

HOUSE BUDGET EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
Base Budget	\$11,153,715,156		\$11,153,715,156	
Reserve for Salaries & Benefits				
Provides funding for an across-the-board salary increase of 4.25% in FY 2023-24, and an additional across-the-board salary increase of 3.25% in FY 2024-25.	\$386,608,409	R	\$682,250,135	R
Provides additional funding for the Teacher Supplement Assistance Allotment. The revised appropriation for the program is \$240 million.	\$70,000,000	R	\$70,000,000	R
Provides funding to restore advanced degree salary supplements for public school personnel.	\$8,000,000	R	\$8,000,000	R
Provides funding for paid parental leave for public school personnel.	\$10,000,000	R	\$10,000,000	R
Provides additional funding for bus driver salary increases on top of the across-the-board raises. These funds will increase salaries on average by an additional 2% in FY 2023-24.	\$4,716,932	R	\$4,716,932	R
Provides funding for an across-the-board salary increase of 4.25% in FY 2023-24, and an additional across-the-board salary increase of 3.25% in FY 2024-25.	\$2,645,324	R	\$4,668,219	R
Provides funding for labor market salary adjustments to positions that are not paid based on an experience-based salary schedule or have a salary set in law. The funds shall be used by agencies to address specific staffing issues by providing targeted salary increases to recruit and retain capable labor.	\$622,429	R	\$622,429	R
Increases the State's contribution for members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) supported by the General Fund to fund the actuarially determined contribution and retiree medical premiums. The separate Retiree Benefit Enhancement Reserve contains funds for cost-of-living adjustments of 1% in FY 2023-24 and an additional 1% in FY 2024-25.	\$69,658,231	R	\$105,880,512	R

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Provides additional funding to continue health benefit coverage for enrolled active employees supported by the General Fund for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.	\$39,207,511	R	\$167,204,017	R
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Adjusts funding for the Low Wealth Counties Supplemental Funding and At-Risk Student Services allotments resulting from changes in local factors like per-capita income and number of students living in poverty. The formulas for these allotments are unchanged from the prior year.	(\$55,321,730)	R	(\$55,321,730)	R
Adjusts funding to reflect changes in the average salary of various public school positions based on actual salary data from December 2022. This adjustment does not reduce any salary paid to personnel, nor does it reduce the number of guaranteed State-funded positions.	(\$12,673,772)	R	(\$12,673,772)	R
Adjusts the budgeted amounts for certain funds based on changes in costs not directly tied to ADM, such as changes in annual leave payout, worker's compensation, and student transportation.	\$34,896,449	R	\$34,896,449	R
Adjusts funding budgeted for the Exceptional Children (EC) preschool and school-age allotments as well as the Limited English Proficient (LEP) allotment to reflect actual student headcount.	\$20,146,164	R	\$20,146,164	R
Provides funding for an allotted Average Daily Membership (ADM) of 1,549,792 students in FY 2022-23. This revision includes adjustments to multiple position, dollar, and categorical allotments.	\$ 20,120,864	R	\$ 20,120,864	R

State Public School Fund (SPSF)				
Modifies the budget to reflect additional receipts from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund to the SPSF and reduces the net General Fund appropriation by the same amount. Total requirements for the SPSF are not affected by this adjustment.	(\$79,000,000)	R	(\$19,000,000)	R
Budgets additional receipts from the Education Lottery Fund to support noninstructional support personnel. Total requirements for this allotment are not affected by this adjustment.	(\$46,000,000)	R	(\$50,000,000)	R
Modifies the budget to reflect additional receipts from the transfer of Sales and Use Tax proceeds from the Department of Revenue to the SPSF as the transfer was established in S.L. 2005-276 and reduces the net General Fund appropriation by the same amount. Total requirements for the SPSF are not affected by this adjustment.	(\$20,000,000)	R	(\$20,000,000)	R
Reduces funding for the Digital Learning Plan coinciding with the repeal of S.L. 2017-57 Sec. 7.23K(c). The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$2.2 million in each year of the biennium.	(\$1,811,043)	R	(\$1,811,043)	R
Reduces the funding for the Instructional Support Allotment to reflect the transfer of 3,241 school nurse, school counselor, and school social worker positions to the School Psychologist Allotment, which will be redesignated as the School Health Personnel Allotment. The revised total requirements for this allotment, including technical adjustments, are \$265.9 million in each year of the biennium.	(\$295,830,060)	R	(\$295,830,060)	R
Reflects the transfer of 3,241 school nurse, school counselor, and school social worker positions from the Instructional Support Allotment to the School Psychologist Allotment, which will be redesignated as the School Health Personnel Allotment. This item also provides funding to hire an additional 120 positions. The revised total requirements for this allotment, including technical adjustments, are \$347.4 million in each year of the biennium.	\$305,830,060	R	\$305,830,060	R
Provides funds for teacher assistants for fourth grade classes. One teacher assistant will be provided for every four classes of 21 students in the fourth grade. This allotment is supported by \$1.0 million in receipts from the Indian Gaming Education Fund. The revised total requirements for teacher assistants, including technical adjustments, are \$543.1 million in each year of the biennium.	\$59,000,000	R	\$59,000,000	R

Provides additional funds to increase all tiers of the Small County supplemental funding allotment. The total requirements of this allotment, including technical adjustments, are \$74.7 million in FY 2023-24 and \$79.7 million in FY 2024-25.	\$20,000,000	R	\$25,000,000	R
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund for the school safety grants program to support students in crisis, school safety training, and the purchase of safety equipment.	\$20,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$20,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR
Provides funds for DPI to allot additional flexible funds to schools with a student population made up of more than 80% economically disadvantaged students that exceed growth on school wide EVAAS measures.	\$10,000,000	R	\$10,000,000	R
Provides funds to DPI to support professional development for teachers. Of these funds, \$500,000 on a recurring basis shall be used for professional development in economics and personal finance.	\$10,000,000	R	\$10,000,000	R
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund for PSUs to contract with third-party entities for technology to mitigate cyberbullying, monitor student internet activity, monitor classroom educational devices, and assist with suicide prevention services.	\$10,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$10,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to DPI to reward teacher assistants who complete coursework to become teachers.	\$10,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$10,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR
Budgets a transfer of projected interest earned from the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve to support student nutrition by providing funds for the Department of Public Instruction to reduce school meal debt.	\$7,800,000 (from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund)	NR		
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to DPI to administer a grant to establish, update, or expand programs or services that support or treat the underlying behavior of a student to facilitate the student's continued in-person education when the student's behavior would otherwise hinder or interfere with the academic success of students or operation of the educational environment	\$6,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$6,000,000	NR
Provides funds for DPI to continue the Educational and Competitive After-School Robotics Grant Program first established in S.L. 2021-180 in FY 2023-24.	\$3,000,000	NR		

Budgets additional receipts from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund for driver training. The total receipts budgeted for this purpose are \$32.7 million in FY 2022-23.	\$2,500,000 (from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund)	R	\$2,500,000 (from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund)	R
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to DPI to create a competitive grant program for public school units to promote health careers to high school students and their families.	\$2,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR		
Provides funds for a grant program for the support of CTE programs for the purchase of ancillary items from a list promulgated by DPI.	\$200,000 \$1,200,000	R NR	\$200,000 \$1,200,000	R NR
Provides additional funding to expand the Advanced Teaching Roles Program as established in G.S. 115C-311. The revised net appropriation for Advanced Teaching Roles is \$4.5 million in each year of the biennium.	\$1,000,000	R	\$1,000,000	R
Provides funds to cover fees for teachers pursuing National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification.	\$1,000,000	R	\$1,000,000	R
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to DPI to create a competitive grant program for public school units to engage in experiential science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs.	\$1,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$1,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR
Provides additional recurring funds for the TAs to Teachers program to reflect broadening the districts and number of TAs eligible for the program, which provides tuition expenses for TAs enrolled in coursework to earn a teaching license. The revised net appropriation for this program is \$875,815 for each year of the biennium.	\$575,000	R	\$575,000	R
Provides additional funds for the Transportation Reserve Fund for Homeless and Foster Children established in S.L. 2021-180 to support the extraordinary transportation costs of qualifying students. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$3.0 million in each year of the biennium.	\$175,384	R	\$175,384	R
Provides additional funds for the Charter School Transportation Grant Program established in S.L. 2021-180. Charter schools with at least 50% of students qualifying for the free and reduced-priced lunch program can apply for reimbursement of up to 65% of their student transportation costs. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$2.5 million in each year of the biennium.	\$ 146,153	R	\$ 146,153	R

Department of Public Instruction				
Eliminates administrative funding associated with the Innovative School District program, which was sunset effective June 30, 2023, pursuant to Section 7.14 of S.L. 2021-180.	(\$470,236)	R	(\$470,236)	R
Provides funds for DPI to contract with Plasma Games, Inc., to make available to PSUs STEM-focused educational software in STEM and CTE classes.	\$5,000,000	R	\$5,000,000	R
Provides funds to DPI to contract with Learning.com to carry out the requirements of S.L. 2017-57 Sec. 7.23K.	\$4,000,000	R	\$4,000,000	R
Provides funds for DPI to contract with Betabox, Inc. to provide PSUs with curriculum, instructional coaching, hands on experiences, and other resources in STEM subjects.	\$3,000,000	R	\$3,000,000	R
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to DPI to contract with MyScholar LLC to create a 12th-Grade Transition Pilot for all high school students.	\$2,500,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$2,500,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR
Provides funds for K-12 teachers across the State to receive training in computer science.	\$1,250,000	NR	\$1,250,000	NR
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund for the Center for Safer Schools to conduct a school safety awareness campaign and continue contracts to conduct threat assessment team development.	\$900,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR		
Provides ongoing funding for the Center for Safer School's anonymous tip line, which facilitates anonymous reporting of school safety threats	\$850,000	R	\$850,000	R
Provides funds for DPI to contract with the Children and Parent Resource Group, Inc. for the Life Changing Experiences Program, a 3-dimensional and interactive multimedia education program that focuses on activities that negatively impact teenagers, including alcohol and drugs, dangerous driving, violence, and bullying.	\$500,000	NR	\$500,000	NR
Provides funds for a new Assistant Director position in the Office of Charter Schools at DPI, including operating costs	\$101,938	R	\$130,382	R
Provides funds to DPI to develop a career exploration course to be offered to seventh graders throughout the State.	\$100,000	NR		

NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT)				
Provides funds for NCCAT to hire additional personnel and adjust current salaries to expand services. These additional funds will allow NCCAT to serve more teachers each year.	\$1,590,201	R	\$1,590,201	R
Residential Schools for the Deaf and Blind				
Provides funds to DPI to maintain the Governor Morehead School, which has 26 buildings totaling 260,000 square feet on 34 acres. The Department of Health and Human Services will also transfer 16 maintenance positions, and associated salaries and benefits, or their equivalent to DPI.	\$1,395,547	R	\$1,395,547	R
Pre-K Early Literacy				
Provides funds to DPI to select and purchase a supplemental assessment that adequately measures early literacy skills identified by the Science of Reading, accompanying assessment materials as applicable, and training for all pre-K teachers.	\$969,000 \$970,000	R NR	\$969,000	R
Pass-Through Grants				
Provides a directed grant to NC Education Corps for the purpose of partnering with public school units to recruit, train, and deploy corps members to work as tutors and mentors with public school students.			\$11,700,000	NR
Provides additional funds for Communities in Schools of NC to continue programs started with federal pandemic-relief funds to provide students with assistance and enrichment activities, including over the summer. The revised net appropriation for Communities in Schools is \$2.5 million in FY 2023-24 and \$3.5 million in FY 2024-25.			\$1,000,000	R
Provides additional funding as a pass-through grant to Beginnings for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc., a nonprofit that helps parents and families understand hearing loss and the diverse needs of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium.	\$500,000	R	\$500,000	R
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund for a directed grant to North Carolina's Eastern Alliance Corporation for the STEM Network program.	\$500,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$500,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR

Provides a directed grant to the Clarence Henderson Education Foundation to develop and implement a program to teach public school students about NC's Civil Rights history.	\$350,000	NR		
Public Instruction – Internal Service				
Budgets the reduced transfer from the State Public School Fund (13510-1800), as reflected in the ADM adjustment, to support the State Textbook Fund.	(\$1,744,710)	R	(\$1,744,710)	R
Budgets a portion of the existing fund balance to support school bus replacement.	\$14,173,068	NR		

Other K-12 Related Spending	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
North Carolina Future Farmers of America CTE Grants				
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund for a grant to the North Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America, Inc. (FFA). FFA shall administer grants to support agriculture education at middle and high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.	\$2,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$2,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR
UNCG Scholastic Esports League				
Provides funds to The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) to form the UNCG Scholastic Esports Alliance, which will be a statewide esports league for North Carolina middle and high schools. UNCG may direct the nonrecurring funds provided for this purpose to the non-profit support corporation SERVE, Inc.	\$1,450,000 \$7,000,000	R NR	\$1,450,000	R
UNC BOG – Related Education Programs				
Budgets receipts transferred from the Escheat Fund for the Longleaf Commitment Community College Grant Program, which provides need-based financial aid to high school graduates who attend a North Carolina community college. Funds provided for this purpose are intended to increase the number of North Carolina residents who can attend community college tuition-free.	\$25,000,000 (from the Escheat Fund)	R	\$25,000,000 (from the Escheat Fund)	R
Provides additional funds to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve (Reserve), which supports awards for Opportunity Scholarship Program recipients. Funding provided for this purpose is intended to help prevent a waitlist for the			\$25,000,000	R

program. The revised net appropriation to the Reserve is \$216.5 million in FY 2024-25.				
Budgets receipts from the Information Technology (IT) Reserve to the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) for upgrades of their K-12 grant system	\$15,000,000 (from the Information Technology Reserve)	NR		
Provides additional funds to support tuition grants for high school graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) who attend eligible North Carolina institutes of higher education. Funding provided for this purpose is intended to support new high school classes that are eligible to receive the 4-year award, while also allowing for students to receive an award if they attend an eligible in-state private postsecondary institution. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$5.8 million in FY 2023-24 and \$7.8 million in FY 2024-25.	\$2,282,778	R	\$4,343,961	R