

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
(AGENCY 0561) - 2009-11 BIENNIUM**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation is responsible to assist all school districts with general facilities support, to provide oversight of construction, repair and maintenance of both academic and non-academic facilities on public school campuses in Arkansas, and administers and conducts school bus safety inspections and driver training programs.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total appropriation is \$495.04 million for FY2010 and \$97.8 million for FY2011. The Division's programs are funded by general revenue, fund balances in the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund, and savings from the Debt Service Funding, General Facilities Funding, and Supplemental Millage Incentive line item appropriations authorized for the Public School Fund. The Fund Balance is due to the transfer of \$455.6 million from the General Improvement Fund as authorized by Act 1031 of 2007.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 2WB)

This appropriation is funded by general revenue and is used to support the general operating expenses of the Division. The total appropriation is \$2,585,978 for FY2010 and \$2,620,212 for FY2011, which is an increase of \$39,617 each year in appropriation only (no additional general revenue funding) for operating expenses for anticipated increases in rent, utilities, and additional field work of the Division. The total general revenue funding is \$2,546,361 for FY2010 and \$2,580,595 for FY2011.

PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION (APPROPRIATION EFP)

This appropriation is funded with \$35 million each year in General Revenue, fund balances in the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund, and savings from the Debt Service Funding, General Facilities Funding, and Supplemental Millage Incentive line item appropriations authorized for the Public School Fund. The total appropriation is \$492,455,904 for FY2010 and \$95,182,337 for FY2011 which provides an appropriation increase of \$17.02 million for FY2010 and \$20.2 million for FY2011.

This authorized level provides the following increases:

- \$2.3 million for FY2010 and \$7.7 million for FY2011 for the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program.
- \$2.2 million for FY2010 for the Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Program (ECP).
- \$7.5 million each year for the Academic Equipment Program.
- \$5 million each year for the Academic Facilities High Growth Program

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for the 2009-11 biennium: 33

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Increase/(Decrease): 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

TRANSFER AUTHORITY: Authorizes a maximum of two appropriation transfers and other related budget adjustments per fiscal year as necessary with Chief Fiscal Officer approval and prior Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee approval. Classifies the legislative approval language as non-severable and makes the entire section void if the legislative approval provision is found to be unconstitutional.

DELETES THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE DUE TO AMENDMENT 86 - CARRY FORWARD:

Appropriations for the programs, such as, Academic Facilities Immediate Repair, Transitional Academic Facilities, and Academic Facilities Partnership, of the Division which remain at the end of the first year of the biennium shall be carried forward to the second year. Requires prior statement of need to DFA-Office of Budget, report to ALC/JBC of all carried forward amounts, report of status of funds carried forward to ALC/JBC, and finally include all of the above information in the biennial budget manuals or a statement of non-compliance.

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