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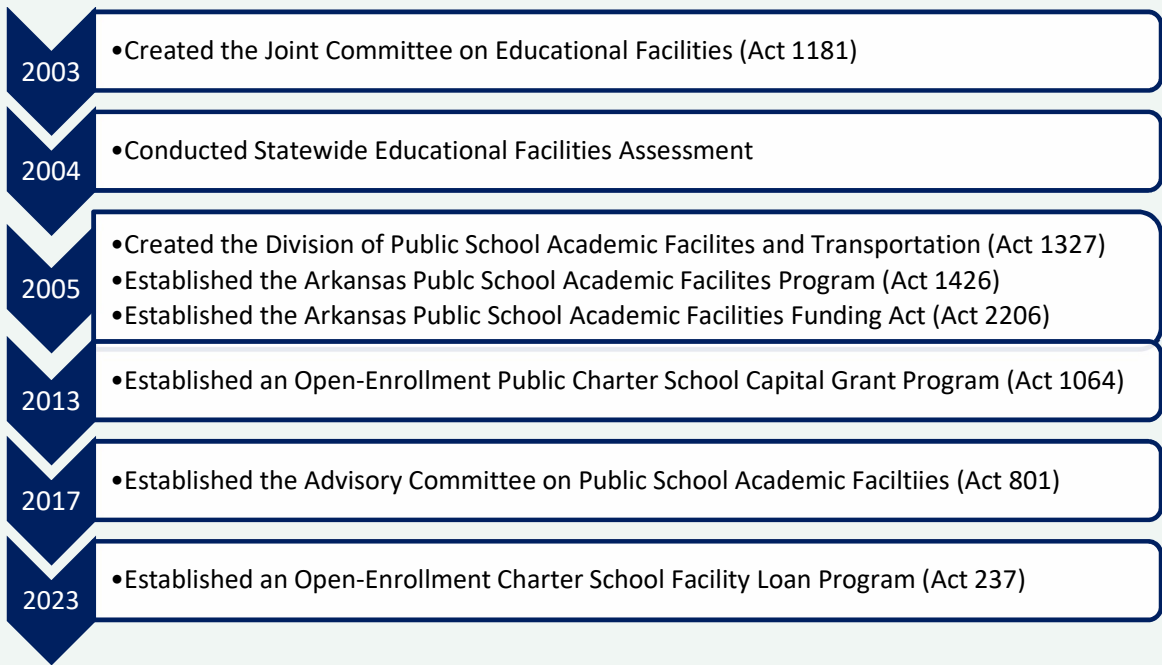


Introduction

According to Ark. Code Annotated § 6-21-802, the General Assembly found that because of the opinions of the Supreme Court in the matter of *Lake View School District No. 25 vs. Huckabee*, it is the duty of the State of Arkansas to provide all public school children with an opportunity for an adequate education, which includes access to adequate academic facilities and equipment.

Below is an abbreviated timeline showing the state’s ongoing efforts to satisfy Arkansas’s statutory requirements related to providing adequate academic facilities and equipment to all public school children. A full history of legislative changes since Judge Kilgore’s May 25, 2001, decision is available in Appendix A.

Legislative Response Timeline



This report reviews the funding programs established for Arkansas school district and open-enrollment public charter school academic facilities and information on other state models for funding academic facilities.

School District Facilities Funding

Arkansas public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools (charter schools) have access to different state funding sources for building, renovating, and maintaining academic facilities. Upon meeting all program requirements, traditional public school districts can access funding through the following facilities funding programs: Academic Facilities Partnership, Academic Facilities Catastrophic, and Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances. Upon meeting all program requirements, open-enrollment public charter schools can access funding through the Facilities Funding Aid Program, and beginning in the 2023-25 biennium, an Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Loan Program.

Academic Facilities Funding

Funding for the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account used for facilities funding programs is generally drawn from three main funding sources:

1. **General Revenue:** From fiscal year (FY)2007 through FY2015, the state allocated about \$35 million annually for school district facilities. Beginning in FY2016, the allocation for facilities was increased to almost \$42 million annually. In FY2023, the allocation was over \$70 million. No general revenues are allocated in FY2024 as the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) will use Restricted Reserve Funds and Bonded Debt Assistance Savings transfers exclusively.
2. **Bonded Debt Assistance Savings:** As Bonded Debt Assistance distributions to districts decrease, the remaining funds are transferred to the Academic Facilities Partnership Program^[1]. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) estimates Bonded Debt Assistance Savings for FY2024 will be \$21.8 million.
3. **Fund Transfers:** The Facilities Partnership Fund has received a number of fund transfers since the inception of the program from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund, General Improvement Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and most recently the Restricted Reserve Fund. In FY2024, the General Assembly elected to use \$83 Million in allocated Restricted Reserve Funds for the Facilities Partnership Program.

State Academic Facilities Funding FY2020 – FY2024

This table shows the funding amounts provided and estimated to be provided to the Facilities Division to administer facilities funding programs from FY2020 through FY2024.

Fiscal Year	Bonded Debt Assistance Savings & Fund Transfers		Total Funding
	General Revenue	Fund Transfers	
FY2020	\$41,828,951	\$17,940,512	\$59,769,463
FY2021	\$41,828,951	\$18,608,566	\$60,437,517
FY2022	\$41,828,951	\$48,298,908	\$90,127,859
FY2023	\$70,328,951	\$20,841,650	\$91,170,601
FY2024 Est.*	\$0	\$104,878,150	\$104,878,15

*Funding for this fiscal year is estimated. In FY2024, the General Assembly authorized for a one-time transfer of \$24 Million using existing fund balances to the Extraordinary Circumstances Partnership fund to provide additional assistance to three school districts.
Source: BLR Fiscal Services

The General Assembly has provided facilities programs an average of about \$90 million annually from FY2005 through FY2023, and provided about \$1.7 billion in total funding between FY2005 and FY2023,

^[1] See Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2503(b)(3)(B) (providing that the amount of bonded debt assistance provided by the state will decrease "to correlate with reductions in principal and interest payments and increases in property assessments").

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2507 (creating the Academic Facilities Partnership Program under which the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall "provide state financial participation based on a school district's academic facilities wealth index in the form of cash payments to a school district for eligible new construction projects").

The Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account has also funded the Immediate Repair Program (remediate immediate hazards) and the Transitional Academic Facilities Program (projects which debt is incurred or funds spent after Jan 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006) which were created by Act 2206 of 2005 and have now concluded.

the most recently completed fiscal year. As shown above, an additional \$104.9 million is estimated to be provided in FY2024, bringing the total estimated funding through FY2024 to \$1.8 billion.

State Academic Facilities Expenditures FY2020 – FY2024

The following table shows actual state **expenditures** for the facilities programs from FY2020 through FY2023 and estimated expenditures for FY2024. **From FY2005 through FY2023, about \$1.5 billion total, and an annual average of \$78.6 million was spent for academic facilities funding programs.** As shown below, an additional \$214.4 million is estimated to be expended in FY2024, bringing the total estimated expenditures through FY2024 to \$1.7 billion.

Fiscal Year	Partnership	Catastrophic	Extraordinary Circumstances	Total
FY2020	\$105,216,970	\$0		\$105,216,970
FY2021	\$79,997,440	\$6,428		\$80,003,868
FY2022	\$61,141,879	\$13,718		\$61,155,597
FY2023	\$40,376,133	\$463,134		\$40,839,267
FY2024 Budget*	\$187,828,951	\$2,600,000	\$24,000,000	\$214,428,951

*FY2024 is the **funded budget** amounts for Partnership Programs, Catastrophic Programs, and Extraordinary Circumstances Funding, but these amounts may not reflect final actual expenditures. The \$24 Million for Extraordinary Circumstances was approved by the Arkansas General Assembly during the 2023 Regular Session to assist three districts with approved facilities projects.

Source: BLR Fiscal Services

Academic Facilities Partnership Program

The Academic Facilities Partnership Program (“Partnership Program”) is a program of financial partnership between the state and public school districts to share the cost of academic school facility construction and major renovations. Every two years, school districts have the opportunity to apply for state financial participation for projects that support their facility master plans.

Two primary categories of academic facility projects are eligible for Partnership funding. The categories are:

- **Space/Growth** projects, which include construction of new school facilities, conversion of non-academic space into academic space, or additions for districts experiencing growth
- **Warm, Safe, Dry (WSD)** projects, of which there are two types:
 - WSD Space Replacement – New construction to replace an academic facility that is deemed by the Division to not provide a warm, safe, and dry educational environment
 - WSD Systems Replacement - New construction projects to address needs related to fire, safety, roofing, HVAC, and structural issues

Projects cannot be for maintenance or repair, and the program does not fund non-academic projects such as district administration offices or athletic facilities.¹

¹ See Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program, Rules 3.00 and 4.00 (May 2023).

Open-enrollment public charter schools are not entitled to participate in the Partnership Program because they do not have taxing authority and cannot raise millage revenue to provide the local share required by the Partnership Program. (Open-enrollment public charter school facilities funding is explored later in this report.)

Project applications submitted by school districts by March 1 of even-numbered years are reviewed by the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation (“Division”) to determine if they qualify for participation in the Partnership Program. After an evaluation of project applications against established criteria and analysis of the current state of school facilities, a tentative list of approved projects is ranked by the Division per the prioritization method established in Partnership Program Rules. A qualified project cost is determined by the Division applying specific project cost funding factors, which are determined by the Commission of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation (“Commission”). The eligible state financial participation is the total qualifying cost minus the amount of each district’s contribution as determined by each district’s Facilities Wealth Index (FWI).² The FWI is more fully explained later in this report.

Based upon the total amount of funding authorized by law for the program, the Commission approves funding for projects based on a project’s ranking and the district’s FWI. Once a district’s project(s) have been approved for funding, the district is required to submit a Partnership Program Project Agreement form, which commits the state and district financially to the project. The project must be under construction within 18 months of the final approval of the project by the Commission, and the full project must be completed within four years of the project approval date.³ If changes to the project occur, such as scope or size, funding levels can be changed by executing a Project Agreement Amendment. State participation will be reduced if the final project cost is less than the Division’s computed qualifying cost.

Project Prioritization

All approved construction projects are ranked **within** each of the two project categories, Space/Growth and Warm, Safe, Dry. They are ranked based on the following:

- First, on the district’s Facilities Wealth Index (FWI) with the lowest wealth index district ranked first,
- Second, on the district’s Statewide Facilities Needs List ranking, and
- Third, according to the district’s percentage of expenditures spent on maintenance of academic facilities for the last five (5) fiscal years with the district with the highest percentage spent on maintenance ranked first.⁴

For a more complete view of the Partnership Program biennial process, see Appendix B.

² See "[Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program](#)," (May, 2023).

Funding Factors - At the May 8, 2023 meeting of the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, the Commission approved increasing the maximum funding factor for new facilities from \$200 to \$289 per square foot for the 2023-25 Partnership Program funding cycle.

³ See "Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program," Rule 7.00 (May, 2023).

⁴ See "Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program," Rule 5.05 (May, 2023).

Facilities Wealth Index/District Share of Costs

The district's Facilities Wealth Index (FWI) is the percentage of the qualified project cost of an approved Partnership Program project that a school district is required to pay. Prior to the 2021-23 Partnership Program funding cycle, the FWI was determined primarily by a district's value per mill per student, which is based on the district's assessment values and the larger of the district's prior-year average daily membership (ADM) or prior three-year average ADM. Beginning with the 2021-23 funding cycle, the Division began phasing in a change to the FWI calculation, in which the value of a mill per student is adjusted by median household income for the purpose of factoring in the poverty level of a district. The new formula also changed the ADM counts used in the calculation of a value per mill from the higher of the prior-year/prior three-year average ADM to the greatest enrollment of the last 10 years. The methodology also provides for an adjustment of the FWI for those districts meeting high growth criteria as defined in statute.⁵

This revised way of calculating the FWI was fully implemented for the 2023-25 Partnership funding cycle. With the full implementation of this new FWI calculation, the district share of costs, or their FWI, **decreased for 209 districts**. For those 209 districts, if they have projects eligible for 2023-2025 Partnership funding, the district will pay a lower percentage of the total cost than they would have paid during the 2019-21 funding cycle. This decline in district share results in an increased percentage the state must pay for qualifying Partnership projects. See Appendix C for a complete list of FWI values by district for the three currently active Partnership Funding Cycles, 2019-21, 2021-23, and 2023-25.

Lee County School District had the largest decrease in district share with a decrease of about 64%. Formerly, Lee County had an FWI value of 99.5% due to the district's value per mill, and, therefore, the district could only receive one-half of a percent of the total cost of any approved project from the state. With the new FWI calculation, however, the impact of adding median household income as a factor in the calculation had a significant impact, because the district's 2021 median household income of \$29,802 was about 57% of the statewide median household income of \$52,123, and about 30% of the highest district (Armored) median household income of \$97,647.⁶ In addition, during the 2023 school year, Lee County had approximately 91% of its students qualifying for free and reduced-price lunches (FRL), a commonly used indicator to indicate the level of poverty present in a school district.

Valley View School District had the highest increase in FWI/district share for the 2023-25 Partnership Funding Cycle with an increase of about 24% over the 2019-2021 Partnership Program Cycle, and Valley View's 2021 median household income was \$93,333. The following table shows the districts with the top ten largest decreases in FWI when comparing the 2019-21 FWI (old FWI methodology) to the 2023-25 FWI (new FWI methodology).

⁵ See Ark. Code Ann. §6-20-2502 (1) which defines the Academic Facilities Wealth Index calculations. See Ark. Code Ann. §6-20-2511 which defines a high growth school district as "a public school district in which the average daily membership for the public school district in the present school year is four percent (4%) higher than the school year that is two (2) years before the present school year."

⁶ The Department of Education used the 2021 American Community Survey Five Year Estimate Median Household Income to calculate the relative median income (RMI) factor used in the FWI Calculation for the 2023-2025 Partnership Program Funding Cycle. Relative Median Income for each district is each district's median household income divided by the highest district median household income. Lee County School District RMI Example: $\$29,082/\$97,647=.2978$.

Districts with the Largest Percentage Change in Facilities Wealth Index Values

Top 10 Reductions in FWI				
District	2019-21 FWI	2021-23 FWI	2023-25 FWI	Change 2019-21 to 2023-25
Lee County	99.50%	81.83%	35.24%	-64.26%
Strong-Huttig	76.68%	57.22%	27.80%	-48.88%
Quitman	99.50%	95.66%	51.98%	-47.52%
Concord	93.70%	69.89%	46.79%	-46.91%
Augusta	94.93%	73.51%	49.16%	-45.77%
Crossett	84.08%	73.25%	39.49%	-44.59%
Nemo Vista	99.50%	86.33%	54.92%	-44.58%
Hot Springs	94.97%	75.41%	51.82%	-43.15%
Shirley	99.50%	94.58%	56.82%	-42.68%
Pangburn	69.68%	41.89%	27.18%	-42.49%

Source: Department of Education, 2019-21, 2021-23, and 2023-25 Facility Wealth Index Reports.

Top 10 Increases in FWI				
District	2019-21 FWI	2021-23 FWI	2023-25 FWI	Change 2019-21 to 2023-25
Valley View	48.50%	67.00%	72.48%	23.98%
Bentonville	67.82%	84.31%	85.92%	18.10%
Gravette	86.51%	93.81%	96.90%	10.39%
Farmington	38.55%	38.54%	48.80%	10.25%
Pea Ridge	27.91%	31.29%	36.09%	8.18%
Harmony Grove (Benton)	27.56%	33.85%	35.42%	7.86%
Prairie Grove	42.93%	49.25%	50.74%	7.80%
Brookland	36.54%	41.41%	43.43%	6.89%
Rogers	73.13%	79.96%	78.89%	5.76%
Bryant	51.08%	57.47%	56.00%	4.93%

Source: Department of Education, 2019-21, 2021-23, and 2023-25 Facility Wealth Index Reports.

Partnership Program Approved and Funded Projects

Ten Partnership Program funding cycles have occurred since the creation of the program, and approximately \$1.7 billion in State Financial Participation (SFP) has been committed for approved Partnership Program projects, of which about \$1.4 billion in funding has been distributed to districts for 1,756 projects. The following chart provides the total qualifying cost of approved projects since 2006-07, the amount of State Financial Participation committed, and the total cumulative payments to districts since the program's inception.

Partnership Program Projects - 2006-07 through 2023-25 Funding Cycles

Funding Cycle	Qualifying Project Costs	State Financial Participation	Cumulative Payments
2006-07	\$424,308,201	\$205,246,949	\$205,246,949
2007-09	\$620,688,276	\$261,196,796	\$261,196,796
2009-11	\$190,147,805	\$98,779,215	\$98,779,215
2011-13	\$270,371,923	\$138,266,697	\$138,266,697
2013-15	\$344,539,381	\$154,655,064	\$154,655,064
2015-17	\$297,069,071	\$140,250,294	\$140,250,292
2017-19	\$438,348,079	\$225,327,587	\$225,327,587
2019-21	\$276,265,361	\$133,458,339	\$121,918,997
2021-23	\$308,672,978	\$181,009,352	\$49,051,175
2023-25*	\$179,060,612	\$116,414,742	
Total	\$3,349,471,687	\$1,654,605,034	\$1,394,692,772

*First year only

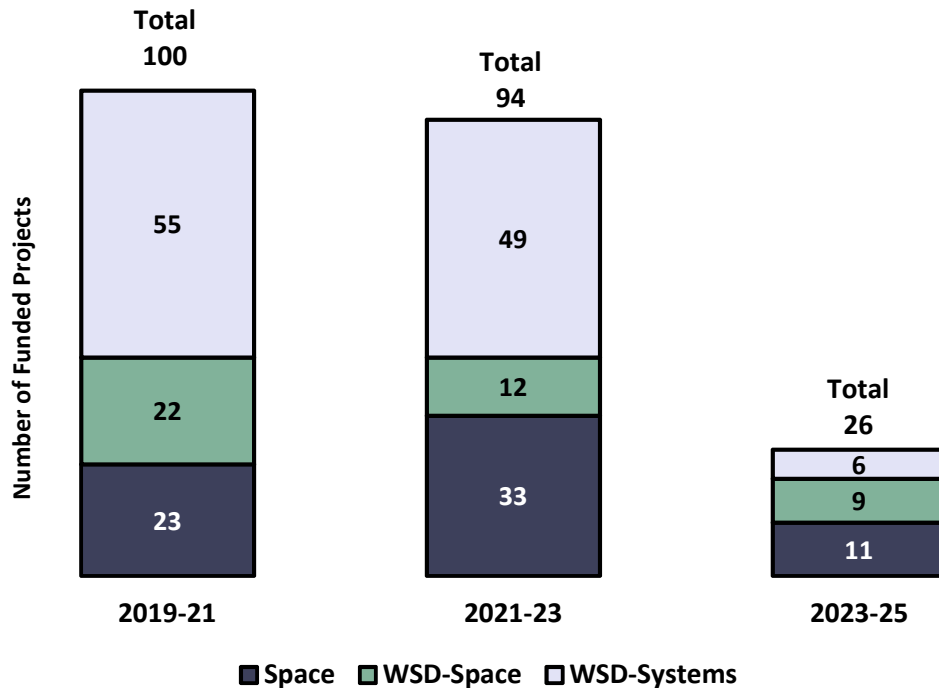
Source: Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Master Planning Tool, October 31, 2023.

Currently Active Partnership Program Funding Cycles

Three funding cycles still have active projects: 2019-21, 2021-23, and year-one of 2023-25. The following chart shows the total number of funded projects for each of these three funding cycles and for each of the three project types: Space/Growth, Warm Safe Dry (WSD)-Space Replacement, and WSD-Systems Replacement.

Partnership Program Funded Projects

Funding Cycles 2019-21 thru 2023-25 (1st year only)

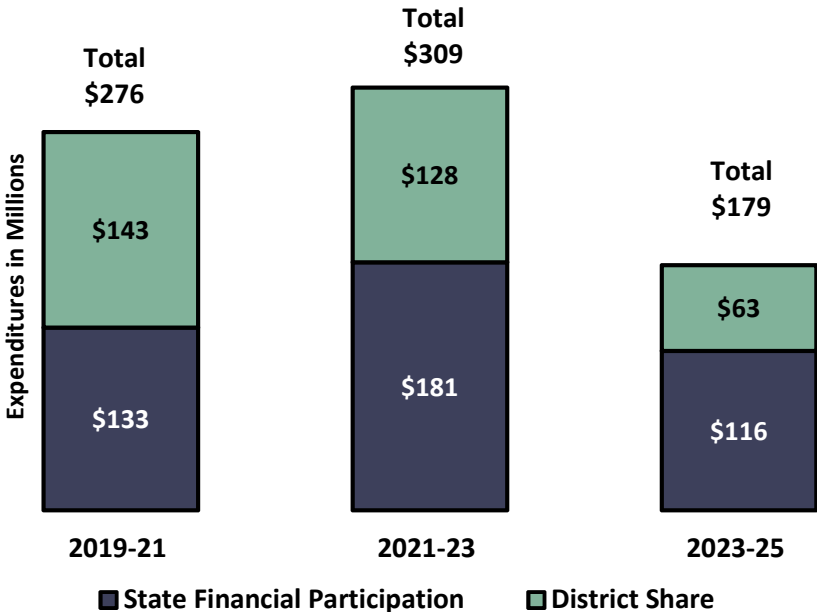


Source: Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Master Planning Tool, October 31, 2023.

A total of **26** projects have been approved for funding for year-one of the 2023-25 funding cycle, and the Commission has approved **16** Warm, Safe and Dry projects for which funding is not yet available. Funding for the year-two projects is subject to legislative approval of appropriation and funding, and also subsequent approval by the Commission in May 2024. There are **30** year-two projects approved. The list of projects approved for each funding cycle can be found in Appendix D.

The qualified project cost of approved projects is shared by the state and the district. The following table provides the state’s and districts’ shares for the 2019-21 through 2023-25 (first year only) Partnership Program funding cycles.

Partnership Program Project Costs
Funding Cycles 2019-21 thru 2023-25 (1st year)



Source: Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Master Planning Tool, October 31, 2023

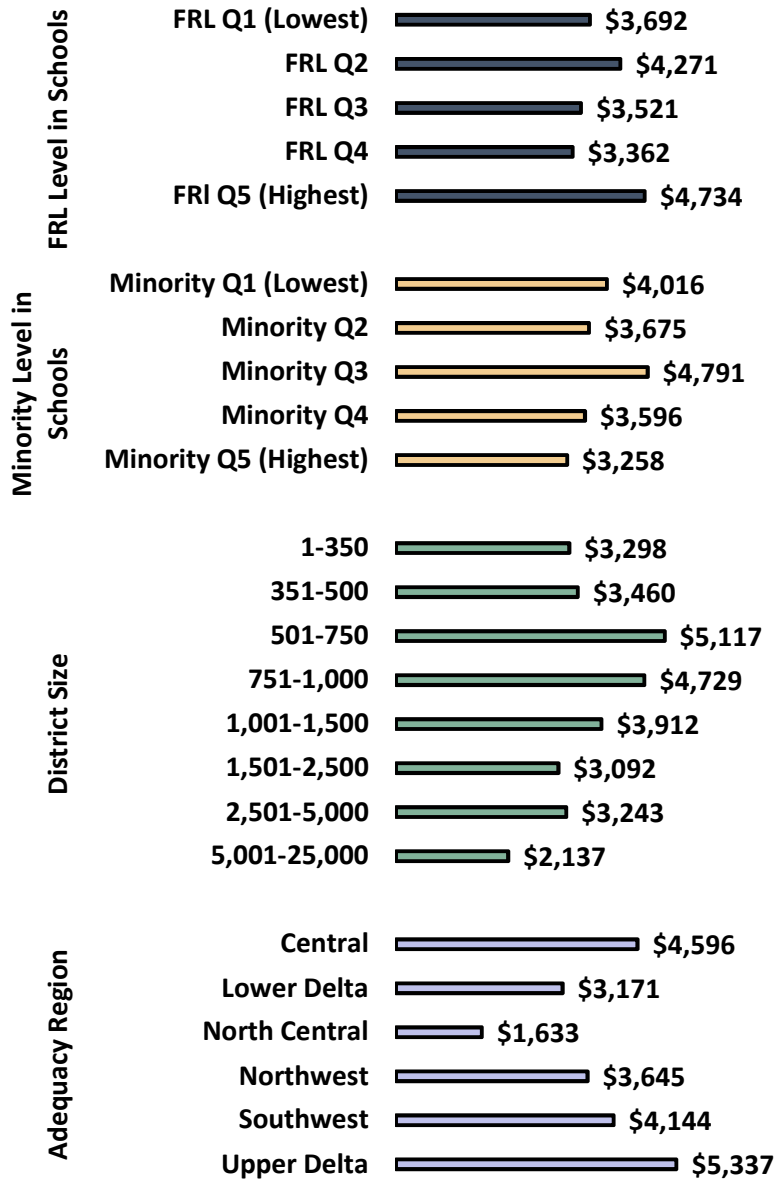
Analysis of Partnership Payments and District Characteristics

The chart below illustrates the average payments per student for a number of district characteristics, including percentage of FRL students, percentage of students who are minorities, district size, and adequacy region.⁷ No consistent patterns of relationship for average payments per student emerged for any of these district characteristics, but the chart does illustrate the level of payments for each of the described characteristics. Per-student Partnership Program payments range from low of \$5.70 per student in the Jessieville School District to \$18,607.42 in the Poyen School District.

The per-student payment for those districts in the Upper Delta, and those districts in the 501-750 size category are the highest average per-student payments of any category at \$5,337 and \$5,117 respectively.

⁷ BLR used the current year (CY) Average Daily Membership (ADM) to calculate the per student payments.

Comparison - Average Per Student Payments and Various District Characteristics

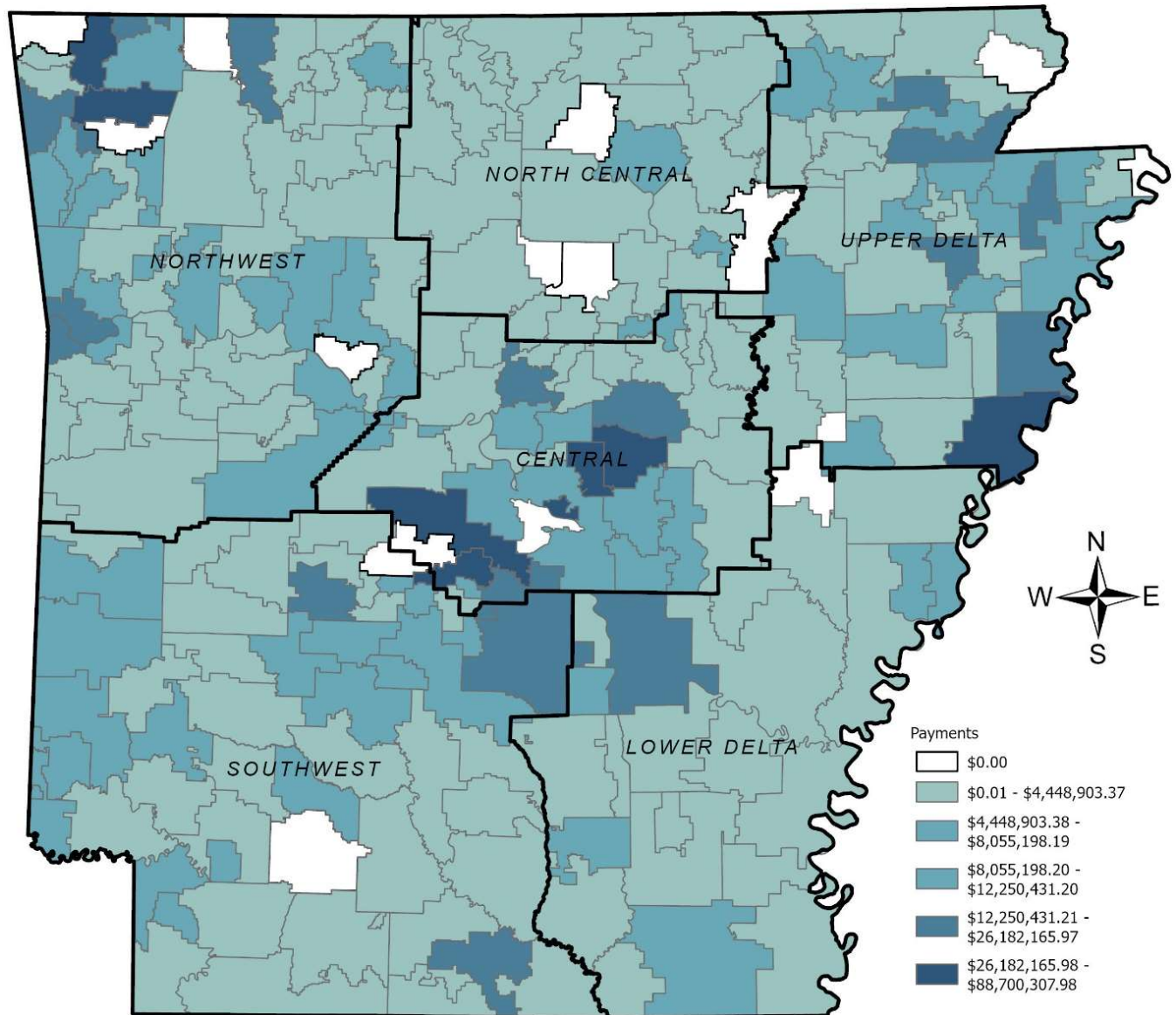


Regional Analysis of Partnership Payments

- The map below illustrates the distribution of Partnership Program payments by district and by Adequacy Region since the inception of the program. Fourteen districts (white on the map) have never received Partnership Program payments; 56%, or 131 districts, received payments in the lowest payment category (less than \$4,448,904); and 4% or 9 districts received funding in the top payment category shown on the map below (payments of \$26,182,165.98 or above).⁸

⁸ Springdale, Bryant, Jacksonville, North Pulaski, West Memphis, Cabot Public, Bentonville, Benton, North Little Rock, and Sheridan are the districts that have received payments that place them in the highest payment category shown above.

Partnership Program Payments by District and by Adequacy Region Funding Cycles 2006-07 through 2023-25



Map prepared by the Bureau of Legislative Research, Policy Analysis & Research Section School District and County Boundaries from the GIS Office integrated the Arkansas Spatial Data.

Of the 14 districts that have never received any Partnership Program payments, two districts, Brinkley and Rector, have received approval for projects in the 2023-25 cycle, but have not yet received a payment. Due to funding limitations and project ranking, only the Brinkley projects have been approved for funding or State Financial Participation (SFP) for year-one (2023-24). State funding for the Rector project is not yet available for 2023-24. It is possible, however, that savings from the current and prior active cycles will enable the Division to release funding for the Rector project in 2023-24. The table below lists these 14 districts and describes whether they have ever applied for Partnership Program Funding in the past and whether they have participated in a predecessor program such as Immediate Repair or Transitional Funding.

In FY2023, four of these fourteen districts (Armored, Eureka Springs, Fountain Lake, and West Side - Cleburne Co.) are districts that are referred to as “URT Districts” whereby their uniform rate of tax of 25 mills generates more than the foundation funding rate.

Districts That Have Never Received Partnership Payments			
Armored (2)	Eureka Springs (1)	Little Rock	Shirley (1) (3)
Brinkley (2) (3)	Fayetteville (2)	Nevada (1)	West Side (Cleburne) (1)
Calico Rock (2) (3)	Fountain Lake (1)	Rector (3)	
Cedar Ridge	Gravette	Russellville (2)	
<p>(1) Five districts that have never applied for Partnership Program funding. Cedar Ridge applied for the first time for the 2025-27 Partnership Funding Cycle.</p> <p>(2) Five districts that had approved projects that were rescinded before Partnership Program funding was disbursed or used local funds.</p> <p>(3) Four districts received facilities funding from Programs that preceded the implementation of the Partnership Program, Immediate Repair and Transitional.</p>			

Ten districts (Armored, Cedar Ridge, Eureka Springs, Fayetteville, Fountain Lake, Gravette, Little Rock, Nevada, Russellville, and West Side [Cleburne]) **had never received state payments for facilities from any of the facilities funding programs created since 2005** (Catastrophic, Immediate Repair, Transitional, and Partnership), and nine of them have no currently approved and funded projects in process. The Little Rock School District does have a 2019-21 and a 2021-23 project approved for funding, but no payments have yet been issued.

Millages

To draw down the state share of Partnership funding, districts must contribute their share of local funding. Districts use debt service millage to generate revenue to pay the long-term cost of construction and renovation.⁹ According to the 2022 Millage Report (for property tax collection in 2023) published by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) all but three districts (Gosnell, Mountain View, and Salem) have passed some level of debt service mills.¹⁰ The number of debt service mills authorized for each district ranges from 1.3 mills for the Lee County School District to 29.8 mills for the Earle School District. The average number of debt service mills among Arkansas school districts is 13.12 mills.

Facilities and Bonded Indebtedness

Bonded debt is one of the mechanisms districts use to finance school facilities. DESE publishes a debt ratio for each school district each fiscal year. The debt ratio is the **total district indebtedness less energy savings contracts divided by the districts assessed valuation**,¹¹ and it ranges from 0% for districts that had no debt for FY2023 (Gosnell, Mountain View, and Salem) to 31.88% (Southside-Independence County).

⁹ See Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2507(b)(1)(B) (requiring that, in order to apply for state financial participation in a new construction project, school districts shall provide evidence of, among other things, a resolution certifying the school district's dedication of local resources to meet its share of financial participation in the project).

¹⁰ Arkansas Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Division of Fiscal and Administrative Services, *Millage Report 2022 (Voted)*, August 2023.

¹¹ Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Fiscal and Administrative Services, FY2023 Indebtedness Book and Graphs, received via email November 6, 2023.

For analysis purposes, the BLR arrayed each district’s payments per student into quintile ranges and looked at the average amount of debt service mills and the average debt ratio per quintile. The analysis showed that the higher the per-student Partnership Program payments, the higher the average debt service mills and higher the average debt ratio. This is shown in the table below.

Comparison: Payments per Student by Average Debt Service Mills & Debt Ratio

Payments Per Student Quintile Range	Average 2022 Debt Service Mills*	Average FY2023 Debt Ratio
Quintile 1: \$0 - \$722.14	11.13	6.56%
Quintile 2: \$722.15 - \$2,066.64	11.78	7.38%
Quintile 3: \$2,066.65 - \$3,647.02	12.72	8.84%
Quintile 4: \$3,647.03 - \$6,219.71	13.84	10.82%
Quintile 5: \$6,219.72 - \$18,607.42	16.12	12.33%
Statewide Average	13.12	9.19%

*Revenue from these mills to be collected in 2023.

Source: Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Master Planning Tool, and Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Fiscal and Administrative Services, FY2023 Indebtedness Book and Graphs, received via email November 6, 2023.

Other Academic Facilities Funding Programs

Academic Facilities Catastrophic Funding Program

The Academic Facilities Catastrophic program provides funding to districts for emergency facility projects required “due to an act of God or violence that could not have been prevented by reasonable maintenance, repair, or renovation of the building” (See Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2508). The Division is authorized to provide Catastrophic funding to districts for the purpose of supplementing insurance or other public or private emergency assistance. Since the inception of the Catastrophic program, the Division has distributed a total of \$3.3 million in Catastrophic funding to 16 different districts. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has been reimbursed \$25,000 for FY2023 expenditures made from the Catastrophic Funding program due to the March 31, 2023, tornado by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and DESE anticipates receiving additional amounts of reimbursement in the future.

Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Program

Acts 34 and 35 of 2006 created the Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Program to provide state financial assistance to districts unable to pass enough millage to raise the local share necessary to qualify for Partnership Program funding.¹² (See Ark. Code Ann. §6-20-2514(b)(1))

Beginning in FY2023, the Division requested an appropriation transfer of \$24 million from the Academic Facilities Partnership Program to the Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Program to fund seven 2021-2023 projects for three school districts through the Extraordinary Circumstances Program. According to DESE, “although these three districts passed an adequate millage increase, before

¹² Summary of General & Fiscal Legislation, 85th General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, May 2006, page 4.

construction could begin, the cost of construction increased significantly which caused the millage increase to be insufficient to raise the local share.”¹³ DESE further stated that funding these projects insures “substantially equal access to adequate educational facilities and educational equipment is provided for all public school students in Arkansas.”¹⁴ The \$24 million funding allocation and appropriation have been continued into FY2024.

Operations and Maintenance

Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-808 recognizes the importance of districts properly maintaining their facilities by providing a Public School Facilities Custodial, Repair, and Renovation Manual to guide districts in maintaining their facilities so that buildings are maintained as safe and healthy environments and to provide for the efficient use of state and local funds to support academic facilities. (See Ark. Code Ann. §6-21-808)

Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-808(d) further requires each school district to dedicate 9% of its foundation funding exclusively for operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses, including payment of utilities and costs of custodial, maintenance, repair and renovation activities and personnel for public school facilities.¹⁵ In FY2023, all districts except Bismarck spent 9% or more of their foundation funding on O&M.¹⁶ Any district not spending the full 9% is required to place the amount remaining up to the 9% threshold into a public school facilities escrow account. Districts can use the funds in their escrow accounts for the O&M allowable expenditures outlined above, or, with Division approval, for new construction.

The importance of districts properly maintaining their facilities is also a feature in the ranking process for approved Partnership Program projects. The third step of the process ranks projects based on district expenditures for the maintenance of academic facilities for the last five fiscal years.¹⁷

District Property Insurance

In addition to the 9% for O&M, the 2006 Adequacy Subcommittee also recommended providing \$27 per student for property insurance. The amount for property insurance was derived through a calculation made in January 2007, when the Department of Education analyzed the total expenditures by school districts for property insurance. The total was divided by the total number of students, with the result being \$27 expended per student. The 2006 Adequacy Subcommittee also recommended that districts be required to spend the \$27 per student only on property insurance. That recommendation never became law, but in 2007, the General Assembly required the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation to promulgate rules to establish a property insurance requirement (§ 6-21-114(d)(2)(A)). Rule 4.00 of the Division’s “Rules Governing Property Insurance Requirements”

¹³ Information received via an email from Greg Rogers on January 31, 2024.

¹⁴ Letter to Mr. Larry Walther, Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, subsequently presented to the Joint Budget Committee for approval of an appropriation transfer of \$24 million, March 2023.

¹⁵ Foundation funding is the per-student funding that is the largest source of funds for districts. The per-student amount is derived from a funding matrix that is comprised of amounts allocated to specific categories of expenses that have been determined to be necessary to provide an adequate education. These categories of expense are adjusted as necessary to continue to provide sufficient resources to provide an adequate education.

¹⁶ Arkansas Public School Computer Network, “Fiscal Year 23 9% M&O Expenditure Requirement [Report]”, provided via email by Saliha Qazi, Coordinator of Fiscal Services and Support, November 8, 2023.

¹⁷ Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program, Section 5.05.3, effective: May 29, 2023.

requires all school districts to have risk property coverage for school district buildings, structures, and their contents. District property must be insured for at least 90% of the replacement cost to be eligible for state facilities funding assistance administered by the Arkansas Commission for Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.

The O&M funding level, therefore, was established to include 9% of foundation, **plus** the cost of property insurance, and the total O&M amount in 2008 and 2009 was set at \$581 per student, which included \$554 for the 9% of foundation funding and \$27 for property insurance.

The amount authorized through the matrix for O&M increased from \$581 in FY2008 to \$741 in FY2023, an increase of \$160 or 27.6%. (See Appendix E for the chronology of the rates approved for O&M and foundation funding.) Using the overall percentage change for O&M, the amount allocated per student for property insurance for FY2023 is \$34.45 per student (\$27 times 1.276), or \$16.3 million. In FY2023, districts and charter schools collectively spent a total of \$28.5 million and \$60.43 per student on property insurance.

Recent Developments

In FY2024, the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) approved a request for \$11.1 million in one-time funding from the Restricted Reserve Fund for the Arkansas Insurance Department to offset unusually large increases in property insurance premiums for school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools.

In addition, the ALC has hired a consultant to assist the ALC in developing and implementing a “strategic plan and legitimate framework for provision of reasonably priced property insurance coverage options to K-12 school districts and institutions of higher education in the State of Arkansas on an actuarially sound basis while providing for oversight of the plans through a governing structure and legislative oversight.”¹⁸ The vendor shall report to the ALC Executive Subcommittee in a timely manner so that the ALC Executive Subcommittee can make its final report to the full ALC by March 15, 2024, prior to the start of the April 2024 Fiscal Session.

Public School Facilities Condition

In 2004, the Task Force to the Joint Committee on Educational Facilities completed a detailed statewide assessment of all academic and non-academic facilities. The Task Force contracted with consultants who physically examined and assessed all school buildings in the state at a cost of \$10 million.¹⁹ The state has not completed an additional statewide assessment of all school buildings since the initial assessment was completed in 2004.

¹⁸ Bureau of Legislative Research, Request for Proposals for Education Facilities Property Insurance Consulting Services, issued July 24, 2023.

¹⁹ Final Report to the Joint Committee on Educational Facilities on the Arkansas Statewide Educational Facilities Assessment – 2004, Task Force to Joint Education Committee on Educational Facilities, November 30, 2004, pages 1-3.

One tool for gaining insight regarding the current condition of public school facilities is through a measure called the Facilities Condition Index (FCI), and the FCI is one of the ranking factors used by the Division when compiling the Statewide Needs List for Warm, Safe, Dry Partnership projects. The FCI is “obtained by dividing the existing condition costs (the cost to bring a public school academic facility up to current standards) by the facility’s replacement cost, using data that the Division has available.”²⁰ School districts report on the condition and age of building systems through the Master Planning Web Tool and this data is used to calculate the FCI. A lower FCI indicates a building is in better condition and a higher FCI indicates a building is in poorer condition. According to the Partnership Program rules, “the facility condition index of each building or addition must be sixty-five percent (65%) or greater at the time of evaluation by the Division. Any building not meeting the sixty-five percent (65%) threshold is ineligible for state financial participation in replacement.” Recent FCI values reported in the Divisions Master Planning Web Tool, range from 0 for new facilities to 97.6%.

The Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities statutorily created to assist the Division and to provide analysis to the Commission on Public School Academic Facilities, used the Facilities Condition Index (FCI) in its 2018 report to assess the state’s progress in improving school facilities. The Committee concluded “there has been measurable progress in the adequacy and equity of Arkansas public school facilities since 2004 when the State’s Public School Academic Facilities Program began”.²¹

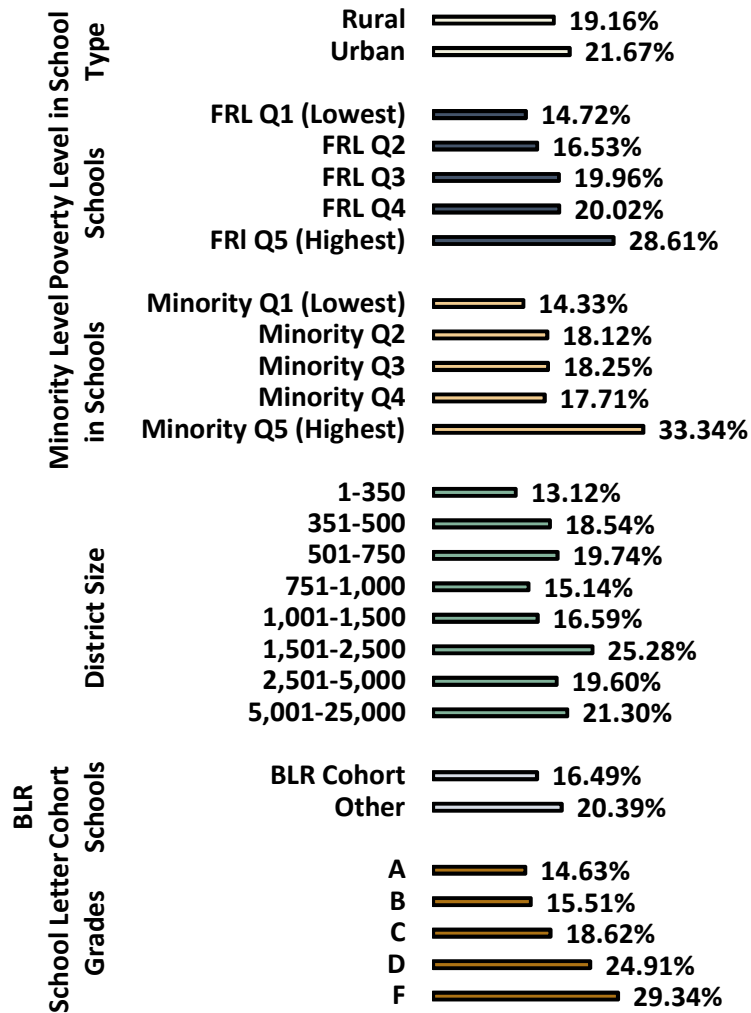
The following chart shows results from a BLR analysis looking at school characteristics and the corresponding average FCI value for each characteristic. While no consistent pattern emerges among average FCI scores across different district-size categories, patterns can be detected within the other categories of districts. Schools in the highest minority quintile and schools receiving a school letter grade of “F”, have the highest average FCI scores, 33.34% and 29.34%, respectively.

²⁰ Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Facilities Master Plan, Section 3.26, effective May 2, 2023.

²¹ Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities, “Arkansas Committed to Adequate & Equitable K-12 Academic Facilities”, page 7.

The Advisory Committee is a statutorily created body charged with assisting the Division, and Act 802 of 2017 required the Committee to complete a comprehensive review of the Partnership program and report to the Commission, which they did in July of 2018.

Average Campus Facility Condition Index by School Characteristics



Facilities Funding for Open-Enrollment Public Charter Schools

Open-enrollment public charter schools (“charter schools”) are not entitled to participate in the Facilities Partnership Program because they do not have taxing authority and cannot raise millage revenue to provide the local share required by the Partnership Program. Instead, the General Assembly provides the Charter Schools Facilities Funding Aid Program. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) first distributed funds to charter schools for facilities in FY2016 and has continued to distribute funding to charters each succeeding year. In addition, during the most recent session, the General Assembly authorized appropriation and funding for Loans to Open-Enrollment Public Charter Schools.

Charter Facilities Funding Aid Program

The following table illustrates the allocation of appropriation and funding to the Facilities Funding Aid Program, and the actual expenditures by state fiscal year FY2016 through FY2023. Through FY2023, the Department distributed \$53.7 million in state funding to charters for facility expenses.

Appropriation/Funding/Expenditures – FY2016 thru FY2023

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Total Annual Funding	Expenditures
FY2016	\$15,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,583,328
FY2017	\$15,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,999,985
FY2018*	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$5,000,000
FY2019	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$6,370,546
FY2020	\$7,575,000	\$7,575,000	\$7,477,803
FY2021	\$7,575,000	\$7,575,000	\$7,509,218
FY2022	\$9,075,000	\$9,075,000	\$8,906,490
FY2023	\$9,075,000	\$9,075,000	\$8,883,373
Total	\$76,300,000	\$56,300,000	\$53,730,743

*Includes \$1.5 million transferred from the Rainy Day Fund.
Source: BLR Fiscal Services

Eligibility for Funding

According to Ark. Code Ann. §6-23-908, upon completion of the charter application review and approval process, charters are eligible to receive funding if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- (1) Virtual technology is not the primary method of delivering instruction;
- (2) The facility meets all applicable health, fire, and safety codes and all accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., as reviewed by the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation or another appropriate state agency; and
- (3) The open-enrollment public charter school is not:
 - A. Classified as in need of Level 5 — Intensive support under § 6-15-2915 or in fiscal distress under the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program, § 6-20-1901 et seq., and the corresponding rules adopted by the State Board of Education;
 - B. In receipt of a rating of “F” under § 6-15-2105; or
 - C. Placed in probationary status by the state charter school authorizer under § 6-23-105.

Funding is distributed on a pro-rata basis based on each charter’s previous year three-quarter average daily membership (ADM) and depending on the availability of funding for the program. The funds can be used only for the lease, purchase, renovation, repair, construction, installation, restoration, alteration, modification, or operation and maintenance of an approved facility.

The following table provides the number of charters participating in this facilities funding program for FY2016 through FY2023, the percentage of charter schools participating out of all operating charters, and the funding rate per ADM. Participation has ranged from 64% in the first year to a high of 92% in FY2019.

Number of Charters Participating and Funding Rate Per ADM

Fiscal Year	# of Charter Systems	# of Charters Receiving Facilities		Funding Rate Per ADM
		Funding Aid	% Participating	
FY2016	22	14	64%	\$562.57
FY2017	24	17	71%	\$533.24
FY2018	24	16	67%	\$455.34
FY2019	26	24	92%	\$473.57
FY2020	22	18	82%	\$514.09
FY2021	23	21	91%	\$465.29
FY2022	23	21	91%	\$546.45
FY2023	21	18	86%	\$554.70

Source: Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education-Fiscal and Administrative Services

Allowable Uses for the Funds

For those charters qualifying for funding, the Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program funds can be used only for the lease, purchase, renovation, repair, construction, installation, restoration, alteration, modification, or operation and maintenance of an approved facility. The following chart shows the categories of expense that charters have used the facilities funding to support. The largest expense for each of the three years was for rental of land and buildings, \$5.7 million, \$6.9 million, and \$6.6 million, respectively.

Charter School Expenditures of Facilities Funding Aid by Category of Expense FY2021 – FY2023

Category of Expense	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Personal Services (Includes salaries and benefits)	\$254,477	\$196,854	\$110,904
Purchased Property Services (includes water/sewer, disposal/sanitation, custodial, lawn care, repairs and maintenance, rental of land and buildings, and construction services)	\$6,067,220	\$7,918,726	\$7,874,588
Other Purchased Services (includes property insurance)		\$251,195	\$400,146
Supplies and Materials (includes general supplies and materials, energy costs such as natural gas and electricity, and building materials)	\$218,198	\$471,487	\$368,987
Property (includes expenditures for acquiring buildings)		\$174,759	\$188,259
Total	\$6,539,895	\$9,013,022	\$8,942,885

Source: Arkansas Public School Computer Network report prepared by BLR – Policy Analysis and Research Section.

Loans to Open-Enrollment Public Charter Schools

Section 50 of Act 237 of 2023 authorized ADE to provide for an open-enrollment public charter school facilities funding program by allowing ADE to grant funds to a third-party administrator to create a revolving loan fund. Section 9 of Act 871 of 2023 appropriated \$10 million for this loan program for FY2024 and ADE has budgeted \$10 million for this program for FY2024. Open-enrollment public charter schools must be in academic and financial good standing to be eligible to participate in the program.

DESE is in the process of preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a Third-Party Administrator for this program, and the DESE Legal Division is working on developing the rules under which this program will operate.

Other State Models for Funding Academic Facilities

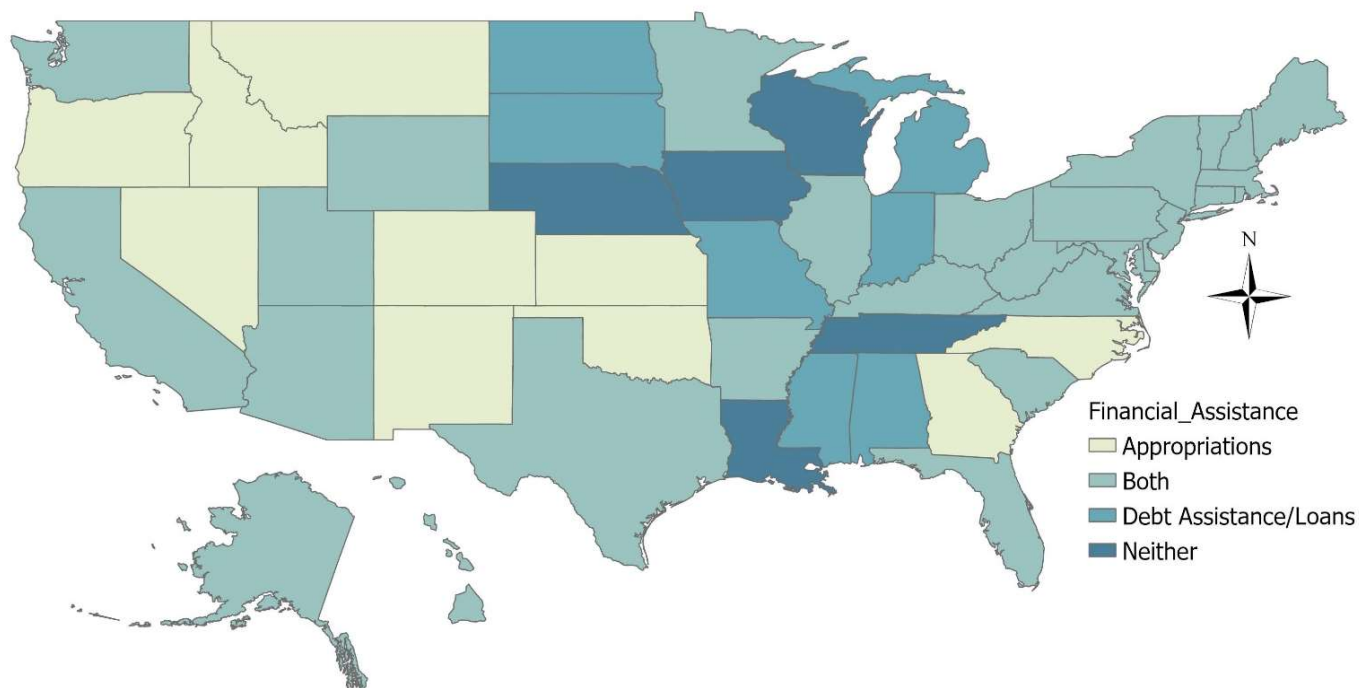
According to a study released in June 2023 by the Education Commission of the States, 45 states and the District of Columbia (D.C.) offer financial assistance to school districts for construction costs.²² They group state assistance into two categories:

- Appropriations for grants to school districts for school construction that do not require repayment
- Debt assistance/loans for school construction in which the state requires full or partial repayment from districts

In addition to these two categories of assistance, 19 states dedicate specific revenue sources for school construction, and include such revenue sources as, sales tax, lottery proceeds, proceeds from the sale of state lands, new residential area impact fees, severance taxes, and tobacco settlement funds. The following map illustrates the funding models used by all states and the District of Columbia.

²² Education Commission of the States, [K-12 School Construction Funding 2023 – Financial Assistance and Revenue](#), June 2023.

Facilities Funding Models – All States



Source: Education Commission of the States, K-12 School Construction Funding 2023 – Financial Assistance and Revenue, June 2023.

Of the 45 states and D.C. providing assistance to districts for school construction, 38 states provide appropriations for grants to pay for up-front planning or construction costs. Five of these 38 state programs are currently inactive due to various reasons including, the following: the appropriation is not funded, funding requires a vote of the people in the state, or there is a moratorium or suspension of funding. Thirty-five states and D.C. provide debt assistance or loans to districts. Twenty-eight states, including Arkansas, provide both appropriations and financing assistance to districts.

Arkansas provides grants for construction of school facilities and bonded debt assistance “for the purpose of retiring outstanding bonded indebtedness in existence as of January 1, 2005” and for those districts that applied prior to July 1, 2005.²³ In addition, Arkansas operates a Revolving Loan Certification Program for loans up to \$500,000 each to school districts for construction and purchase of equipment or buses.

Of the surrounding states, Louisiana and Tennessee are the only states that provide neither type of financial assistance for school construction. Mississippi and Missouri provide debt assistance/loans; Oklahoma provides appropriations for grants; and Texas, like Arkansas, provides both types of financial assistance for school construction.

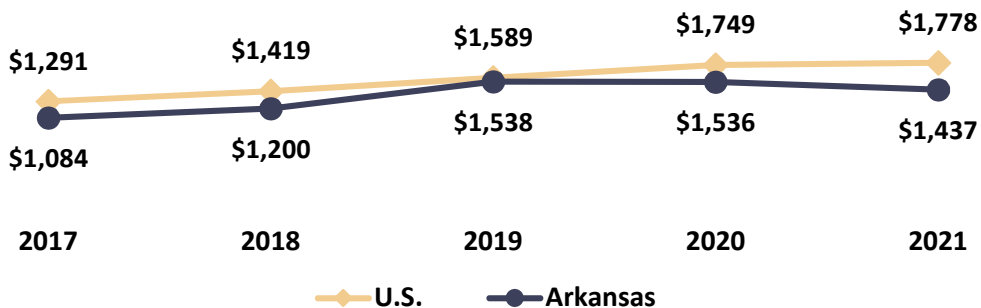
National Comparison

The table below illustrates how Arkansas’s spending on K-12 school district capital outlay between 2017 and 2021 compared to the national average using U.S. Census data collected by state departments of education. For four of the five years, the national capital outlay expenditure per student exceeded

²³ Ark. Code Ann. §6-20-2503 (Bonded Debt Assistance – Definitions).

Arkansas's per student expenditure by at least \$200 per student; and in 2021, the national per student spending exceeded Arkansas's by \$341. Arkansas's per-student spending neared the national average spending per student in 2019, spending \$51 less than the U.S. average.

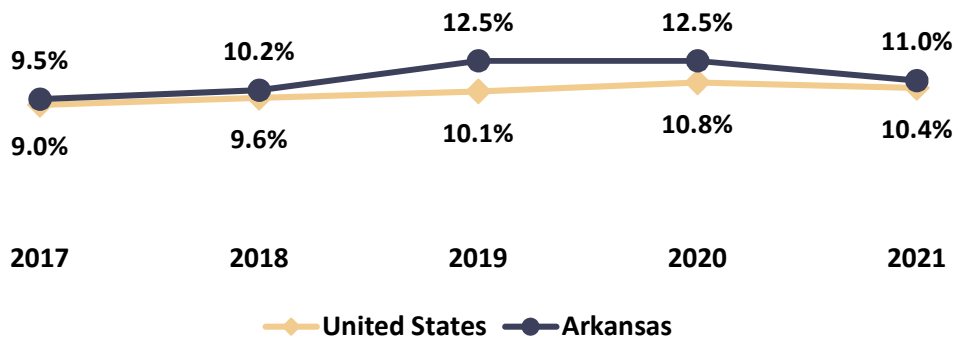
Capital Outlay Expenditures Per Student



Source: U.S. Census, 2021 Public Elementary-Secondary Education Finance Data, Tables 1,9, and 19.

The next table illustrates how Arkansas's capital outlay spending as a percentage of total spending compared to the national average. While Arkansas did not spend as much as the national average per student, Arkansas's percentage of capital outlay spending as a percentage of total K-12 spending consistently exceeded the national average, ranging from 0.5% to 2.4% more.

Capital Outlay as % of Total Expenditures



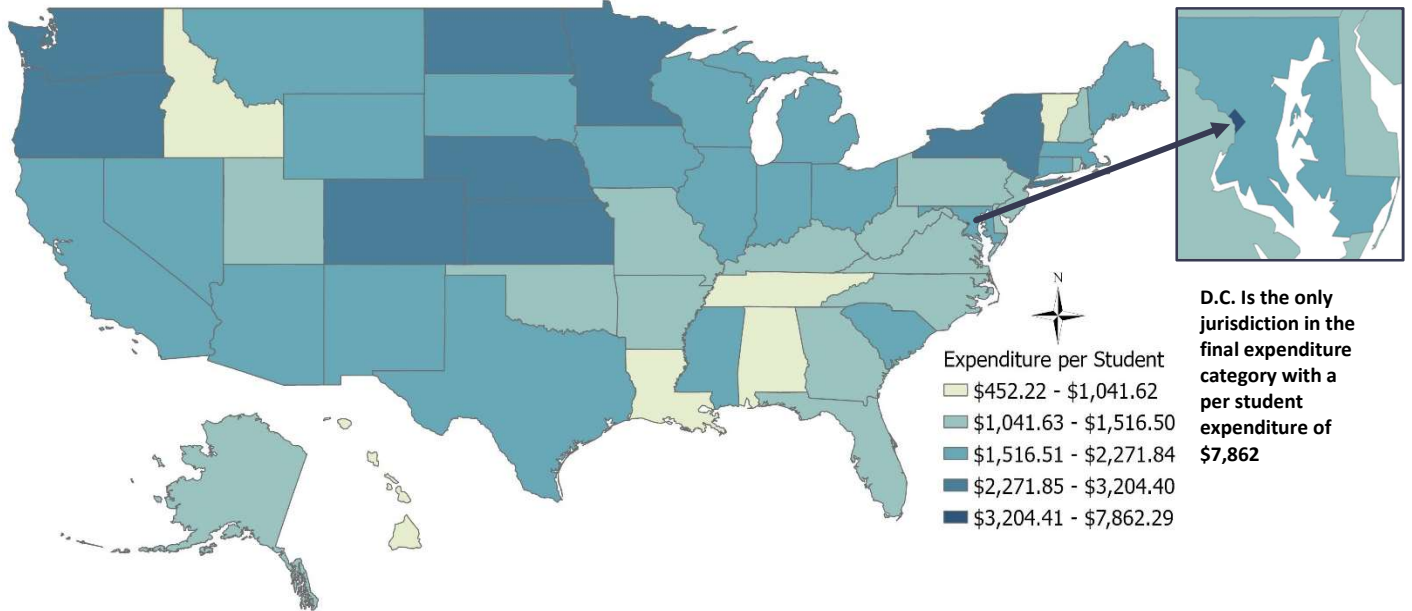
Source: U.S. Census, 2021 Public Elementary-Secondary Education Finance Data, Tables 1,9, and 19.

The following maps illustrate how Arkansas compares to the other states on both capital outlay expenditures per student and capital outlay expenditures as a percentage of total K-12 expenditures. On a per-student basis, the District of Columbia spent the most per student, \$7,862, and Idaho spent the least, \$452. The national average spent per student was \$1,778.

For capital outlay spending as a percentage of total spending, D.C. spent the highest percentage, 23.2%, and Vermont spent the lowest, 3.9%. The national average spent as a percentage of total K-12 expenditures was 10.4%. Relating to surrounding states, Arkansas spends less than Texas and Mississippi on a per-student basis and as a percentage of total K-12 expenditures, while Arkansas spends

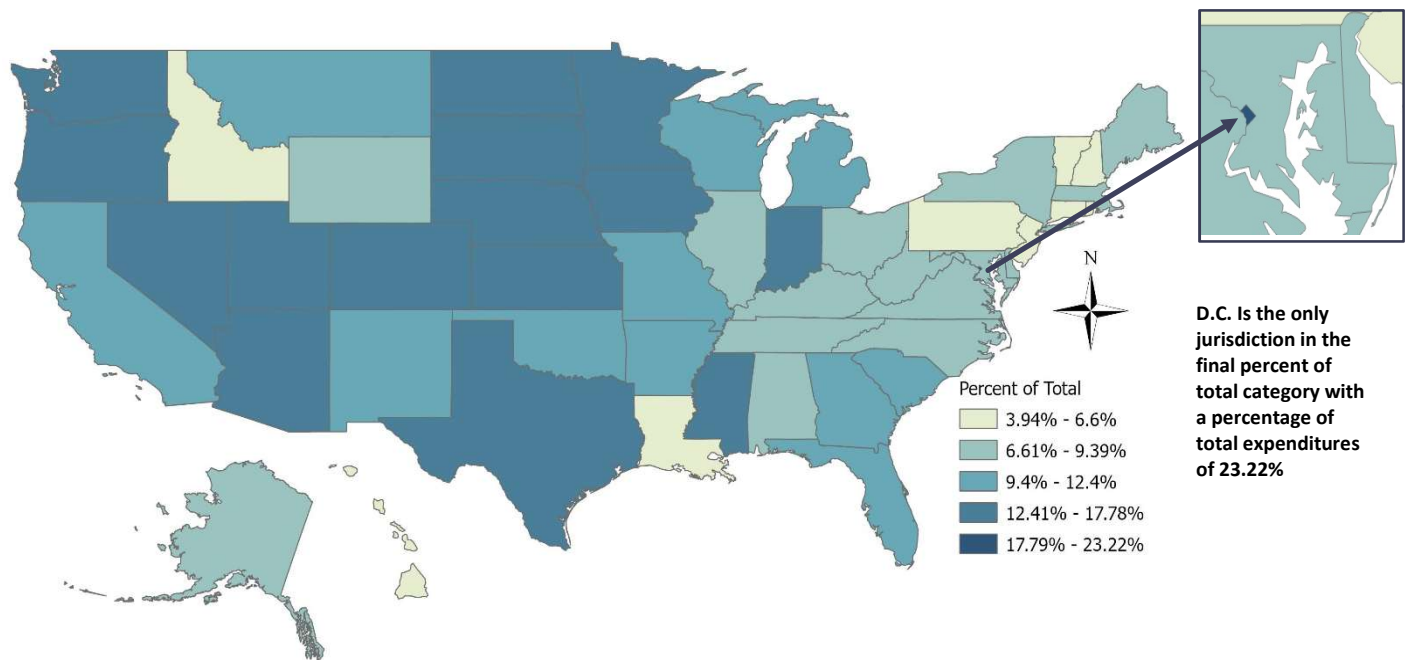
more than Tennessee and Louisiana on both a per-student and a percentage of total K-12 expenditures basis.

2021 Capital Outlay Expenditures Per Student



Source: U.S. Census, 2021 Public Elementary-Secondary Education Finance Data, Tables 1,9, and 19.

Capital Outlay Expenditures Percentage of Total K-12 Expenditures



Source: U.S. Census, 2021 Public Elementary-Secondary Education Finance Data, Tables 1,9, and 19.

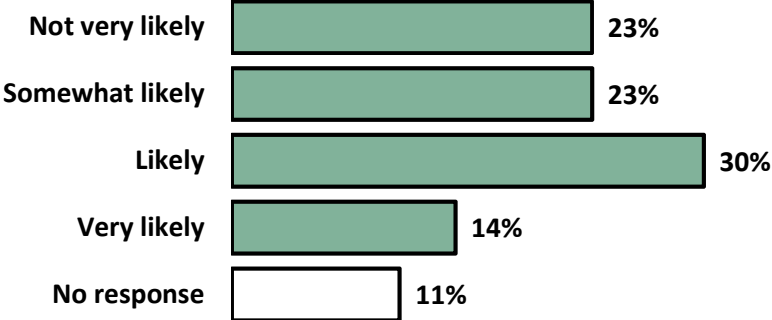
District and Charter Survey Responses

The Bureau of Legislative Research surveyed school district superintendents and principals to assess their perceptions regarding their districts’ facility needs, their ability to meet the needs, and any obstacles that exist in meeting their facility needs.

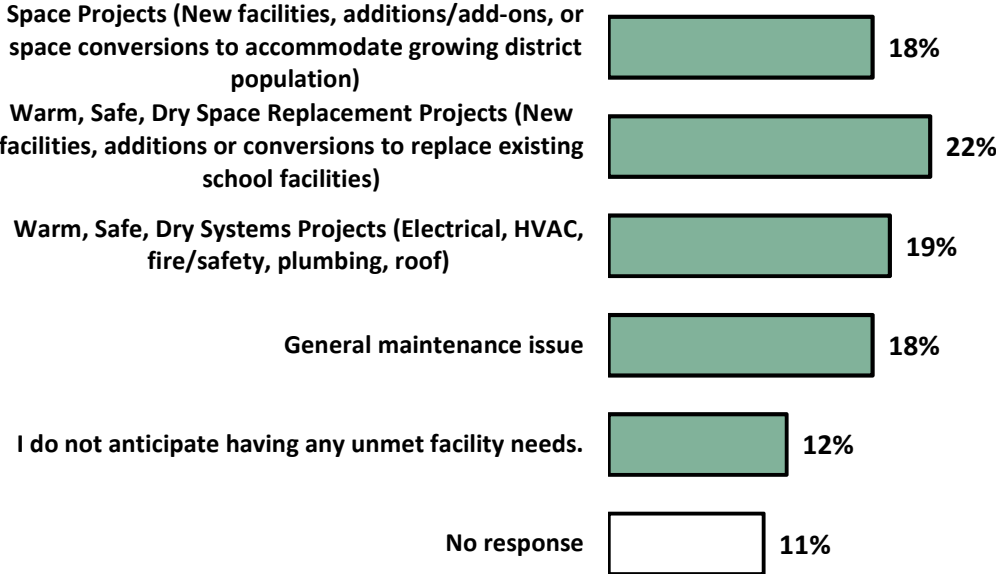
Superintendent Responses

1) What is the likelihood that your school district will be able to fully address identified facility needs requiring **IMMEDIATE ATTENTION** in the coming school year?

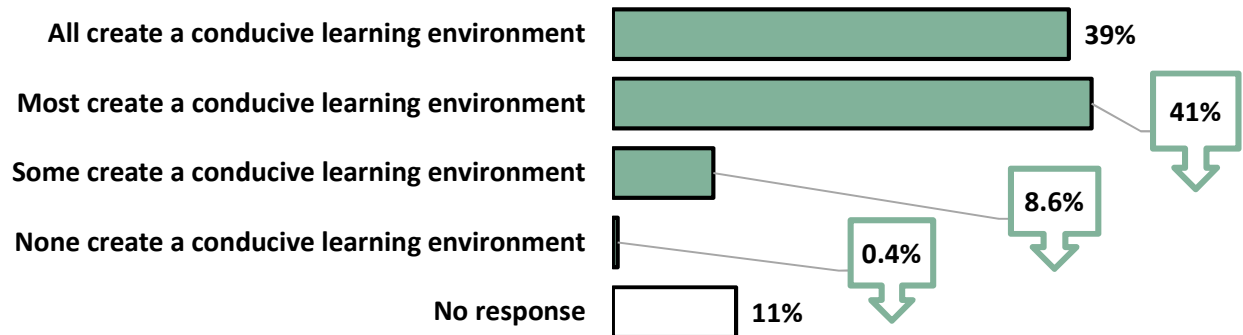
Total Responding = 251 superintendents



2) What do you anticipate being the greatest unmet facility need?

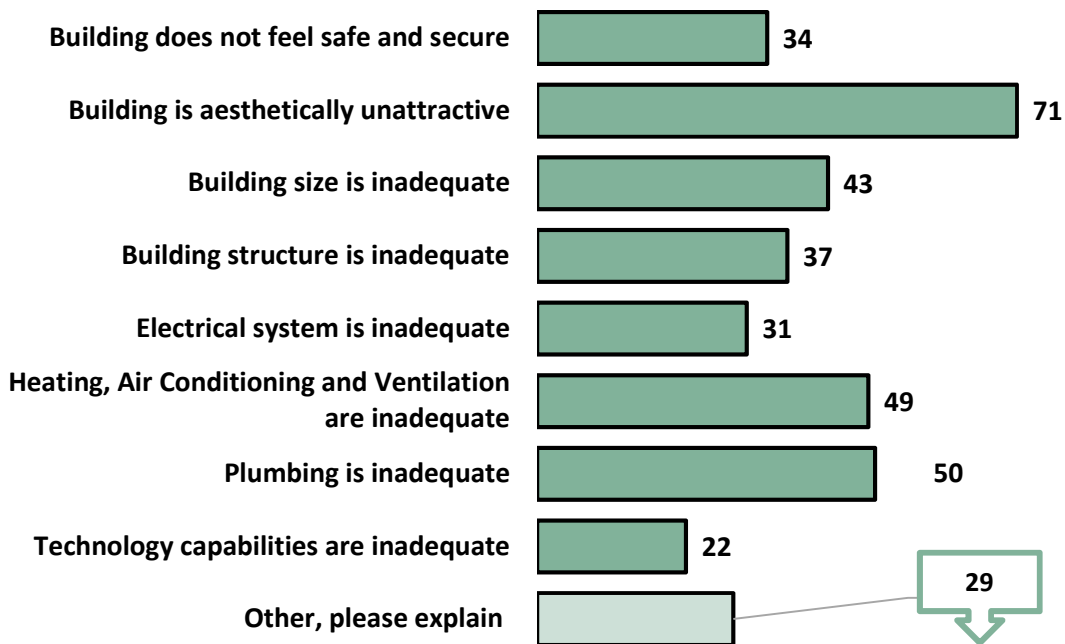


3) How would you describe the physical condition of the school buildings in your district? (Please refer to the list in the question below to see factors considered in a conducive learning environment.)



4) If you responded that **most, some, or none** of your school buildings create a conducive learning environment, please identify the types of building problems below.

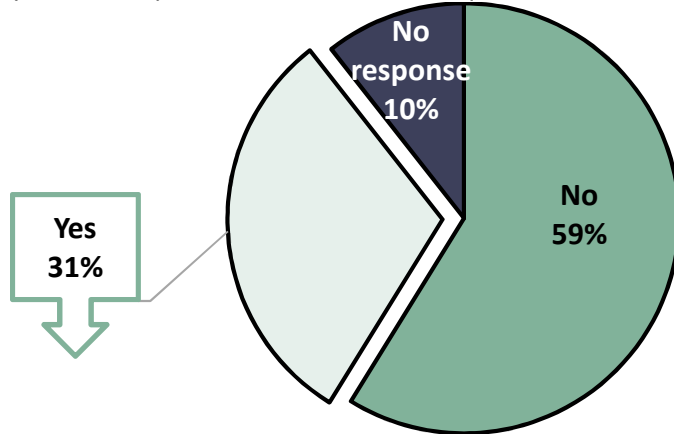
(Check all that apply.) **Multiple responses from 128 superintendents**



Top "Other" Responses: Roofing is inadequate; building is old and in need of repair or replacement; design problems with the building

Note: Roofing problems were the most often mentioned building problems that were not enumerated in question 39, with building age and need for repairs and/or replacement the second most cited building problem.

5) Are there any additional State supports and/or oversight that you think are needed to assist your district as you seek to provide and maintain adequate facilities for students

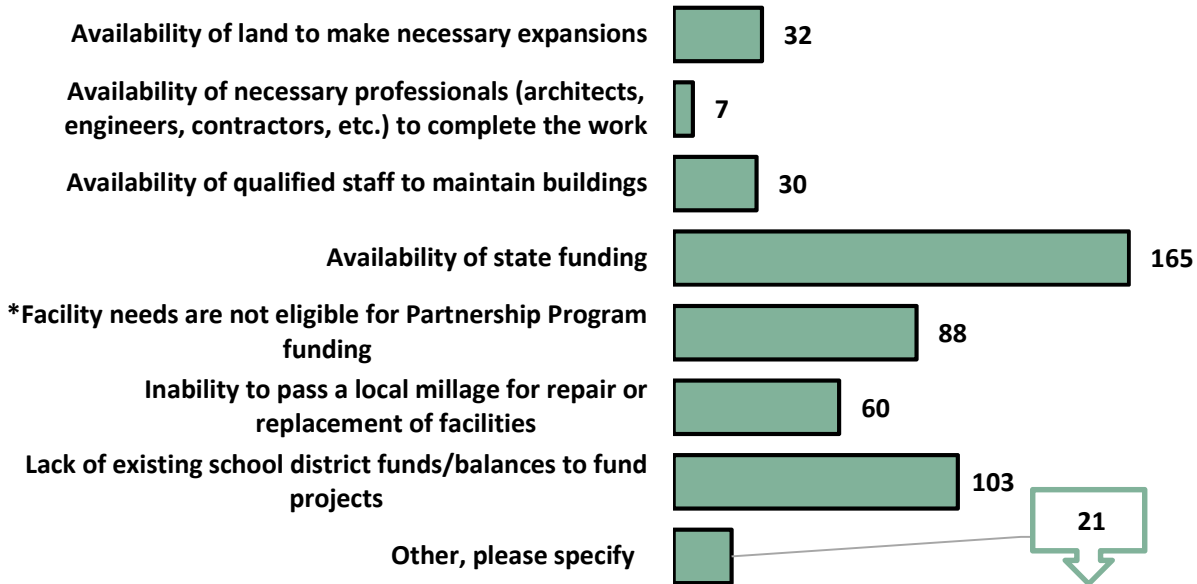


6) If yes, please specify what type of support or oversight you think is needed.

Total Responding = 78 Superintendents

Top Response: The most often mentioned type of support/oversight needed was the need for additional funding for various facility needs, including funding for safety measures, maintenance and operations, facility systems such as electrical and plumbing systems, and increased construction costs due to inflation.

7) What is/are the greatest impediments to correcting any school facility deficiencies you identified above: *(Check all that apply.)*



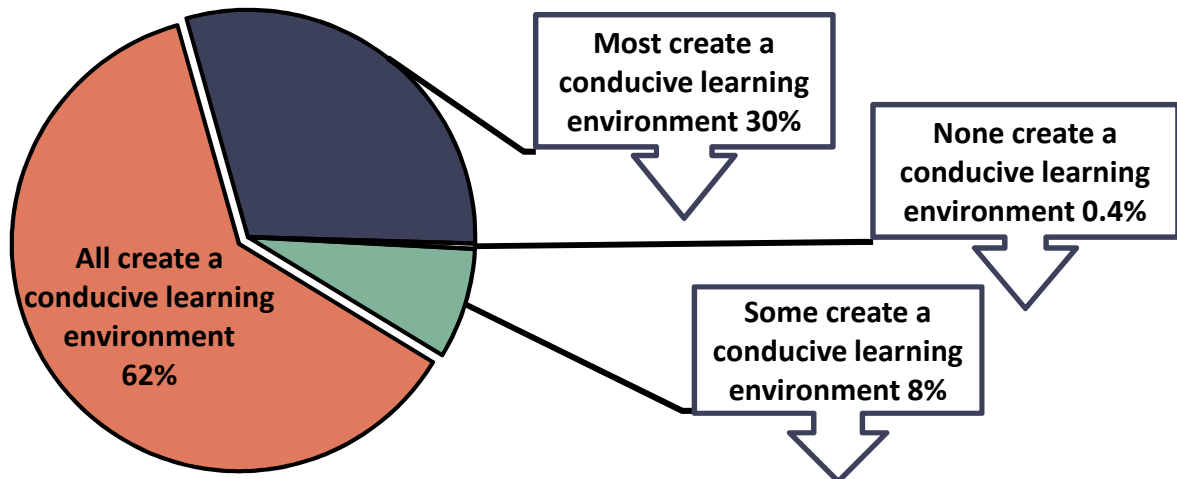
* Central office, facility needs do not meet minimum project cost

Top "Other" Responses: Rising construction costs or inflation, safe room requirements that have increased costs, and passing local millages.

SCHOOL FACILITIES — Respondents were allowed to make comments about the facilities topic and the most often cited comments for school facilities was the need for additional facilities funding, concerns about the impact of increasing costs of construction, the impact of adopted safe room requirements, challenges in passing local millages, and the age of school buildings.

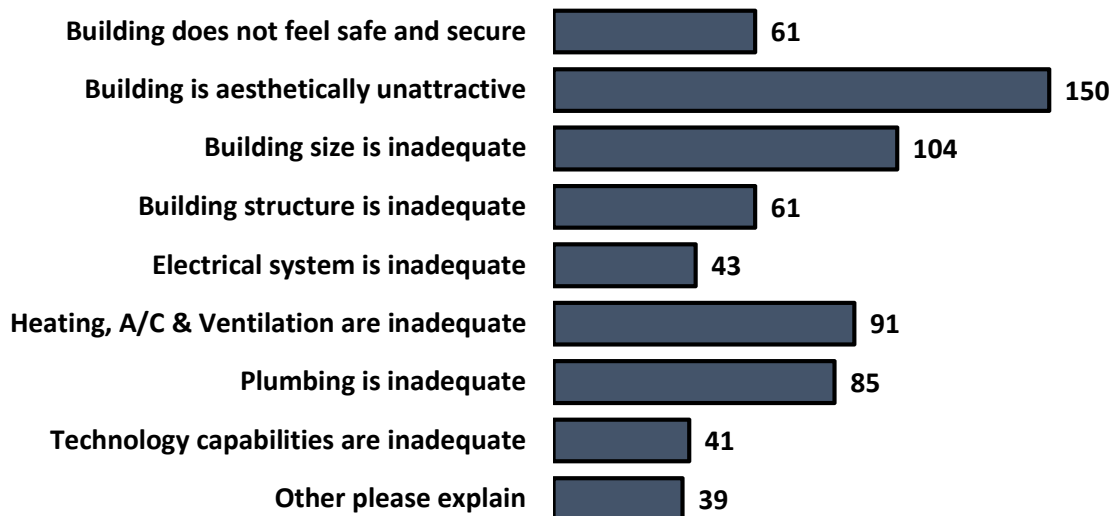
Principal Responses

- How would you describe the physical condition of the school building(s) in your school?
(Please refer to the list in question 53 below to see factors considered in a conducive learning environment.)



- If you responded that **most, some, or none** of your school buildings create a conducive learning environment, please identify the types of building problems below.

(Check all that apply.) **Multiple response from 300 school principals**



Top "Other" Responses: Building updates are needed (including roof repairs, flooring, plumbing, and electrical updates); building age is a problem; lack of space for various types of rooms including classrooms, cafeteria, and hallways

APPENDIX A – ACADEMIC FACILITIES STATUTE

2003: [Act 1181](#) - Created the Joint Committee on Educational Facilities

2004: Joint Committee on Educational Facilities filed the [Arkansas Statewide Educational Facilities Assessment](#), which included the recommendation that districts dedicate 9% of their operating expenditures “exclusively for custodial/maintenance operations” and noted that “dedicated funding must be provided” at the cited level.²⁴ The report noted that “deferred maintenance is a key element driving the cost of current [facilities] deficiencies and repairs.” An [addendum](#) to the 2004 Assessment was also provided in early 2005.

2005:

- [Act 1327](#) - To ensure that substantially equal access to adequate educational facilities and educational equipment is provided for all public school students, this Act:
 - Created the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation under the supervision of the Commission on Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation [A.C.A. § 6-21-112](#), which also mandates:
 - A report by October 1 of each year to the Governor, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the status of implementation of the Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities Program Act, [§ 6-21-801](#) et seq.
 - A report by October 1 of each even-numbered year to the Governor, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the state academic facilities master plan.
 - Established the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities [A.C.A. § 6-21-113](#)
 - Created the Commission on Public School Academic Facilities & Transportation [A.C.A. § 6-21-114](#)
- [Act 1426](#) - Established the Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities Program, [§ 6-21-801](#), which included establishment of the following:
 - Academic Facilities Master Plan Program (both District and State Master Plans) [A.C.A. § 6-21-806](#), [A.C.A. § 6-21-807](#)
 - Public School Facilities Custodial, Maintenance, Repair, and Renovation Manual [A.C.A. § 6-21-808](#)
 - Public School Academic Facility Manual [A.C.A. § 6-21-809](#)
 - Public School Academic Equipment Manual [A.C.A. § 6-21-810](#)
 - Academic Facilities Distress Program [A.C.A. § 6-21-811](#)
- [Act 2206](#) - Established the Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities Funding Act [A.C.A. § 6-20-2501](#), which included the following:
 - Definitions and Computations [A.C.A. § 6-20-2502](#)
 - Bond Debt Assistance Definitions [A.C.A. § 6-20-2503](#)
 - Developed funding programs for facilities construction and renovation:
 1. Academic Facilities Immediate Repair Program [A.C.A. § 6-20-2504](#) [Repealed.]
 2. Academic Equipment Program [6-20-2505](#) [Repealed.]
 3. Transitional Academic Facilities Program [6-20-2506](#) [Repealed.]
 4. Academic Facilities Partnership Program [A.C.A. § 6-20-2507](#)
 5. Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program [A.C.A. § 6-20-2508](#)

²⁴ Arkansas Statewide Educational Facilities Assessment (November 4, 2004). Final Report to the Joint Committee on Educational Facilities, p. 4 and 9.

- Created Project Cost Guidelines [A.C.A. § 6-20-2509](#)
- Established the Academic Facilities High-Growth School District Loan Program [A.C.A. § 6-20-2511](#) (never funded)

2006:

- [Act 22](#) and [Act 23](#) - Removed the bonded debt ratio, removing the cap on bond issuance.
- [Act 34](#) and [Act 35](#) - Created the Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Program to provide state financial assistance to eligible school districts that do not have sufficient means to contribute an amount of local resources necessary to qualify for state financial participation [A.C.A. § 6-20-2514](#).

2007:

- [Act 995](#) - Amended the Academic Facilities High-Growth School District Loan Program [A.C.A. § 6-20-2511](#) (never funded)
- [Act 996](#) - An Act to Accelerate the Process of Ensuring that Public School District Academic Facilities are Adequate
- [Act 1021](#) - Established the Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities Financing Act [A.C.A. § 6-20-2601](#)
- [Act 1237](#) - Appropriation for the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, including appropriations for facilities funding programs
- Arkansas Supreme Court released the state from court supervision.

2013:

- [Act 1064](#) - Established the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Capital Grant Program Fund [A.C.A. § 6-23-802](#)
- [Act 1255](#) - Established the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Fund [A.C.A. § 6-23-901](#)

2015:

- [Act 739](#) - An Act to Establish the Open-Enrollment Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program [A.C.A. § 6-23-908](#)

2017:

- [Act 801](#) - Established the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities to conduct “a comprehensive review and provide a report to the Commission for Academic Facilities and Transportation” on a variety of issues relating to academic facilities programs.²⁵

2019:

- [Act 1080](#) - Established the 2018 Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities in statute. Act 1080 revised the method used to calculate the Academic Facilities Wealth Index (FWI), and requires the complete transition to the new FWI calculation by the 2023-2025 Partnership funding cycle.

2021:

²⁵ Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities, Arkansas Committed to Adequate & Equitable K-12 Academic Facilities – Progress, Ongoing Needs & Recommendations, July 31, 2018.








- [ACT 775](#) - Requires that public school buildings constructed or totally renovated on or after July 1, 2021, be equipped with water bottle filling stations that are approved by the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.
- [ACT 987](#)
 - Requires all public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools to include an assessment of all public school facilities with respect to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and a transition plan establishing necessary steps to complete changes to facilities in order to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 by February 1, 2024.
 - Creates the Public School ADA Compliance Committee, which is required to establish guidelines and training for conducting assessments of public school buildings.

2023:

- [ACT 237](#) – Provides for an open enrollment public charter school facilities funding program by allowing ADE to grant funds to a third-party administrator to create a revolving loan fund.
- [ACT 787](#) - Requires exterior doors of public and private schools and all educational institutions to be closed and locked during school hours except during transition times and prohibits building egress from being impeded for any person in compliance with the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- [ACT 773](#) - Amends the law concerning the possession of a handgun by a minor or a person on school property to repeal language regarding the person being on a journey beyond the county in which the person lives.
- [ACT 317](#) - Requires public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools to designate each multiple occupancy restroom or changing area exclusively based on sex and provide a reasonable accommodation to an individual who is unwilling or unable to use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for the individual's sex. The act creates exceptions for certain individuals, including individuals with disabilities, and permits an individual to file a formal complaint regarding noncompliance with the act.
- [ACT 764](#) - Prohibits the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, before January 1, 2025, from requiring an educational facility to have a storm shelter that has an occupant capacity that exceeds the total occupant load of the classrooms, vocational rooms, and offices in the building in which the storm shelter is located. The act also requires the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, beginning January 1, 2025, to identify the educational facilities that must have a storm shelter and set certain requirements for the occupant capacity of the storm shelter.

APPENDIX B – PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM BIENNIAL CYCLE

*Even or Odd numbered years (these are deadlines)

 <p>Aug 1 *Odd</p>	<p>State Publishes Statewide Needs Lists for upcoming Partnership Cycle for Two Project Categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District-Level Space Project List, and Campus-Level Warm, Safe, Dry (WSD) Needs List <p>Needs List Ranking Factors for Space/Growth Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-Year Division Projected Enrollment Growth Percentage (highest % ranked first) 5-Year Division Projected Enrollment Growth Amount (highest value ranked first) Suitability based on gross academic square feet (sq. ft.) needed minus gross academic sq. ft present (highest value ranked first) Suitability Percentage which is Suitability divided by gross academic sq. ft. present (highest value first) Apply a 25% weight to the ranking for each of the above factors and rank (lowest score ranked first) <p>Needs List Ranking Factors for WSD Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus Value: calculate for each building the building value X total sq. ft., add products for each building on campus together, and divide the sum by total sq. ft. in the overall campus. (lowest value ranked first) Facilities Condition Index (FCI) Value: FCI calculation: cost to bring facility up to standard divided by facility replacement cost. (highest value ranked first) Apply a 50% weight to each of the rankings for the above factors and rank (lowest score ranked first)
 <p>Feb. 1 *Even</p>	<p>Districts must submit 6-year Facilities Master Plan</p>
 <p>Mar 1 *Even</p>	<p>Districts must submit applications for Partnership Program funding for the upcoming Partnership Cycle</p>
 <p>May 1 *Odd</p>	<p>Division completes review of applications, notifies districts of the status of their applications, and recommends to the Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approval and funding of qualifying projects based on established criteria.</p> <p>Division ranks eligible projects within the two project categories using three ranking factors and weights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities Wealth Index (FWI) Ranking (lowest FWI ranked first) Statewide Priority Needs List Ranking Academic Facilities Maintenance Expenditure Ranking (highest % ranked first) Apply a 30% weight to FWI ranking, 50% weight to Needs List ranking, and 20% weight to Academic Facilities Maintenance Expenditure ranking and rank. (lowest score is ranked first)
 <p>May 1 *Odd</p>	<p>Commission determines the total funding levels for year-one of the upcoming biennial cycle, and State Financial Participation (SFP) or funding for eligible projects based on each districts' Facilities Wealth Index and project rank.</p>
 <p>May 1 *Odd</p>	<p>One-half of the available funding is allocated to Space/Growth and one-half to WSD projects. If any project category does not need the amount of allocated funding, the funding rolls over to the other project category if needed.</p>
 <p>May 1 *Even</p>	<p>Commission determines level of funding for approved year-two projects for the biennial period. SFP determined by district FWI and project rank.</p> <p>One-half of the available funding is allocated to both Space/Growth and one-half to WSD projects. If any project category does not need the amount of allocated funding, it rolls over to the other project category if needed.</p>

APPENDIX C – DISTRICT FWI VALUES (FOR ACTIVE FUNDING CYCLES)

District	2019-21 FWI	2021-23 FWI	2023-25 FWI	Change 2019-21 to 2023-25
Alma	32.12%	30.18%	25.42%	-6.69%
Alpena	32.92%	28.82%	20.15%	-12.77%
Arkadelphia	63.09%	53.83%	39.13%	-23.96%
Armored	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	0.00%
Ashdown	95.38%	78.36%	70.14%	-25.24%
Atkins	37.48%	32.74%	29.56%	-7.91%
Augusta	94.93%	73.51%	49.16%	-45.77%
Bald Knob	51.21%	39.59%	27.32%	-23.89%
Barton	27.53%	26.51%	20.97%	-6.55%
Batesville	51.39%	45.54%	37.85%	-13.54%
Bauxite	27.70%	29.93%	28.90%	1.20%
Bay	35.49%	25.38%	25.46%	-10.03%
Bearden	40.95%	33.94%	26.35%	-14.60%
Beebe	38.37%	38.01%	31.56%	-6.81%
Benton	47.59%	46.58%	41.31%	-6.29%
Bentonville	67.82%	84.31%	85.92%	18.10%
Bergman	28.86%	27.95%	21.79%	-7.07%
Berryville	45.59%	42.05%	39.01%	-6.57%
Bismarck	38.10%	34.17%	27.39%	-10.70%
Blevins	40.93%	32.69%	31.79%	-9.13%
Blytheville	46.72%	35.76%	22.25%	-24.47%
Booneville	42.01%	33.81%	24.59%	-17.42%
Bradford	33.61%	28.23%	20.58%	-13.03%
Brinkley	82.42%	62.95%	40.77%	-41.65%
Brookland	36.54%	41.41%	43.43%	6.89%
Bryant	51.08%	57.47%	56.00%	4.93%
Buffalo Is. Central	50.64%	42.49%	30.79%	-19.86%
Cabot	38.35%	40.09%	39.71%	1.37%
Caddo Hills	32.09%	25.27%	19.18%	-12.91%
Calico Rock	48.00%	42.79%	28.36%	-19.64%
Camden Fairview	41.28%	33.03%	24.37%	-16.91%
Carlisle	59.11%	54.23%	39.42%	-19.69%
Cave City	33.67%	28.68%	22.48%	-11.18%
Cedar Ridge	99.50%	99.50%	62.78%	-36.72%
Cedarville	31.12%	29.07%	20.50%	-10.62%
Centerpoint	35.09%	23.77%	21.28%	-13.81%
Charleston	36.03%	34.86%	24.32%	-11.71%
Clarendon	68.40%	57.57%	38.51%	-29.90%

District	2019-21 FWI	2021-23 FWI	2023-25 FWI	Change 2019-21 to 2023-25
Clarksville	37.83%	33.75%	23.01%	-14.82%
Cleveland County	40.60%	34.94%	23.52%	-17.08%
Clinton	77.19%	57.79%	37.05%	-40.14%
Concord	93.70%	69.89%	46.79%	-46.91%
Conway	68.72%	62.88%	50.71%	-18.01%
Corning	65.43%	55.01%	37.48%	-27.95%
Cossatot River	34.91%	28.18%	21.71%	-13.20%
Cotter	43.96%	29.29%	24.90%	-19.05%
County Line	59.10%	45.41%	34.28%	-24.82%
Cross County	54.58%	46.82%	34.30%	-20.28%
Crossett	84.08%	73.25%	39.49%	-44.59%
Cutter-Morning Star	38.83%	34.89%	30.12%	-8.71%
Danville	30.02%	26.88%	21.70%	-8.32%
Dardanelle	28.42%	24.75%	21.54%	-6.87%
Decatur	60.71%	60.03%	41.17%	-19.54%
Deer/Mt. Judea	40.34%	27.91%	22.22%	-18.12%
Dequeen	32.48%	30.00%	24.22%	-8.25%
Dermott	55.57%	46.78%	26.01%	-29.56%
Des Arc	50.08%	38.75%	32.26%	-17.83%
Dewitt	71.13%	64.61%	56.79%	-14.34%
Dierks	41.44%	31.00%	21.28%	-20.16%
Dover	36.31%	32.86%	22.33%	-13.98%
Drew Central	43.79%	41.26%	32.11%	-11.68%
Dumas	46.75%	39.05%	21.22%	-25.53%
Earle	28.69%	23.46%	16.66%	-12.04%
East End	36.60%	36.91%	26.36%	-10.24%
East Poinsett Co.	30.62%	25.37%	17.58%	-13.04%
El Dorado	79.42%	70.74%	47.82%	-31.61%
Elkins	30.39%	33.84%	33.90%	3.51%
Emerson-Taylor-Bradley	70.90%	38.29%	47.70%	-23.20%
England	44.71%	39.68%	29.72%	-14.99%
Eureka Springs	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	0.00%
Farmington	38.55%	38.54%	48.80%	10.25%
Fayetteville	90.92%	75.42%	81.63%	-9.29%
Flippin	74.09%	50.32%	43.79%	-30.30%
Fordyce	44.11%	35.34%	16.35%	-27.76%
Foreman	49.45%	34.84%	24.22%	-25.23%
Forrest City	45.52%	36.42%	18.78%	-26.74%
Fort Smith	60.59%	51.31%	38.40%	-22.19%
Fouke	31.16%	28.14%	32.13%	0.98%
Fountain Lake	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	0.00%

District	2019-21 FWI	2021-23 FWI	2023-25 FWI	Change 2019-21 to 2023-25
Genoa Central	23.33%	23.85%	16.27%	-7.06%
Gentry	67.34%	72.41%	60.12%	-7.22%
Glen Rose	32.26%	32.86%	25.53%	-6.73%
Gosnell	22.22%	19.30%	14.96%	-7.26%
Gravette	86.51%	93.81%	96.90%	10.39%
Green Forest	35.31%	39.18%	27.08%	-8.22%
Greenbrier	39.62%	40.97%	43.82%	4.20%
Greene County Tech	45.24%	45.20%	38.93%	-6.31%
Greenland	58.96%	55.35%	46.71%	-12.25%
Greenwood	55.32%	62.14%	54.50%	-0.82%
Gurdon	49.62%	41.71%	29.57%	-20.05%
Guy-Perkins	79.85%	66.20%	49.30%	-30.55%
Hackett	45.34%	39.49%	29.48%	-15.85%
Hamburg	35.03%	32.89%	21.63%	-13.40%
Hampton	90.00%	80.87%	82.16%	-7.84%
Harmony Grove (Benton)	27.56%	33.85%	35.42%	7.86%
Harmony Grove (Camden)	29.27%	23.42%	14.89%	-14.38%
Harrisburg	52.25%	47.82%	35.48%	-16.77%
Harrison	72.79%	62.93%	46.68%	-26.11%
Hazen	72.18%	62.15%	57.27%	-14.91%
Heber Springs	96.86%	89.74%	63.19%	-33.67%
Hector	34.97%	34.64%	28.52%	-6.45%
Helena/ West Helena	55.73%	33.96%	17.90%	-37.82%
Hermitage	42.43%	37.43%	27.80%	-14.63%
Highland	58.62%	46.61%	29.53%	-29.09%
Hillcrest	56.53%	51.59%	36.80%	-19.73%
Hope	45.77%	38.48%	25.64%	-20.13%
Horatio	23.98%	22.32%	18.74%	-5.24%
Hot Springs	94.97%	75.41%	51.82%	-43.15%
Hoxie	33.57%	27.76%	15.56%	-18.01%
Huntsville	45.17%	40.78%	34.77%	-10.39%
Izard County Consolidated	64.19%	34.63%	29.56%	-34.63%
Jackson Co.	41.32%	38.11%	32.54%	-8.79%
Jacksonville North Pulaski	56.44%	53.32%	37.37%	-19.07%
Jasper	41.09%	34.82%	24.06%	-17.04%
Jessieville	80.04%	70.82%	49.15%	-30.89%
Jonesboro	55.12%	35.80%	29.49%	-25.63%
Junction City	68.01%	59.72%	46.05%	-21.96%
Kirby	58.40%	43.22%	43.42%	-14.97%
Lafayette County	66.64%	49.90%	26.85%	-39.78%
Lake Hamilton	54.98%	52.33%	46.23%	-8.75%

District	2019-21 FWI	2021-23 FWI	2023-25 FWI	Change 2019-21 to 2023-25
Lakeside (Hot Springs)	75.50%	78.93%	76.42%	0.93%
Lakeside (Lake Village)	69.34%	55.76%	34.63%	-34.70%
Lamar	32.75%	30.34%	26.68%	-6.07%
Lavaca	43.71%	42.39%	40.43%	-3.28%
Lawrence County	58.22%	48.23%	31.82%	-26.40%
Lead Hill	60.16%	35.86%	30.13%	-30.04%
Lee County	99.50%	81.83%	35.24%	-64.26%
Lincoln	36.42%	31.89%	25.94%	-10.48%
Little Rock	92.01%	88.86%	70.56%	-21.45%
Lonoke	43.55%	39.88%	27.38%	-16.17%
Magazine	33.22%	29.81%	24.08%	-9.13%
Magnet Cove	54.87%	51.84%	50.64%	-4.23%
Magnolia	60.92%	48.11%	30.84%	-30.08%
Malvern	63.27%	53.54%	37.84%	-25.43%
Mammoth Spring	50.97%	33.92%	36.26%	-14.71%
Manila	31.82%	31.36%	29.09%	-2.73%
Mansfield	46.84%	45.54%	31.22%	-15.63%
Marion	54.83%	52.29%	47.71%	-7.12%
Marked Tree	42.16%	32.02%	20.87%	-21.29%
Marmaduke	40.00%	37.01%	28.62%	-11.38%
Marvell-Elaine	99.50%	84.95%	60.35%	-39.15%
Mayflower	43.61%	45.09%	32.91%	-10.71%
Maynard	42.39%	21.56%	21.92%	-20.47%
McCrary	59.51%	50.79%	43.18%	-16.33%
McGehee	67.42%	54.02%	36.12%	-31.29%
Melbourne	54.59%	50.73%	39.58%	-15.01%
Mena	50.17%	42.05%	30.21%	-19.96%
Midland	59.39%	52.67%	31.72%	-27.67%
Mineral Springs	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	0.00%
Monticello	40.73%	34.27%	22.38%	-18.34%
Mount Ida	92.39%	77.73%	51.45%	-40.94%
Mountain Home	90.30%	79.36%	55.53%	-34.77%
Mountain Pine	58.12%	39.80%	43.13%	-14.99%
Mountain View	53.58%	45.18%	27.22%	-26.36%
Mountainburg	34.97%	31.27%	26.66%	-8.31%
Mt. Vernon/Enola	50.32%	44.88%	45.51%	-4.81%
Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-	76.65%	62.99%	45.76%	-30.88%
Nashville	41.31%	33.55%	25.71%	-15.60%
Nemo Vista	99.50%	86.33%	54.92%	-44.58%
Nettleton	89.78%	79.34%	70.31%	-19.46%
Nevada	47.67%	34.70%	25.90%	-21.77%

District	2019-21 FWI	2021-23 FWI	2023-25 FWI	Change 2019-21 to 2023-25
Newport	72.48%	55.03%	38.01%	-34.47%
Norfolk	84.35%	71.22%	45.13%	-39.23%
North Little Rock	51.08%	44.31%	31.31%	-19.77%
Omaha	46.05%	42.05%	32.44%	-13.61%
Osceola	64.06%	47.77%	30.83%	-33.23%
Ouachita (Donaldson)	30.10%	27.91%	22.49%	-7.61%
Ouachita River (Mena)	39.53%	32.01%	24.00%	-15.52%
Ozark (Ozark)	52.33%	42.03%	32.67%	-19.66%
Ozark Mountain (St. Joe)	50.27%	41.63%	29.76%	-20.51%
Palestine-Wheatley	31.87%	23.31%	16.08%	-15.79%
Pangburn	69.68%	41.89%	27.18%	-42.49%
Paragould	45.64%	41.35%	34.36%	-11.28%
Paris	47.95%	38.58%	26.94%	-21.01%
Parkers Chapel	45.67%	50.72%	45.83%	0.16%
Pea Ridge	27.91%	31.29%	36.09%	8.18%
Perryville	32.66%	28.27%	21.35%	-11.31%
Piggott	46.04%	37.64%	26.73%	-19.31%
Pine Bluff	55.45%	44.25%	26.85%	-28.60%
Pocahontas	43.93%	35.05%	30.97%	-12.96%
Pottsville	28.74%	28.72%	22.68%	-6.06%
Poyen	12.31%	12.24%	12.34%	0.04%
Prairie Grove	42.93%	49.25%	50.74%	7.80%
Prescott	32.50%	29.00%	18.95%	-13.55%
Pulaski County Special	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	0.00%
Quitman	99.50%	95.66%	51.98%	-47.52%
Rector	46.65%	43.55%	31.15%	-15.49%
Rivercrest	45.65%	37.31%	27.08%	-18.57%
Riverside	32.81%	31.21%	26.18%	-6.63%
Riverview	45.57%	36.99%	18.51%	-27.06%
Rogers	73.13%	79.96%	78.89%	5.76%
Rose Bud	59.98%	50.65%	32.80%	-27.18%
Russellville	99.50%	89.76%	71.36%	-28.14%
Salem	33.07%	17.61%	15.15%	-17.92%
Scranton	54.13%	45.64%	38.82%	-15.31%
Searcy (Searcy)	76.40%	68.87%	52.03%	-24.37%
Searcy County (Marshall)	50.31%	38.88%	25.34%	-24.97%
Sheridan	43.56%	43.21%	41.72%	-1.84%
Shirley	99.50%	94.58%	56.82%	-42.68%
Siloam Springs	48.58%	45.13%	42.65%	-5.93%
Sloan-Hendrix	34.03%	28.46%	21.24%	-12.79%
Smackover-Norphlet	64.91%	49.95%	36.55%	-28.36%

District	2019-21 FWI	2021-23 FWI	2023-25 FWI	Change 2019-21 to 2023-25
South Conway County	65.01%	54.86%	38.94%	-26.07%
South Pike County	53.52%	45.66%	35.60%	-17.92%
South Side (Bee Branch)	99.50%	99.50%	65.62%	-33.88%
Southside (Batesville)	20.52%	13.21%	12.44%	-8.08%
Spring Hill	15.32%	16.60%	12.61%	-2.71%
Springdale	43.05%	41.60%	40.63%	-2.42%
Star City	35.87%	33.11%	27.80%	-8.08%
Strong-Huttig	76.68%	57.22%	27.80%	-48.88%
Stuttgart	76.26%	67.32%	56.25%	-20.00%
Texarkana	56.18%	49.50%	36.98%	-19.20%
Trumann	36.33%	32.45%	20.66%	-15.67%
Two Rivers	53.37%	35.92%	31.04%	-22.33%
Valley Springs	34.72%	33.22%	26.95%	-7.77%
Valley View	48.50%	67.00%	72.48%	23.98%
Van Buren	41.48%	39.29%	32.05%	-9.43%
Vilonia	32.15%	35.06%	33.84%	1.69%
Viola	60.20%	49.26%	33.89%	-26.31%
Waldron	31.47%	24.61%	18.02%	-13.45%
Warren	31.57%	27.57%	17.83%	-13.74%
Watson Chapel	24.35%	21.58%	14.32%	-10.03%
West Fork	34.39%	34.10%	32.92%	-1.47%
West Memphis	35.41%	27.74%	16.65%	-18.76%
West Side (Greers Ferry)	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	0.00%
Western Yell Co.	47.63%	39.54%	32.82%	-14.81%
Westside (Hartman)	31.32%	28.06%	18.14%	-13.17%
Westside Cons. (Jonesboro)	40.58%	41.83%	37.42%	-3.16%
White Co. Central	44.55%	31.04%	23.24%	-21.31%
White Hall	58.45%	56.11%	57.85%	-0.59%
Wonderview	95.35%	72.39%	60.24%	-35.10%
Woodlawn	30.47%	28.63%	29.57%	-0.91%
Wynne	40.73%	37.86%	27.52%	-13.21%
Yellville-Summit	51.88%	33.83%	30.02%	-21.86%

APPENDIX D – APPROVED PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS (ACTIVE FUNDING CYCLES)

2019-21 Funding Cycle

District	Project Description	Project Category	State Financial Participation	Wealth Index/ District Share
Batesville	Batesville HS Gymnasium Roof	WSD-System	\$232,180	51.39%
Bay	ES HVAC Replacement	WSD-System	\$193,711	35.49%
Benton	Cook Field House Total Renovation	WSD-Space	\$1,655,811	47.59%
Benton	High School Cafeteria Addition / Total Renovation	Space	\$1,946,181	47.59%
Benton	Perrin - Kitchen Addition / Total Renovation	WSD-Space	\$153,283	47.59%
Bentonville	New Elementary School #13	Space	\$3,696,008	67.82%
Bryant	Replace HVAC in Bryant MS	WSD-System	\$509,793	51.08%
Cabot Public	Northside ES Addition (Part 19-21)	Space	\$303,866	38.35%
Cabot Public	Northside Roof (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$101,616	38.35%
Camden Fairview	Fairview ES-Roof	WSD-System	\$682,743	41.28%
Cutter-Morning Star	Cafeteria / Band and ALE Building Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$91,777	38.83%
Dierks	elementary classrooms	Space	\$345,886	41.43%
Drew Central	Kindergarten Classrooms Addition	Space	\$686,684	43.79%
Earle	Elementary School Cafeteria Fire Suppression	WSD-System	\$24,673	28.69%
Elkins	add 6 classrooms	Space	\$845,771	30.39%
Emerson-Taylor-Bradley	Classroom addition Taylor HS	Space	\$222,358	70.90%
Emerson-Taylor-Bradley	Taylor New Cafeteria	WSD-Space	\$329,985	70.90%
England	England Elementary School	WSD-Space	\$4,984,153	44.71%
England	High School HVAC Replacement	WSD-System	\$672,782	44.71%
England	England High School Fire Alarm System	WSD-System	\$49,033	44.71%
Foreman	High School	WSD-Space	\$5,144,062	49.45%
Forrest City	HS Ind Arts Repl Alt Proj (Part 19-21)	WSD-Space	\$304,492	45.52%
Forrest City	HS Gym HVAC (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$161,668	45.52%
Fort Smith	Northside Classroom Addition	Space	\$1,706,066	60.59%
Fouke	Performing Arts Center	Space	\$1,639,142	31.16%
Genoa Central	Addition of a JHS Building	Space	\$4,742,051	23.33%
Genoa Central	HVAC Add to PE	WSD-System	\$396,161	23.33%

District	Project Description	Project Category	State Financial Participation	Wealth Index/ District Share
Glen Rose	ES HVAC / Electrical Replacement	WSD-System	\$1,078,162	32.26%
Glen Rose	Gifford HVAC / Electrical Replacement	WSD-System	\$270,319	32.26%
Harmony Grove (Benton)	New High School Cafeteria	WSD-Space	\$1,383,157	27.55%
Harmony Grove (Benton)	High School Addition	WSD-Space	\$2,563,592	27.55%
Harmony Grove (Benton)	HS Cafeteria conversion to ES/MS Academic Core	Space	\$364,973	27.55%
Helena/West Helena	HS Gym HVAC Renovations (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$274,355	55.73%
Hillcrest	Cafeteria and Safe Room	WSD-Space	\$441,359	56.53%
Hillcrest	Cafeteria, 10 Classrooms and Office Addition	WSD-Space	\$464,693	56.53%
Hope	Garland Academy Roof	WSD-System	\$51,737	45.77%
Jackson County	ES HVAC Project	WSD-System	\$309,244	41.32%
Jacksonville North Pulaski	New Middle School - Replace Jacksonville MS	WSD-Space	\$8,070,347	56.44%
Jacksonville North Pulaski	New Elementary School - Replace Pinewood and Dupree	WSD-Space	\$6,996,705	56.44%
Kirby	Districtwide Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$30,509	58.40%
Lake Hamilton	Intermediate School - Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$49,006	54.98%
Lake Hamilton	Primary School - Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$52,205	54.98%
Lake Hamilton	High School - Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$83,949	54.98%
Lake Hamilton	Jr. High School - Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$53,655	54.98%
Lake Hamilton	Elementary School - Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$32,399	54.98%
Lake Hamilton	New Horizons ALE - Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$5,324	54.98%
Lakeside (Hot Springs)	7-8 Addition / Reconfiguration	Space	\$1,664,111	75.50%
Lakeside (Hot Springs)	Intermediate School Cafeteria Addition and Conversion	Space	\$719,095	75.50%
Lakeside (Hot Springs)	Primary School Cafeteria / Admin Addition and Total Renovation	Space	\$238,529	75.50%
Lawrence County	1959 ES Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$187,410	58.22%
Little Rock	Cloverdale MS Replacement	WSD-Space	\$936,820	92.01%

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Little Rock	Roof Replacement Baseline	WSD-System	\$56,581	92.01%
Little Rock	Roof Replacement Jefferson	WSD-System	\$40,542	92.01%
Magnet Cove	New Elementary School	WSD-Space	\$3,335,441	54.87%
Magnolia	HS HVAC replacement	WSD-System	\$322,424	60.92%
Marked Tree	Gym Roof Renovations (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$273,267	42.16%
Maynard	HS Roofing Project	WSD-System	\$107,569	42.39%
Monticello	Monticello Intermediate School Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$365,565	40.72%
Mountain Home	Junior High School Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$129,254	90.30%
Mountain Pine	Auditorium Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$85,056	58.12%
Ouachita	HS - Career Ed / Administration Addition	Space	\$690,373	30.09%
Paragould	Paragould HS - Agri Ed (Planned)	WSD-Space	\$1,916,742	45.63%
Paragould	Paragould HS - ROTC (Planned)	WSD-Space	\$739,825	45.63%
Paragould	Paragould HS - Band Building (Planned)	WSD-Space	\$843,696	45.63%
Pea Ridge	High School - Roof and HVAC	WSD-System	\$3,231,673	27.91%
Pea Ridge	Intermediate School - Roof and HVAC	WSD-System	\$961,395	27.91%
Pine Bluff	HS Gym HVAC (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$597,137	55.45%
Poyen	High School Career Ed Addition	Space	\$774,214	12.31%
Poyen	Cafeteria - Total Renovation	WSD-Space	\$846,555	12.31%
Prairie Grove	New School Grades 7-8	Space	\$4,704,047	42.93%
Prescott	New ES Campus	WSD-Space	\$5,179,374	32.50%
Salem	Construct 6 Additional Classrooms - High School	Space	\$757,476	33.07%
Sheridan	New HS Science & Art Wing (Part 19-21)	Space	\$1,439,547	43.56%
Sheridan	HS FA (Auditorium) Renovations (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$805,421	43.56%
Siloam Springs	Installation of Fire Alarm at Intermediate Campus	WSD-System	\$50,729	48.58%
Sloan-Hendrix	K-12 Additions Phase 2 (Part 19-21)	Space	\$2,319,690	34.03%
Smackover	Norphlet HVAC replacement ES and Auditorium	WSD-System	\$202,690	64.91%
South Pike County	Roof Replacement at the High School Main Building	WSD-System	\$252,464	53.52%

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South Pike County	Roof Replacement at the Upper Elementary	WSD-System	\$75,411	53.52%
Springdale	George JHS - Replace Roof	WSD-System	\$578,368	43.05%
Springdale	Southwest JHS - Additions and Conversions	Space	\$3,999,238	43.05%
Springdale	Southwest JHS - Electrical and Plumbing Replacements	WSD-System	\$636,063	43.05%
Springdale	Kelly MS - Replace HVAC	WSD-System	\$1,102,604	43.05%
Springdale	Tyson MS - Replace HVAC	WSD-System	\$1,102,604	43.05%
Springdale	Central JHS - Additions and Conversions	Space	\$1,779,841	43.05%
Springdale	George ES - Additions and Conversions	Space	\$770,254	43.05%
Star City	Middle School New Roof	WSD-System	\$298,001	35.87%
Stuttgart	New Roof on Old PAE (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$142,842	76.26%
Trumann	MS - Gymnasium Systems Replacement	WSD-System	\$1,169,373	36.33%
Valley View	JHS Roof Renovations (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$436,186	48.50%
Van Buren	Central ES HVAC/Roof Renov. (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$1,396,849	41.48%
Van Buren	Parkview Roof Renovations (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$168,274	41.48%
Van Buren	Rena Roof Renovations (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$207,130	41.48%
Warren	New Elementary to Replace Eastside Primary	WSD-Space	\$6,989,988	31.57%
Watson Chapel	Jr. HS Gym HVAC (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$283,114	24.35%
West Memphis	New East/Wonder JHS	WSD-Space	\$11,205,129	35.40%
West Memphis	New West JHS	WSD-Space	\$11,210,668	35.40%
White Hall	White Hall MS HVAC (Part 19-21)	WSD-System	\$532,572	58.44%
Yellville-Summit	District Wide Fire Alarm- Life Safety	WSD-System	\$42,474	51.88%
Yellville-Summit	Roof Replacement at High School Building	WSD-System	\$159,018	51.88%
Total			\$133,458,339	

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District	Project Description	Project Category	State Financial Participation	Wealth Index/ District Share
Arkadelphia	New Elementary School - Grades 3-5 Per letter from district dated 8/4/21 the grade configuration will change to Grades K-4.	WSD-Space	\$4,407,657	53.83%
Barton	BL HS Roof Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$285,513	26.51%
Batesville	HS / JHS Addition (Part 21-23)	Space	\$5,228,342	45.54%
Batesville	West ES Space Replacement (Part 21-23)	WSD-Space	\$3,425,228	45.54%
Bauxite	Pine Haven ES - Phase 4 Addition	Space	\$1,770,427	29.93%
Bauxite	HS Additions	Space	\$1,869,832	29.93%
Bay	Bay HS Roof	WSD-System	\$179,593	25.38%
Bearden	HVAC/Electrical Upgrades in BHS/BES	WSD-System	\$118,491	33.94%
Benton	New Elementary School	Space	\$6,339,552	46.58%
Benton	New Middle School	Space	\$12,373,896	46.58%
Bentonville	BWHS Classroom Addition	Space	\$644,746	84.31%
Brookland	Kindergarten Addition (Part 21-23)	Space	\$1,094,156	41.41%
Brookland	HS Roofs Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$323,022	41.41%
Bryant	High School Additions, Phase 2	WSD-Space	\$3,388,193	57.47%
Cabot Public	CLA New Building (Part 21-23)	WSD-Space	\$1,951,476	40.09%
Caddo Hills	Roofing the PE Building	WSD-System	\$148,327	25.27%
Cleveland County	High School Facility HVAC Replacement	WSD-System	\$452,004	34.94%
Concord Public School	Construct new ES PE facility/safe room	Space	\$202,448	69.89%
Concord Public School	Addition of HVAC to Gym	WSD-System	\$86,182	69.89%
Cotter	High School Building Addition	Space	\$1,671,668	29.29%
Cross County	Cross Co HS Roof Renov (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$761,459	46.82%
Cross County	Cross Co HVAC Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$317,548	46.82%
Cutter-Morning Star	Elementary School - Security Upgrades	WSD-System	\$782,203	34.89%
Danville	Elementary Safe Room/ Multi Purpose	Space	\$521,018	26.88%

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Decatur	High School - Roof/HVAC/Plumbing/Electrical/ Fire Alarm	WSD-System	\$937,107	60.03%
Drew Central	DC Middle School HVAC	WSD-System	\$619,593	41.26%
Drew Central	Cafeteria Dining Area Expansion	Space	\$702,670	41.26%
El Dorado	Goodwin Addition	Space	\$332,778	70.74%
El Dorado	Northwest Addition	Space	\$418,346	70.74%
Farmington	Demolition and Addition to Junior High School Campus	Space	\$3,040,747	38.54%
Forrest City	Lincoln Roof Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$865,123	36.42%
Gosnell	K-2 HVAC/Roof (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$2,917,342	19.30%
Gosnell	Sr. HS Gym HVAC (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$794,664	19.30%
Greenland	Elementary School Roof	WSD-System	\$368,062	55.35%
Gurdon Public	Gym - HVAC / Electrical Upgrade	WSD-System	\$482,048	41.71%
Hampton	East ES-New Roof (part 19-21 1920-0707-500)	WSD-System	\$118,498	80.87%
Harrisburg	Harr. ES Safety/Security Renov (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$119,962	47.82%
Harrisburg	H WES Safety/Security Renov (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$110,077	47.82%
Harrisburg	Harr. MS/HS Safety/Security Renov (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$596,788	47.82%
Hazen	Neel Roof Renovations (Part 21- 23)	WSD-System	\$274,985	62.15%
Hazen	HS Gym HVAC/Roof Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$258,443	62.15%
Hector	Campus Wide Security Project	WSD-System	\$323,513	34.64%
Hope	Hope HS Main, Annex, Business Lab, Agriculture, Science Roof Part (21/23)	WSD-System	\$431,984	38.48%
Horatio	security enhancements	WSD-System	\$90,576	22.32%
Jackson County	Swifton Gym HVAC Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$301,886	38.11%
Jackson County	Tuckerman Auditorium HVAC Renov. (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$232,213	38.11%
Jacksonville North Pulaski	New Elementary School - Replace Taylor ES	WSD-Space	\$1,789,359	53.32%
Jacksonville North Pulaski	New Elementary School - Replace Bayou Meto ES	WSD-Space	\$4,708,467	53.32%
Jasper	HVAC-Kingston Elementary and High School	WSD-System	\$669,433	34.82%
Jasper	HVAC at Oark Campus	WSD-System	\$220,412	34.82%

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Jonesboro	HS Addition (Part 21-23)..	Space	\$2,609,116	35.80%
Jonesboro	MacArthur Addition (Part 21-23)	Space	\$3,699,280	35.80%
Kirby	New Multi-Purpose Gym & Dining Conversion	Space	\$1,826,227	43.22%
Little Rock	HVAC Mabelvale ES-RTU Replacement	WSD-System	\$98,563	88.86%
Little Rock	Roof Replacement Metro A and C Buildings	WSD-System	\$167,857	88.86%
Magazine	Add Security Enhancements	WSD-System	\$520,030	29.81%
Mammoth Spring	ES Addition	Space	\$548,209	33.92%
Marion	Herbert Carter Gym Addition (Part 21-23)	WSD-Space	\$608,811	52.29%
Mountainburg	Gymnasium HVAC	WSD-System	\$294,477	31.27%
Mountainburg	Safety Enhancements	WSD-System	\$282,624	31.27%
Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County	Marvin Elementary Roof Project	WSD-System	\$37,827	62.99%
Nashville	Primary School roof	WSD-System	\$554,761	33.55%
Nettleton	UH ES PE & 6 CR Add (Part 21-23)	Space	\$142,764	79.34%
Nettleton	Sr. High Addition (Part 21-23)	Space	\$538,224	79.34%
North Little Rock	High School Gymnasium HVAC Project	WSD-System	\$508,642	44.31%
Osceola	STEM Roof Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$73,668	47.77%
Osceola	Osceola ALE/MS Roof Renov. (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$88,765	47.77%
Osceola	HS Roofs Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$285,041	47.77%
Ozark	Ozark Middle School Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$467,209	42.03%
Perryville	Elementary PE HVAC Project	WSD-System	\$133,241	28.27%
Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff High Space Replacement (Part 21-23)	WSD-Space	\$12,817,259	44.25%
Prairie Grove	MS Additions (Change to Grades 7-9)	Space	\$1,912,206	49.25%
Rivercrest	Old HS Gym Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$273,994	37.31%
Scranton	Elementary addition	Space	\$432,086	45.64%
Sheridan	East End Middle Addition (Part 21-23)	Space	\$806,535	43.21%
Sheridan	SIS Roof Renovations (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$827,598	43.21%
Sheridan	HS Conversion (Part 21-23)	Space	\$586,825	43.21%

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Siloam Springs	Panther Gym Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$346,703	45.13%
Smackover	Smackover Campus HVAC Replacement Main ES, HS, and Gym	WSD-System	\$696,996	49.95%
South Pike County	HS Space Conversion into Academic Core	Space	\$98,087	45.66%
Southside - Batesville	High School Additions	Space	\$15,452,166	13.21%
Southside - Batesville	Junior High School Additions	Space	\$3,573,153	13.21%
Southside - Batesville	Middle School Additions	Space	\$2,484,902	13.21%
Southside - Batesville	Elementary School Additions	Space	\$1,276,250	13.21%
Springdale	Southwest JHS Additions - Phase II	WSD-Space	\$7,316,901	41.60%
Springdale	Springdale HS - Additions and Replacements	Space	\$8,559,694	41.60%
Springdale	Central JHS Additions - Phase II	WSD-Space	\$15,279,387	41.60%
Van Buren	Northridge HVAC/Roof Renov (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$2,095,432	39.29%
Van Buren	Tate Plumbing (Part 21-23)	WSD-System	\$903,375	39.29%
Watson Chapel	New Watson Chapel High School (Part 21-23)	WSD-Space	\$14,564,877	21.58%
Western Yell County	Renovation of classroom space/ space conversion of Historical Belleville Elementary Building	WSD-Space	\$295,430	39.54%
Westside	Sosebee Elementary Addition	Space	\$3,777,941	28.06%
White County Central	New High School Addition with Demolition	Space	\$2,028,829	31.04%
White County Central	Food Service/Kitchen Expansion	Space	\$1,049,334	31.04%
Total			\$181,009,352	

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2023-25 Funding Cycle – Year-One Approved and Funded Projects

District	Project Description	Project Category	State Financial Participation	Wealth Index/ District Share
Blytheville	B HS Renovations (Part 23-25)	WSD-System	\$663,939	22.25%
Brinkley	Replace old HS	WSD-Space	\$8,239,883	40.77%
Brinkley	Replace Elementary School	WSD-Space	\$7,730,154	40.77%
Bryant	Junior High School Additions - Phase 2	Space	\$1,321,643	56.00%

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Cleveland County	Cafeteria Dinning Expansion	Space	\$339,329	23.52%
Corning	New High School	WSD-Space	\$12,813,729	37.48%
Dardanelle	HS - Construct Agriculture/ALE Building	Space	\$1,360,984	21.54%
East Poinsett County	New 7-12 (Part 23-25)	WSD-Space	\$8,454,699	17.58%
El Dorado	New ES	WSD-Space	\$6,098,079	47.82%
Elkins	Middle School Addition	Space	\$2,638,811	33.90%
Forrest City	JHS HVAC Renov. (Part 23-25)	WSD-System	\$3,729,905	18.78%
Greenwood	New Elementary School	Space	\$4,073,949	54.50%
Hope	Yerger Gym Total Renovation	WSD-System	\$652,209	25.64%
Hoxie	Elementary Space Replacement (Part 23-25)	WSD-Space	\$14,941,563	15.56%
Izard County Consolidated	ES Addition (Part 23-25)	Space	\$1,358,886	29.56%
Izard County Consolidated	HS Addition (23-25 Part)	Space	\$1,005,353	29.56%
Lake Hamilton	High School Gym - Conversion	Space	\$689,127	46.23%
Marion	New 4th ES Magnet (K-6)	Space	\$5,878,077	47.71%
Midland	HS Space Replacement (Part 23-25)	WSD-Space	\$1,703,310	31.72%
North Little Rock	MS - Demo and Addition	WSD-Space	\$20,871,050	31.31%
Prairie Grove	JHS- Replace 5th/6th Building	WSD-Space	\$3,019,750	50.74%
Riverside	West ES Addition (Part 23-25)	Space	\$1,953,166	26.18%
West Memphis	HS HVAC Renov. (23-25 Part + ESSER)	WSD-System	\$3,768,200	16.65%
White Hall	Hardin Roof Renovations (Part 23-25)	WSD-System	\$486,356	57.85%
White Hall	Moody Roof Renovations (Part 23-25)	WSD-System	\$590,613	57.85%
Yellville-Summit	Classroom Addition to High School	Space	\$2,031,979	30.02%
Total			\$116,414,742	

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2023-25 Funding Cycle – Year-One Approved but not Funded

District	Project Description	Project Category	State Financial Participation	Wealth Index/ District Share
Centerpoint	Middle School / High School - Security Upgrades	WSD-System	\$371,986	21.28%
Centerpoint	Elementary School - Security Upgrades	WSD-System	\$493,013	21.28%
Earle	HS Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$1,755,354	16.66%

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Elkins	Elementary Roof	WSD-System	\$581,390	33.90%
Farmington	Roof Replacement at Williams	WSD-System	\$827,723	48.80%
Gurdon Public	Districtwide Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$233,737	29.57%
Helena/West Helena	JF Wahl Roofing Renovations (Part 23-25)	WSD-System	\$1,654,534	17.90%
Jacksonville North Pulaski	New Elementary School - Replace Taylor ES	WSD-Space	\$8,259,090	37.37%
McCrary	Elementary Renovations (Part 23-25)	WSD-System	\$688,299	43.18%
Poyen	High School Security Upgrades	WSD-System	\$354,352	12.34%
Poyen	Elementary School - Security Upgrades	WSD-System	\$301,344	12.34%
Poyen	Multi-Purpose Gym Security Upgrades	WSD-System	\$90,380	12.34%
Rector	New High School	WSD-Space	\$5,804,181	31.15%
Riverview	High School/Jr. High School enclosed corridor	WSD-System	\$244,165	18.51%
Springdale	George ES - Replace HVAC	WSD-System	\$1,186,828	40.63%
Vilonia	High School Secure Entrance	WSD-System	\$111,128	33.84%

Source: Received via email from Tyrel Pace, Assistant Director, Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, November 2, 2023.

2023-25 Funding Cycle – Year-Two Approved but not Funded

District	Project Description	Project Primary Category	State Financial Participation	Wealth Index/ District Share
Springdale	Westwood ES - Replace Buildings	WSD-Space	\$8,645,666.70	40.63%
Springdale	Elmdale ES - Replace Buildings	WSD-Space	\$9,791,807.15	40.63%
Springdale	Jones ES - Replace Buildings	WSD-Space	\$7,851,213.85	40.63%
Prairie Grove	JHS - Roof Replacements	WSD-System	\$399,199.56	50.74%
Nettleton	UH ES Roof Renovations (Part 23-25)	WSD-System	\$581,630.87	70.31%
Marked Tree	HS Renovations (Part 23-25)	WSD-System	\$923,634.49	20.87%
Marked Tree	K-2 Space Replacement (Part 23-25)	WSD-Space	\$3,822,806.01	20.87%
Fort Smith	Southside HS - Roof Fine Arts Wing	WSD-System	\$572,118.44	38.40%
Fort Smith	Northside HS - Roof Fieldhouse and Science Wing	WSD-System	\$1,069,184.57	38.40%
Fort Smith	Howard ES - Roof Main Building	WSD-System	\$345,342.89	38.40%
Fort Smith	Beard ES - Roof Main Building	WSD-System	\$608,528.62	38.40%

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Fort Smith	Barling ES - Roof Main Building	WSD-System	\$1,001,850.46	38.40%
Texarkana	Fire Alarm Fairview ES Replacement	WSD-System	\$55,757.10	36.98%
Texarkana	Fire Alarm Trice ES	WSD-System	\$102,953.49	36.98%
Booneville	Construct Junior High School	WSD-Space	\$11,613,357.02	24.59%
Ozark	Ozark High School HVAC	WSD-System	\$762,203.70	32.67%
Mountainburg	Construct New Cafeteria	WSD-Space	\$1,172,564.59	26.66%
Parkers Chapel	HVAC Replacement Districtwide	WSD-System	\$657,255.99	45.83%
Bryant	Bryant ES - Systems Replacements	WSD-System	\$3,651,365.74	56.00%
Benton	Replace Roof - Benton Middle School	WSD-System	\$1,472,403.13	41.31%
Benton	Replace Roofs	WSD-System	\$294,338.66	41.31%
Kirby	High School/ Elementary School Roof Replacement	WSD-System	\$1,028,834.03	43.42%
Glen Rose	Districtwide Fire Alarm Replacement	WSD-System	\$284,016.35	25.53%
Glen Rose	Districtwide Security Upgrades	WSD-System	\$764,780.93	25.53%
Magnolia	East Side ES Building Replacement	WSD-Space	\$4,462,613.17	30.84%
DeWitt	DeWitt Elementary HVAC Replacement	WSD-System	\$1,955,298.53	56.79%
DeWitt	Security Camera System	WSD-System	\$257,937.54	56.79%
East End	HS - Demolition/Addition	WSD-Space	\$3,922,568.71	26.36%
Dover	HS-Gym Roof Overlay	WSD-System	\$339,331.33	22.33%
Lonoke Public	Lonoke Primary Replacement (Part 23-25)	WSD-Space	\$9,035,260.17	27.38%

Source: Received via email from Tyrel Pace, Assistant Director, Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, November 2, 2023.

APPENDIX E – O&M AND FOUNDATION FUNDING RATE CHANGES
 FY2008 THROUGH FY2023

Fiscal Year	Per Student Rate	O & M Change from Prior Year	Foundation Funding Rate	Foundation Funding Rate Change from Prior Year
FY2008	\$581		\$5,770	
FY2009	\$581	0.00%	\$5,876	1.84%
FY2010	\$593	2.00%	\$5,940	1.09%
FY2011	\$605	2.01%	\$6,023	1.40%
FY2012	\$617	2.00%	\$6,144	2.01%
FY2013	\$629	2.01%	\$6,267	2.00%
FY2014	\$640	1.80%	\$6,393	2.01%
FY2015	\$652	1.80%	\$6,521	2.00%
FY2016	\$665	2.01%	\$6,584	0.97%
FY2017	\$665	0.00%	\$6,646	0.94%
FY2018	\$675	1.50%	\$6,713	1.01%
FY2019	\$685	1.50%	\$6,781	1.01%
FY2020	\$698	1.82%	\$6,899	1.74%
FY2021	\$706	1.18%	\$7,018	1.72%
FY2022	\$723	2.49%	\$7,182	2.34%
FY2023	\$741	2.49%	\$7,413	3.22%
Total Change FY2008 to FY2023	\$160	27.6%	\$1,643	28.5%