

**0500 - EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
EDUCATION- PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
FISCAL YEAR 2024  
AS ENACTED BY ACT 572 OF 2023**

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	2023-2024
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
2HY	Education Renewal Zones	\$1,215,545	\$1,357,561	\$1,363,429
688	APSCN	\$22,759,154	\$29,296,789	\$29,405,119
PSF	Public School Fund	\$2,970,470,605	\$3,233,266,080	\$3,434,241,080
X41	Educator Compensation Reform Program	\$28,166,808	\$60,000,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>		\$3,022,612,112	\$3,323,920,430	\$3,465,009,628

**FUNDING SOURCES**

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	8.99
DOE Public School Fund	4000195	66.62
E-Rate Credit	4000207	0.11
Educational Adequacy Fund	4000210	15.88
Educational Excellence Fund	4000220	7.96
Restricted Reserve Fund	4000755	1.05
<b>Total Funds</b>		100.00

**CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**Education Renewal Zones (Appropriation 2HY)**

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$60,231	\$66,099	\$5,868
<b>Total</b>		\$60,231	\$66,099	\$5,868

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

### APSCN (Appropriation 688)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$2,670,977	\$2,856,694	\$185,717
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$872,723	\$991,467	\$118,744
<b>Total</b>		\$3,543,700	\$3,848,161	\$304,461

- Change level increases to provide for adjustments in salaries and matching for employees.

### Public School Fund (Appropriation PSF)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Gifted & Talented	\$1,485,381	\$1,560,381	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>		\$1,485,381	\$1,560,381	\$75,000

- Gifted and Talented is increased to provide accredited Pre-AP programs to schools statewide.

**Governor's Letter #16** during the Regular Session requested the following changes for the implementation of Arkansas LEARNS - Act 294 of 2023:

#### Public School Fund Appropriation

Removes \$2.1 Million in appropriation for Teacher Recruitment

Adds \$203 Million in appropriation for new programs established by the Arkansas LEARNS Act:

-\$3 Million for Maternity Leave

-\$10 Million for Merit Teacher Incentives

-\$190 Million for Minimum Teacher Salary and Raises

### POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2024: 49

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Increase / (Decrease): (3)

Extra Help Positions FY2024:0

### SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

Consolidation Incentive Language is recommended for Codification.

Residential Centers/Juvenile Detention - Language is recommended for Codification.

Retirement Matching - Language is recommended for Codification.

**Public School Retiree Health Insurance** - Language is recommended for Codification.

**Health Insurance** - Language is recommended for Codification.

**Alternative Learning Environment** - Language is recommended for Codification.