

Topic	iCademy Global (Cyber Charter / PSA)	Traditional Districts in Ottawa County
Core per-pupil funding (foundation allowance)	Receives the full state foundation allowance of \$10,050 per pupil for FY 2025-26, same as all public schools.	Receive the full foundation allowance of \$10,050 per pupil (FY 2025-26), assuming the required 18-mill operating levy is maintained.
Local operating millage (18 mills on non-homestead)	Cannot levy property taxes; all operational revenue comes from the State School Aid Fund.	Must levy up to 18 mills on non-homestead property to receive the full foundation allowance; failure to renew or levy reduces total revenue.
Enhancement millage (Ottawa Area ISD)	Eligible for the OAISD 0.9-mill enhancement millage (approved 2018), which provides about \$230–\$250 per pupil, distributed equally per-pupil to all districts and PSAs.	Also receives the same per-pupil allocation (~\$230–\$250) from the OAISD enhancement millage, used for general operating purposes such as staffing, safety, or instructional needs.
Bonds & sinking funds for facilities	Cannot levy local bonds or sinking funds; must finance facilities and major equipment through operating dollars or private financing.	May seek voter approval for bonds or sinking funds to finance facilities, technology, and transportation—common practice in Ottawa County.
Special education (local ISD millage)	Supported by the Ottawa Area ISD special-education millage, which helps cover unreimbursed costs for both districts and PSAs.	Same access—OAISD distributes special-education millage revenue to all constituent districts and charter schools based on need.
State categorical funds (e.g., 31a, 31aa, 35a)	Eligible for the same categorical funds (At-Risk, Mental Health, Early Literacy, etc.) under identical criteria.	Same eligibility and distribution formulas for categorical funding.
Federal funds (Title I, II, III, IDEA, etc.)	Eligible based on student counts and demographics; funds flow through MDE or the ISD.	Same.
Authorizer / governance nuance	Operates under a charter contract with Lake Superior State University. Governed by a public board of directors but has no local taxing authority.	Governed by locally elected boards within the OAISD framework and authorized directly by the State of Michigan.