional development for 200 staff and district partners to become master financial aid advisors to help students complete a FAFSA, understand their financial aid package, and make an appropriate choice on the “best fit” postsecondary option. Additionally, two district leaders will receive professional development to create the infrastructure and support systems for the new financial aid advisors to increase student acquisition of funding.</p>
Evaluation Plan	The district receives student-by-student FAFSA completion data via the State to determine the percentage completed. Financial aid values will be collected via the Senior Survey.
Research Methodology	Year-over-year comparisons of FAFSA completion rates and student financial aid package values.