

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION (0561)
FISCAL YEAR 2015**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation is responsible for administering programs of state financial participation in support of local academic facilities, assisting all school districts with general academic facilities support, providing oversight of construction, repair and maintenance of both academic and non-academic facilities on public school campuses in Arkansas, and administering and conducting school bus safety inspections and driver training programs.

TOTAL BUDGET

The total budget is \$181,063,664 for FY2015.

FUNDING SOURCES

The appropriations for the Division are funded by general revenue, fund balances in the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund, and savings from the Bonded Debt Assistance line item appropriation authorized for the ADE - Public School Fund Account.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES-OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 2WB)

This appropriation provides resources for the Division's operating costs. The total appropriation is \$2,552,126 with no increase over FY2014.

PROGRAMS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION

These appropriations provide resources for state financial assistance provided through the Academic Facilities Partnership, Academic Facilities High Growth, Academic Equipment, Academic Facilities Catastrophic, and Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Programs. The total appropriation is \$153,511,538 with no increase over FY2014.

**OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM
APPROPRIATION**

Provides an appropriation of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) payable from the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Fund for distributing loans to open-enrollment public charter schools for the purposes of the construction, lease or purchase of an academic facility, the repair, improvement, or addition to an academic facility, and enhancing credit for financing purposes. The loan program and fund are created by Act 1255 of 2013.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2015: 32

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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 between appropriations authorized in the Division's appropriation act 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.

TRANSFER AUTHORITY - OPEN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES

LOAN PROGRAM: This is new special language that authorizes the transfer of any funds made available for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Program to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Fund.

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