

**0500 - EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION- PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2023
AS ENACTED BY ACT 217 OF 2022**

The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education administers the programs and financial assistance to the State’s public elementary and secondary schools. The Arkansas Constitution requires the state to maintain a general, suitable and efficient system of free public schools and to adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education .

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2021-2022	2022-2023
		Authorized	Legislative
2HY	Education Renewal Zones	\$1,357,141	\$1,357,561
688	APSCN	\$23,440,326	\$29,296,789
PSF	Public School Fund	\$3,082,396,998	\$3,233,266,080
X41	Educator Compensation Reform Program	\$60,000,000	\$60,000,000
Total		\$3,167,194,465	\$3,323,920,430

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	2.0
DOE Public School Fund	4000195	71.7
E-Rate Credit	4000207	.2
Educational Adequacy Fund	4000210	19.3
Educational Excellence Fund	4000220	7.4
Other	4000370	0.03
Total Funds		100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Education Renewal Zones (Appropriation 2HY)

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$59,811	\$60,231	\$420
Total		\$1,357,141	\$1,357,561	\$420

- Change level increases to provide for adjustments in matching rates for existing employees.

APSCN (Appropriation 688)

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$2,784,581	\$2,670,977	(\$113,604)
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$902,656	\$872,723	(\$29,933)
	Operating Expenses	\$19,245,839	\$25,245,839	\$6,000,000
Total		\$23,440,326	\$29,296,789	\$5,856,463

- Change level increases to provide for adjustments in salaries and matching for employees.
- Per Governor's Letter #12 - 2 positions are removed with corresponding appropriation from the APSCN appropriation
- Per Governor's Letter #13 - A \$6,000,000 Increase in Arkansas Public School Computer Network Operating Expenses due to an increase in rates from the DTSS - Division of Information Services for statewide security/firewall protection for districts and the Department.

Public School Fund (Appropriation PSF)

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Additional Public School Emp Ins	\$35,000,000	\$0	(\$35,000,000)
5900046	Alternative Learning	\$32,876,331	\$35,783,095	\$2,906,764
5900046	Assessment/End of Level Testing	\$20,250,189	20,309,189	\$59,000
5900046	English Language Learners	\$18,484,481	\$19,075,847	\$591,366
5900046	Enhanced Student Achievement Funding	\$241,186,503	\$246,723,439	\$5,536,936
5900046	Enhanced Transportation Funding	\$6,000,000	\$7,200,000	\$1,200,000
5900046	General Facilities Funding	\$8,100,000	\$0	(\$8,100,000)
5900046	Prof Development Fund	\$35,175,911	\$37,175,911	\$2,000,000
5900046	Public School Employee Insurance	\$57,446,400	\$142,000,000	\$84,553,600
5900046	Special Ed-High Cost Occurrence	\$13,500,000	\$13,998,150	\$498,150
5900046	State Foundation Funding	\$2,136,100,941	\$2,206,861,456	\$70,760,515
5900046	Supplemental Millage	\$10,000,000	\$0	(\$10,000,000)
5900046	Teacher Retirement Matching	\$13,914,003	\$14,776,754	\$862,751
5900046	Teacher Salary Equalization	\$25,000,000	\$60,000,000	\$35,000,000
Total		\$3,082,396,998	\$3,233,266,080	\$150,869,082

- Additional Public School Employee Insurance Line is eliminated and combined with the "Public School Employee Insurance Line" per Governor's Letter #13.
- Alternative Learning – Increased to provide for projected growth.
- Assessment/End of Level Testing is increased by \$59,000 to meet new testing requirements under the law.
- English Language Learners – Increased per the 2020 Adequacy Study.
- Enhanced Student Achievement Funding - Increased for to provide for 2020 Adequacy Study recommendations.

- Enhanced Transportation Funding - Increased by \$1 Million to provide for 2020 Adequacy Study Recommendations.
- General Facilities Funding line is eliminated at combined with the Public School Employee Insurance Line" per Governor's Letter #13.
- Professional Development Fund - Increased for Professional Learning Communities as recommended in the 2020 Educational Adequacy Study.
- Special Education - High Cost Occurrence - Increased to provide for increased need in the program after recent rule changes.
- State Foundation Funding – Increased per the 2020 adequacy study and to provide for anticipated growth.
- Supplemental Millage line is eliminated at combined with the Public School Employee Insurance Line" per Governor's Letter #13.
- Teacher Retirement Matching – Increased to accommodate growth projections and anticipated rate increases.
- Teacher Salary Equalization in increased by \$35,000,000 to provide for anticipated need and demand on the program statewide, requested by Governor's Letter #13.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2023: 52

Total Authorized Positions FY2022: 54

Increase / (Decrease): (2)

Extra Help Positions FY2023:0

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDING PROVISION -

Special Language is deleted by request of Governor's Letter #13.

NEW - ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL CURRICULUM - Section of Special language is added that requires ADE to annually review proposed curriculum for Governor's School prior to the upcoming program year.

NEW - ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING - Section of Special Language is added that will hold school districts harmless in their calculations for Enhanced Student Achievement (ESA) for the upcoming year as schools statewide were not required to report/collect ESA numbers during the pandemic.

NEW - CODE AMENDMENT - Section of Special Language is added that modifies the beginning of the upcoming school year to allow the first semester or the school year to end prior to the winter break.