

## DOE - Public School Fund

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# Department Appropriation Summary

Appropriation	Historical Data						Agency Request and Executive Recommendation							
	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024				2024-2025			
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
057 Smart Start/Smart Step	10,371,402	0	10,666,303	0	10,666,303	0	10,666,303	0	10,666,303	0	10,666,303	0	10,666,303	0
082 English Language Learners	17,256,100	0	19,075,847	0	19,075,847	0	19,075,847	0	19,075,847	0	19,075,847	0	19,075,847	0
088 At Risk	1,431,417	0	1,688,530	0	1,688,530	0	1,688,530	0	1,688,530	0	1,688,530	0	1,688,530	0
091 Special Ed-Catastrophic	13,500,000	0	13,998,150	0	13,998,150	0	13,998,150	0	13,998,150	0	13,998,150	0	13,998,150	0
094 Youth Shelters	165,000	0	165,000	0	165,000	0	165,000	0	165,000	0	165,000	0	165,000	0
108 Tech Improvements	441,770	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0
119 Tech Grants	3,602,678	0	3,602,678	0	3,602,678	0	3,602,678	0	3,602,678	0	3,602,678	0	3,602,678	0
1PS Non-Traditional Licensure	47,250	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0
1QV Content & Curriculum	42,227	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0
1XE Economic Education	400,000	0	400,000	0	400,000	0	400,000	0	400,000	0	400,000	0	400,000	0
2HP State Foundation Funding	2,047,108,442	0	2,206,861,456	0	2,206,861,456	0	2,206,861,456	0	2,206,861,456	0	2,206,861,456	0	2,206,861,456	0
2HR Enhanced Student Achievement Funding	234,843,784	0	246,723,439	0	246,723,439	0	246,723,439	0	246,723,439	0	246,723,439	0	246,723,439	0
2HS Prof Development Fund	34,096,099	0	37,175,911	0	37,175,911	0	37,175,911	0	37,175,911	0	37,175,911	0	37,175,911	0
2HX Distance Learning Operations	7,310,610	0	7,575,000	0	7,575,000	0	7,575,000	0	7,575,000	0	7,575,000	0	7,575,000	0
2HY Education Renewal Zones	1,215,545	1	1,364,846	4	1,357,561	4	1,363,429	4	1,363,429	4	1,366,069	4	1,366,069	4
2JA Content Standards	22,010	0	161,000	0	161,000	0	161,000	0	161,000	0	161,000	0	161,000	0
2JC Teacher Recruitment	2,096,011	0	2,100,000	0	2,100,000	0	2,100,000	0	2,100,000	0	2,100,000	0	2,100,000	0
2ZH School Funding Contingency	0	0	0	0	25,000,000	0	25,000,000	0	25,000,000	0	25,000,000	0	25,000,000	0
2ZK Leadership Acdmy-Mstr Principal	1,400,000	0	1,400,000	0	1,400,000	0	1,400,000	0	1,400,000	0	1,400,000	0	1,400,000	0
2ZM Master Principal Bonus	54,000	0	175,000	0	175,000	0	175,000	0	175,000	0	175,000	0	175,000	0
2ZS Special Needs Isolated Funding	8,712,078	0	3,000,000	0	3,000,000	0	3,000,000	0	3,000,000	0	3,000,000	0	3,000,000	0
311 Alternative Learning	29,521,361	0	35,783,095	0	35,783,095	0	35,783,095	0	35,783,095	0	35,783,095	0	35,783,095	0
331 Isolated Funding	2,183,912	0	7,896,000	0	7,896,000	0	7,896,000	0	7,896,000	0	7,896,000	0	7,896,000	0
332 Student Growth	31,868,508	0	37,690,144	0	37,690,144	0	37,690,144	0	37,690,144	0	37,690,144	0	37,690,144	0
336 Bonded Debt Assistance	8,656,476	0	28,455,384	0	28,455,384	0	28,455,384	0	28,455,384	0	28,455,384	0	28,455,384	0
34N 98% URT Actual Collection Adj	30,807,934	0	34,500,000	0	34,500,000	0	34,500,000	0	34,500,000	0	34,500,000	0	34,500,000	0
380 Dept of Correction	8,702,425	0	8,702,425	0	8,702,425	0	8,702,425	0	8,702,425	0	8,702,425	0	8,702,425	0
394 Residential Ctrs/Juv Detention	16,344,956	0	16,345,087	0	16,345,087	0	16,345,087	0	16,345,087	0	16,345,087	0	16,345,087	0
421 Consolidation Incentive	2,154,600	0	5,981,400	0	5,981,400	0	5,981,400	0	5,981,400	0	5,981,400	0	5,981,400	0
434 Coop Education Tech Centers	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0
437 Teacher Retirement Matching	13,128,161	0	14,776,754	0	14,776,754	0	14,776,754	0	14,776,754	0	14,776,754	0	14,776,754	0
438 Ntl Bd Prof Teaching Standards	14,643,915	0	18,738,000	0	18,738,000	0	18,738,000	0	18,738,000	0	18,738,000	0	18,738,000	0
440 Advanced Placement Incentive	1,229,221	0	1,275,000	0	1,275,000	0	1,275,000	0	1,275,000	0	1,275,000	0	1,275,000	0

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	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024				2024-2025			
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
445 AR Easter Seals	193,113	0	193,113	0	193,113	0	193,113	0	193,113	0	193,113	0	193,113	0
446 Public School Employee Ins	57,520,322	0	142,000,000	0	142,000,000	0	142,000,000	0	142,000,000	0	142,000,000	0	142,000,000	0
447 School Food Services	1,650,000	0	1,650,000	0	1,650,000	0	1,650,000	0	1,650,000	0	1,650,000	0	1,650,000	0
450 Surplus Commodities	1,125,065	0	1,125,065	0	1,125,065	0	1,125,065	0	1,125,065	0	1,125,065	0	1,125,065	0
451 Grants to School Districts	67,327	0	67,856	0	67,856	0	67,856	0	67,856	0	67,856	0	67,856	0
452 Workers' Compensation	23,414	0	450,000	0	450,000	0	450,000	0	450,000	0	450,000	0	450,000	0
454 School Food-Legislative Audit	75,000	0	75,000	0	75,000	0	75,000	0	75,000	0	75,000	0	75,000	0
457 Gifted & Talented	1,280,142	0	1,485,381	0	1,485,381	0	1,560,381	0	1,560,381	0	1,560,381	0	1,560,381	0
458 School Worker Defense	0	0	390,000	0	390,000	0	390,000	0	390,000	0	390,000	0	390,000	0
459 Assessment/End Course Testing	13,759,821	0	20,309,189	0	20,309,189	0	20,309,189	0	20,309,189	0	20,309,189	0	20,309,189	0
4HM Teacher of the Year	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0
4HN Declining Enrollment	32,293,721	0	13,963,389	0	13,963,389	0	13,963,389	0	13,963,389	0	13,963,389	0	13,963,389	0
565 Intervention Block Grants	302,000	0	302,000	0	302,000	0	302,000	0	302,000	0	302,000	0	302,000	0
566 Serious Offender	1,716,859	0	1,716,859	0	1,716,859	0	1,716,859	0	1,716,859	0	1,716,859	0	1,716,859	0
59V Coord School Health	1,799,055	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0
59W School Facility Joint Use	50,914	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0
652 Better Chance Program	110,277,858	0	111,958,000	0	114,000,000	0	114,000,000	0	114,000,000	0	114,000,000	0	114,000,000	0
668 Special Education Services	2,802,527	0	2,802,527	0	2,802,527	0	2,802,527	0	2,802,527	0	2,802,527	0	2,802,527	0
669 Human Dev Ctr Education Aid	526,150	0	526,150	0	526,150	0	526,150	0	526,150	0	526,150	0	526,150	0
670 Education Service Cooperatives	6,129,270	0	6,129,270	0	6,129,270	0	6,129,270	0	6,129,270	0	6,129,270	0	6,129,270	0
688 APSCN	22,759,154	39	29,662,908	49	29,296,789	48	29,601,250	49	29,601,250	49	29,635,064	49	29,635,064	49
697 Early Childhood Special Educ	16,897,919	0	16,897,920	0	16,897,920	0	16,897,920	0	16,897,920	0	16,897,920	0	16,897,920	0
698 Distance Learning	4,511,393	0	4,760,000	0	4,760,000	0	4,760,000	0	4,760,000	0	4,760,000	0	4,760,000	0
699 Teacher Licensing/Mentoring	5,822,032	0	6,065,758	0	6,065,758	0	6,065,758	0	6,065,758	0	6,065,758	0	6,065,758	0
F81 School Recognition	6,871,250	0	7,000,000	0	7,000,000	0	7,000,000	0	7,000,000	0	7,000,000	0	7,000,000	0
N55 Enhanced Transportation Funding	5,999,996	0	7,200,000	0	7,200,000	0	7,200,000	0	7,200,000	0	7,200,000	0	7,200,000	0
N68 OE Charter Fac Funding Aid Prg	8,906,490	0	9,075,000	0	9,075,000	0	9,075,000	0	9,075,000	0	9,075,000	0	9,075,000	0
V30 Computer Science Initiative	2,845,335	0	3,500,000	0	3,500,000	0	3,500,000	0	3,500,000	0	3,500,000	0	3,500,000	0
V33 ESA Matching Grant Program	5,300,000	0	5,300,000	0	5,300,000	0	5,300,000	0	5,300,000	0	5,300,000	0	5,300,000	0
V38 R.I.S.E. Arkansas	1,184	0	970,000	0	970,000	0	970,000	0	970,000	0	970,000	0	970,000	0
X06 Positive Youth Development	0	0	0	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0
X41 Educator Compensation Reform Program	28,166,808	0	0	0	60,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
X56 EIDT Special Education Services	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0

<b>NOT REQUESTED FOR THE BIENNIUM</b>															
2HU	Supplemental Millage	10,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
326	General Facilities Funding	8,100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59X	Add Public School Employee Ins	90,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,998,432,011</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3,172,251,834</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3,263,920,430</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3,204,305,759</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3,204,305,759</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3,204,342,213</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3,204,342,213</b>	<b>53</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>			<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>
Fund Balance	4000005	299,891,948	9.0	311,666,026	9.1	187,748,006	5.7	187,748,006	5.7	57,938,898	1.8	57,938,898	1.8		
Ed Fac Prtnrshp Fund Trnsfr	4000057	(19,798,908)	(0.6)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
DOE Public School Fund	4000195	2,221,385,390	66.6	2,291,011,525	67.0	2,291,068,275	69.0	2,291,068,275	69.0	2,291,069,749	71.1	2,291,069,749	71.1		
E-Rate Credit	4000207	3,651,069	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Educational Adequacy Fund	4000210	529,468,551	15.9	529,468,551	15.5	529,468,551	15.9	529,468,551	15.9	551,611,058	17.1	551,611,058	17.1		
Educational Excellence Fund	4000220	265,368,010	8.0	290,299,988	8.5	291,406,075	8.8	291,406,075	8.8	296,913,173	9.2	296,913,173	9.2		
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Miscellaneous Adjustments	4000345	1,572,205	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Other	4000370	79,857	0.0	30,000	0.0	30,000	0.0	30,000	0.0	30,000	0.0	30,000	0.0		
TANF Transfer	4000478	7,500,000	0.2	7,500,000	0.2	7,500,000	0.2	7,500,000	0.2	7,500,000	0.2	7,500,000	0.2		
Trnfr frm DOE Pub School Fund	4000525	(11,677,690)	(0.4)	(11,176,250)	(0.3)	(11,176,250)	(0.3)	(11,176,250)	(0.3)	(11,176,250)	(0.3)	(11,176,250)	(0.3)		
Transit Tax	4000700	1,837,706	0.1	1,200,000	0.0	1,200,000	0.0	1,200,000	0.0	1,200,000	0.0	1,200,000	0.0		
Unfunded Appropriation	4000715	0	0.0	0	0.0	25,000,000	0.8	25,000,000	0.8	25,000,000	0.8	25,000,000	0.8		
Restricted Reserve Fund	4000755	35,000,000	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>3,334,278,138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,419,999,840</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,322,244,657</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,322,244,657</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220,086,628</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220,086,628</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(335,846,127)		(247,748,006)		(117,938,898)		(117,938,898)		(15,744,415)		(15,744,415)			
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,998,432,011</b>		<b>3,172,251,834</b>		<b>3,204,305,759</b>		<b>3,204,305,759</b>		<b>3,204,342,213</b>		<b>3,204,342,213</b>			

Budget exceeds authorized appropriation in FC 2HY - Education Renewal Zones and FC 688 - APSCN due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2021-2023 Biennium.  
 Budgeted number of positions exceeds authorized number in FC 688 - APSCN due to a Special Language Pool position.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 2HY - Education Renewal Zones

**Funding Sources:** JAA - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund

The Division of Education Renewal Zones (ERZ) was created by Act 106 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 (Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2501 et seq.) An education renewal zone is established by an inter-local agreement between any public school, education service cooperative, or institution of higher learning through which they collaborate to improve public school performance and academic achievement. The purpose of an education renewal zone includes but is not limited to, identifying and implementing education and management strategies designed specifically to improve public school performance and student academic achievement, particularly the State's most academically distressed public schools; and provide for collaboration among the State's smaller schools and districts in order to achieve some of the advantages of economies of scale in providing educational and related activities.

With the exception of Personal Services Matching, continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 Authorized.

The Agency is requesting appropriation and Public School Fund general revenue in the amount of \$1,363,429 in FY24 and \$1,366,069 in FY25.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 2HY - Education Renewal Zones

**Funding Sources:** JAA - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	51,859	171,386	168,180	168,180	168,180	168,180	168,180
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	35,464	64,310	60,231	66,099	66,099	68,739	68,739
Operating Expenses	5020002	24,994	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	2,078	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	1,101,150	1,101,150	1,101,150	1,101,150	1,101,150	1,101,150	1,101,150
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,215,545</b>	<b>1,364,846</b>	<b>1,357,561</b>	<b>1,363,429</b>	<b>1,363,429</b>	<b>1,366,069</b>	<b>1,366,069</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
DOE Public School Fund	4000195	1,215,545	1,364,846		1,363,429	1,363,429	1,366,069	1,366,069
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>1,215,545</b>	<b>1,364,846</b>		<b>1,363,429</b>	<b>1,363,429</b>	<b>1,366,069</b>	<b>1,366,069</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,215,545</b>	<b>1,364,846</b>		<b>1,363,429</b>	<b>1,363,429</b>	<b>1,366,069</b>	<b>1,366,069</b>

FY23 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2021-2023 Biennium.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 688 - APSCN

**Funding Sources:** JAA - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund

Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN) began as a nonprofit agency in 1992 and became a part of the Department of Education in 1998. APSCN's mission is to implement a statewide data communication network that connects all Arkansas public school systems and Education Service Cooperatives with the Department of Education to provide electronic access to administrative computing services and remote instructional services. Schools, district offices and Cooperatives use APSCN to process financial and student data.

With the exception of Regular Salaries, Personal Services Matching, and Capital Outlay, continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 Authorized.

The Agency is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$29,601,250 in FY24 and \$29,635,064 in FY25 and Public School Fund general revenue in the amount of \$29,571,250 in FY24 and \$29,605,064 in FY25.

The Agency request includes the following changes:

- Restoration of one (1) Special Language Pool position with an increase to Regular Salaries of \$80,242 in each year and Personal Services Matching of \$25,241 in FY24 and \$25,901 in FY25.
- Restoration of \$200,000 in Capital Outlay for unforeseen needs.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

# Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 688 - APSCN

**Funding Sources:** JAA - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund

## Historical Data

## Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	2,147,210	2,932,029	2,670,977	2,856,694	2,856,694	2,857,894	2,857,894
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	780,091	977,790	872,723	991,467	991,467	1,024,081	1,024,081
Operating Expenses	5020002	19,626,342	25,245,839	25,245,839	25,245,839	25,245,839	25,245,839	25,245,839
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	5,661	7,250	7,250	7,250	7,250	7,250	7,250
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Data Access Implementation	5900046	199,850	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>22,759,154</b>	<b>29,662,908</b>	<b>29,296,789</b>	<b>29,601,250</b>	<b>29,601,250</b>	<b>29,635,064</b>	<b>29,635,064</b>

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	0	0		0	0	0	0
DOE Public School Fund	4000195	19,078,085	29,632,908		29,571,250	29,571,250	29,605,064	29,605,064
E-Rate Credit	4000207	3,651,069	0		0	0	0	0
Other	4000370	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>22,759,154</b>	<b>29,662,908</b>		<b>29,601,250</b>	<b>29,601,250</b>	<b>29,635,064</b>	<b>29,635,064</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>22,759,154</b>	<b>29,662,908</b>		<b>29,601,250</b>	<b>29,601,250</b>	<b>29,635,064</b>	<b>29,635,064</b>

FY23 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2021-2023 Biennium. Budget Number of Positions may exceed the Authorized Number due to a Special Language Pool Position.



**CARRY FORWARD OF ANY REMAINING FUND BALANCES  
FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Agency: Department of Education-Public School Fund

Program: Better Chance Program

Act #: 1006 Section(s) #: 20

Estimated Carry Forward Amount \$ 3,000,000.00 Funding Source: General Revenue, EETF, TANF

**Accounting Information:**

Business Area: 0500 Funds Center: 652 Fund: JAA Functional Area: EDUC

Current law requires a written statement be submitted to the DFA Office of Budget stating the reason(s) to carry forward funding for a program or a specific line item within a program remaining on June 30th of a fiscal year.

**Justification for carry forward of fund balance:**

Act 1006 of 2021 requires the Department of Education to carry forward any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June 30, 2022 to be used for the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program. The funds will be used as deemed appropriate by the Department of Education.

**Actual Funding Carry Forward Amount** \$ 3,616,745.00

**Current status of carry forward funding:**

The funds will be used as deemed appropriate by the Department of Education for the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program.

Johnny Key  
Secretary

08-15-2022  
Date

**CARRY FORWARD OF ANY REMAINING FUND BALANCES  
FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Agency: Department of Education-Public School Fund

Program: R.I.S.E. Arkansas

Act #: 1006 Section(s) #: 9

Estimated Carry Forward Amount \$ 376,171.00 Funding Source: General Revenue

**Accounting Information:**

Business Area: 0500 Funds Center: V38 Fund: JAA Functional Area: EDUC

Current law requires a written statement be submitted to the DFA Office of Budget stating the reason(s) to carry forward funding for a program or a specific line item within a program remaining on June 30th of a fiscal year.

**Justification for carry forward of fund balance:**

Act 1006 of 2021 requires the Department of Education to carry forward any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June 30, 2022 to be used for the R.I.S.E. Arkansas program. The funds will be used as deemed appropriate by the Department of Education.

**Actual Funding Carry Forward Amount** \$ 90,208.00

**Current status of carry forward funding:**

The funds will be used as deemed appropriate by the Department of Education for the R.I.S.E. Arkansas program.

Johnny Key  
Secretary

08-15-2022  
Date

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** X41 - Educator Compensation Reform Program

**Funding Sources:** JAA - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund

The Educator Compensation Reform program was utilized for a four-fiscal year period, which began in Fiscal Year 2020 and will end in Fiscal Year 2023, to provide additional funding to school districts currently below the new minimum teacher salary schedule. The Department of Education has promulgated rules for administration of this program.

Funding is provided by a one-time transfer from the Educational Adequacy Fund in Fiscal Year 2020.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 Authorized.

The Agency is requesting to discontinue this appropriation in each year of the biennium.

The Agency request includes the following change:

- Discontinuation of Educator Compensation Reform Program appropriation of \$60,000,000 in each year. Through Special Language, the funds were to be utilized before the end of fiscal year 2023 and the Department has achieved the legislative goal of getting every school district to the minimum teacher salary of \$36,000.
- Reallocation of remaining fund balance of \$7,902,385 to FC E90 - Teacher Salary Equalization.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** X41 - Educator Compensation Reform Program

**Funding Sources:** JAA - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Educator Compensation Reform I 5900046	28,166,808	0	60,000,000	0	0	0	0
Total	28,166,808	0	60,000,000	0	0	0	0
Funding Sources							
Fund Balance 4000005	36,019,336	7,902,385		7,902,385	7,902,385	0	0
Intra-agency Fund Transfer 4000317	0	0		(7,902,385)	(7,902,385)	0	0
Other 4000370	49,857	0		0	0	0	0
Total Funding	36,069,193	7,902,385		0	0	0	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(7,902,385)	(7,902,385)		0	0	0	0
Grand Total	28,166,808	0		0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION NOT REQUESTED FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** PSF - Public School Fund

**Funding Sources:** JAA - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund

The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund provides the primary State financial assistance to Arkansas' public elementary and secondary schools. For the 2023-2025 Biennium, the major projected funding sources are: General Revenue of approximately \$2.26 billion in each year, the Educational Excellence Trust Fund \$291 million in FY24 and \$297 million in FY25, and the Educational Adequacy Fund of \$529 million in FY24 and \$551 million in FY25. The following summarizes the fiscal status and change level requests for each program in the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 Authorized.

Smart Start/Smart Step Assessment (057) - This is a comprehensive initiative that focuses on improving the academic achievement of kindergarten through fourth grade students in the areas of reading and mathematics. This program has been expanded to include Smart Step and Next Step which covers grades five through eight. A state network of literacy and mathematics specialists assist schools with professional development to maintain a highly qualified teaching staff. The program provides professional development opportunities and a variety of resources to all K-12 educators through statewide conferences, regional workshops and satellite delivered meetings. Additionally, this program supports the Office of Coordinated State Support which provides assistance to school districts in academic, fiscal, or facilities distress.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$10,666,303 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

English Language Learners (082) - English Language Learners serves students identified as not being proficient in the English language. This program helps school districts to provide specially-trained staff, instructional materials and training for teachers of these qualified students. Summer training academies are offered to teachers desiring additional training in teaching and assisting these students. Ark. Code Ann. §6-20-2305(b)(3)(D) states that in the 2022-2023 school year English language learners funding shall be \$366 for each identified English language learner.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$19,075,847 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

At Risk (088) - At Risk funds are used to fund the PSAT, a college and career readiness assessment that is available to all high schools in the

state to assess sophomores. Information from the PSAT informs schools and students about potential success in Advanced Placement courses and the opportunity for a National Merit Scholarship. If funds are available, grants may be issued to fund the College and Career Readiness Planning Program and additional funds will be used for College and Career Readiness Grants.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$1,688,530 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Special Education - Catastrophic (091) - This provides for state funding to school districts for local occurrences when costs of special education and related services required by an individual child are unduly expensive, extraordinary, or beyond the routine and normal costs associated with special education. Reimbursement from this program for an individual child can be sought only after eligible costs equal or exceed \$15,000 up to \$65,000. Reimbursement is lowered to 80% of costs above \$65,000 with a cap of \$100,000 per year. Medicaid and other third party funding is obtained prior to requesting state catastrophic funding.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$13,998,150 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Youth Shelters (094) - The Department of Human Services (DHS) maintains contracts with community providers for operation of 8 youth shelters with approximately 176 beds. This program partially reimburses school districts for the additional costs of providing educational services to students placed in these facilities by DHS.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$165,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Technology Improvements (108) - This program is used to update the technology hardware and software available to Educational Service Cooperatives and local school districts. The funds are also used to make educational technology resources available through statewide projects such as APSCN and joint efforts with the state library system.

The Agency is request to continue appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Technology Grants (119) - This program provides technology grants to school districts for such programs as the Environmental and Spatial

Technology (EAST) Initiative. The EAST program has received high praise from local school administrators and parents as well as national recognition. Through the schools' EAST labs, students use technology, training, and knowledge to solve real-world problems facing their communities.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$3,602,678 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Non-Traditional Licensure Grants (1PS) - This program supplements the cash funded Alternative Certification program which was developed by the Department of Education for certifying individuals to teach that have expertise and knowledge in a particular subject, but do not have the standard teaching certificate.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Content Standards and Curriculum Frameworks Revision (1QV) - This appropriation is for the cost of the periodic review and revision of Academic Content Standards as required by Ark. Code Ann. §6-15-404(c). Academic Content Standards are documents that specify what a student enrolled in a public school should know and be able to do. The Academic Content Standards also provide the foundation for the development of the State assessment system.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Economic Education (1XE) - The objective of this program is to integrate economics into the K-12 curriculum by training teachers and administrators in economic principles. Funding is distributed to Economics Arkansas, a private, non-profit organization providing certified professional development for K-12 teachers. Over 1,500 educators are trained each year.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$400,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

State Foundation Funding (2HP) - State Foundation Funding is the amount of state financial aid provided to each school district. Act 59 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 changed the process by which aid is distributed. Act 111 of 2022 amended Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-

2305(a)(2)(A-B) to establish the Foundation Funding amount as \$7,413 in FY23 multiplied by the school district's average daily membership (ADM) for the previous school year. ADM is the total number of days of school attended plus the total number of days absent by students K-12 during the first 3 quarters of each school year divided by the number of school days taught during that time period.

The amount paid as State Foundation Funding is computed as the difference between the Foundation Funding amount established by the General Assembly times the ADM of the previous school year and less the sum of 98% of the uniform rate of tax (25 mills) times the property assessment of the school district plus 100% of miscellaneous funds of the school district. Charter schools are also funded at the same amount of per student foundation funding but use ADM of the prior or current year as required by law.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$2,206,861,456 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Enhanced Student Achievement Funding (2HR) - The Enhanced Student Achievement (ESA) Funding program provides categorical funding for students from low socio-economic backgrounds as indicated by the prior year eligibility for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA). Funding for national school lunch students is based on the number of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch program under the NSLA identified on the Arkansas Public School Computer Network Cycle Two Report.

The current rates for the ESA Funding as listed in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(A), are:

- School districts in which 90% or greater of the enrolled students are national school lunch students, funding shall be \$1,613 in FY23;
- For school districts in which at least 70% but less than 90% of the enrolled students are national school lunch students, funding shall be \$1,076 in FY23; and
- For school districts in which less than 70% of the enrolled students are national school lunch students, funding shall be \$538 in FY23.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$246,723,439 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Professional Development Funding (2HS) - This aid, through Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2305(b)(5), is a formula driven program that currently provides \$40.80 per the previous year ADM students to school districts for professional development activities. Professional development is used to provide activities and materials to improve the knowledge of teachers and administrators to ensure all students demonstrate proficiency in the state academic standards. This appropriation also pay Arkansas PBS up to \$3.5 million each year for the Arkansas IDEAS program.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$37,175,911 in each year.



The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Distance Learning Operating Grants (2HX) - These grants provide funding for acquiring and/or leasing equipment and telecommunications services, and operating expenses necessary for school districts to have two-way interactive television for distance learning education. This enables school districts to receive advanced high school courses, advanced placement courses, enriched course content, or other academic courses not otherwise available in the school district.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$7,575,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Content Standards Revision (2JA) - This program provides appropriation for expenses associated with the development of a comprehensive plan to revise content standards and curriculum frameworks in the core academic areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, history, geography, and civics.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$161,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Teacher Recruitment High-Priority District (2JC) - Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-811 requires the Department of Education provide a system of incentives for teacher recruitment and retention in high-priority districts. A "high-priority district" is one in which 80% or more public school students are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program under the National School Lunch Act and have a three-quarter ADM of 1,000 or fewer. Beginning in the 2004-2005 school year, a teacher licensed by the state board who teaches in a school in a high-priority district shall receive, in addition to all other salary and benefits, bonus payments as specified by law.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$2,100,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

School Funding Contingency (2ZH) - This unfunded appropriation is used to address unforeseen problems that arise during the course of a biennium. Special language allows the transfer of this appropriation to address problem areas.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$25,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Leadership Academy - Master Principal (2ZK) - The Arkansas Leadership Academy is responsible for administration of the Master School Principal Program which provides training programs and opportunities to expand the knowledge base and leadership skills of public school principals, teachers, superintendents and other administrators, and school board members.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$1,400,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Master Principal Bonus (2ZM) - This provides incentive bonuses for principals achieving Master Principal status through the Arkansas Leadership Academy; it allows for \$9,000 annually for five years while serving as a full-time principal in a public school in Arkansas; and provides for \$25,000 annually while working as a full time principal in an Arkansas "low-performing" school.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$175,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Special Needs Isolated (2ZS) - Act 1452 of 2005 created this program for certain isolated schools and certain school districts with a low student density. The program allows these schools that meet the eligibility criteria set by the Department to receive additional funding to provide for an adequate education for the students.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$3,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Alternative Learning (311) - Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-508 requires every school district to establish an alternative learning environment (ALE) for students who have shown an inability to function in a standard learning environment. It requires the Department establish an incentive program for districts whose ALE programs meet Department guidelines. ALE programs must provide all educational programs available in other classrooms, and must provide services to meet the needs of this group of at-risk children. Additionally, Ark. Code Ann. §6-20-2305(b) (2)(A)(ii) establishes that the ALE funding amount for FY23 shall be \$4,890 multiplied by the number of identified ALE students enrolled during a school district's previous school year.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$35,783,095 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Isolated Funding (331) - Due to location or geographic barriers, some districts are not able to share resources with other districts or may have unusual transportation needs. These districts under 350 Average Daily Membership (ADM) are termed "isolated" and receive additional funding. Act 65 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 established 56 "isolated" school districts and set a per student dollar amount to be paid to each district for the 2003-04 school year. Beginning in the 2004-05 school year, and each year thereafter, isolated funding will be provided to each district in an amount equal to the prior year three-quarter average daily membership of the isolated school area multiplied by the per student isolated funding amount set for the 2003-04 school year.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$7,896,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Student Growth Funding (332) - This program provides supplemental funding to school districts that have a growth in students over the previous school year. Pursuant to Act 272 of 2007, student growth funding is comprised of four calculations. One quarter (1/4) of the per student foundation funding is multiplied by any increase in the school district's: (1) first quarter current year Average Daily Membership (ADM) over the 3-quarter ADM of the previous school year; (2) second quarter current year ADM over the 3-quarter ADM of the previous school year; (3) third quarter current year ADM over the 3-quarter ADM of the previous school year; and (4) fourth quarter current year ADM over the 3-quarter ADM of the previous school year, excluding any increase resulting solely from consolidation or annexation with another district.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$37,690,144 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Bonded Debt Assistance (336) - Ark. Code Ann. §6-20-2503 created the Bonded Debt Assistance Program to enable the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation to provide eligible school districts with financial assistance to retire outstanding bonded indebtedness in existence as of January 1, 2005. The Commission for Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation directs the Division to work with the Department of Education to determine the amount of financial assistance for each eligible school district. The Division is responsible for ascertaining the scheduled debt payment on a fiscal year basis from the principal and interest payment in effect and on file with the Department. The available funding after final payments have been made for this program are then transferred to the Education Partnership Fund.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$28,455,384 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

98% URT Actual Collection Adjustment (34N) - To ensure every public school district receives the full amount of Foundation Funding, the 86<sup>th</sup> General Assembly created Act 272 of 2007, amending Ark. Code Ann. §6-20-2305(a)(4)(A), which states by the end of each school year, for a school district whose net revenues are less than the sum of 98% of the uniform rate of tax (URT) multiplied by the property tax assessment of the school district, the Department of Education shall distribute to the school district the difference between the net revenues of the school district and the sum of 98% of the URT multiplied by the property assessment of the school district. A school district whose net revenues are more than the sum of 98% of the URT multiplied by the property assessment, ADE recoups from the school district the difference between the net revenues of the district and the sum of 98% of the URT multiplied by the property assessment. ADE can collect excess distributions by withholding funds from disbursements to the district the following year.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$34,500,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Department of Correction (380) - Ark. Code Ann. §12-29-301 et seq. established the Department of Corrections School District and established a formula to determine the funding level and states that the cost of running the Department of Corrections School District shall be borne by the Department of Corrections and the Department of Education.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$8,702,425 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Residential Centers/Juvenile Detention (394) - This program provides reimbursement to school districts for educational costs associated with disabled and non-disabled students ages 3-21 placed in approved residential psychiatric and drug and alcohol treatment facilities or juvenile detention centers. Community residential treatment facilities are reimbursed through local school districts. When reimbursement requests exceed the available funds, the reimbursements are prorated. Reimbursement is based on the foundation aid rate multiplied by the number of approved beds. This funding contributes to the calculation of Maintenance of Effort to maintain federal funding levels for special education students.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$16,345,087 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Consolidation Incentive (421) - These additional funds are provided to schools created as a result of consolidation of existing school districts pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-11-105 and § 6-13-1401. One hundred percent (100%) of the incentive allowance is added to the school district's aid in the first year of consolidation/annexation. In the second year of consolidation/annexation, the district receives fifty percent (50%) of the consolidation/annexation incentive funding granted the previous year. These unrestricted funds may be used at the discretion of

the local school district.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$5,981,400 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Cooperative Education Tech Centers (434) - Technology Coordinators in the Education Service Cooperatives assist local school districts by providing technology training, advising school districts in software/hardware purchases and overseeing technology laboratories. The maximum amount available to the State's fifteen (15) educational cooperatives is set by the State Board of Education.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Teacher Retirement Matching (437) - This is the employer matching for employees of the Education Service Cooperatives, Vocational Centers, the Model Vocational-Technical Resource Center, Arkansas Easter Seals and the school operated by the Department of Corrections as required by Act 217 of 2022, Section 15. The matching rate is currently 15%.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$14,776,754 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (438) - Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-413(a)(1)(A) requires teacher support in three distinct areas related to state support of advanced national teacher certification: bonuses to National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT), participation fees and substitute pay required for candidacy, and a support system for those candidates. The program encourages teachers to seek certification by competitively awarding the \$2,500 application fee and up to three (3) days of substitute teacher pay. An initial bonus of \$5,000 is awarded during the school year in which the teacher first obtains certification, and a yearly bonus of \$5,000 is awarded to teachers in each of years two (2) through ten (10) of the ten year life of the certificate.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$18,738,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Advanced Placement Incentive (440) - This is to establish advanced placement courses that are easily accessible and will prepare students for admission to, and success in, a postsecondary educational environment. The major aspect to this incentive program is for support for

professional development of AP and Pre-AP teachers. Three types of support are provided: A/P summer training for teachers (\$535,000-\$725,000 per year); A/P equipment and material grants to school districts (\$40,000-\$70,000 per year); and Pre-A/P workshops for teachers (\$25,000-\$36,000 per year).

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$1,275,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Arkansas Easter Seals (445) - This program partially funds the cost of educational services provided by the Easter Seal Society to children ages 3 to 21 who have orthopedic and/or communicative disorders. This funding reduces the amount local school districts must pay for these educational services and contributes to the calculation of Maintenance of Effort that helps maintain federal funding levels for special education students.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$193,113 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Public School Employee Insurance (446) - This program provides supplemental funds to the Employee Benefits Division on behalf of school districts for the public school employees' health insurance program. This line item also funds the monthly health insurance contribution per employee, as established by Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-1117, for employees of the Education Service Cooperatives, Vocational Centers, Arkansas Easter Seals, and the school operated by the Department of Corrections.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$142,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

School Food Services (447) - This program combined with the Surplus Commodities program provides the State match for the total school food program in local schools. Grants are awarded to school districts based on the number of lunches served. This funding contributes to the Maintenance of Effort calculation for federal funding levels of Child Nutrition programs.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$1,650,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Surplus Commodities (450) - The Department of Human Services (DHS) administers the Surplus Commodities Program. School districts currently receive a large share of the commodities. By agreement with DHS, the Department provides funding to supplement transportation

costs resulting from delivery of the goods to the school districts. This funding contributes to the Maintenance of Effort calculation for federal funding levels of Child Nutrition programs.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$1,125,065 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Grants to School Districts (451) - Grants are awarded for educating students in North Arkansas who cannot attend their assigned district because Bull Shoals Lake separates them from their district; which would require a round trip of more than 35 miles to attend their assigned school.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$67,856 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Workers' Compensation (452) - Claims and administrative expenses are paid by a fund transfer to the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund based on the previous year's claims.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$450,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

School Food - Legislative Audit (454) - This is a fund transfer of up to \$75,000 each year to compensate Legislative Audit for auditing school food funds in the local school districts.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Gifted and Talented (457) - This program provides: (1) salary support for 15 Gifted and Talented supervisors in the Cooperatives at \$30,000 per cooperative; (2) funding for the Arkansas Governor's School; (3) Outstanding Gifted Program Awards at \$3,000 per school district (3 annually); (4) an annual contribution to the AGATE (Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education) Conference; and, (5) an annual contribution of \$1,000 to the Arkansas Association of Gifted Education Administrators Fall Conference.

The Agency is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$1,560,381 in each year.

The Agency request includes the following change:

- Increase in Gifted and Talented appropriation of \$75,000 in each year for Pre-AP State Supported Contracts.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

School Worker Defense (458) - This program provides for claims and legal fees for liability suits against school personnel.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$390,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Assessment/End of Level Testing (459) - Ark. Code Ann. §6-15-404 requires standards-based testing for grades K-12. Advanced Placement exams are included in this appropriation and also awards of up to \$50 to schools for each score of 3 or better on AP exams.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$20,309,189 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Teacher of the Year (4HM) - The Arkansas Teacher of the Year award requires the Department of Education to develop a selection process for the award and provides that the teacher shall be placed on administrative leave for the year following his or her selection to assist with improving teaching conditions in the state.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Declining Enrollment (4HN) - School districts with declining enrollment are provided additional funding equal to the difference between the average of the two immediately preceding years' average daily membership and the average daily membership for the previous school year multiplied by Foundation Funding or the special needs isolated funding under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-604. A school district may receive both declining enrollment funding and special needs isolated funding only if sufficient funding is available.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$13,963,389 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.



Intervention Block Grants (565) - Grants are provided to local school districts, schools and education cooperatives to encourage parental involvement. The grants support the Smart Start and Smart Step Initiatives by providing the child's first teacher, the parent, with resources that will support literacy and mathematics achievement. These grants are used to encourage parental involvement through these competitions: Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl, State History Day Competition, Creativity in Arkansas, State Science Fair, and Arkansas Destination Imagination.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$302,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Serious Offender Program (566) - Serious Offender Units for juveniles are operated by the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services (DYS); but the Department of Education pays the educational costs of those students located in these units through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DHS. DHS is provided funds based on the average daily attendance of students in the facility. Currently there are Serious Offender Programs (SOP) located in Mansfield, Harrisburg, Dermott, Alexander, and Camp Robinson. This funding contributes to the Maintenance of Effort to maintain federal funding levels for special education students.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$1,716,859 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Coordinated School Health (59V) - This facilitates relationships between schools and communities through collaborative partnerships to provide or improve existing student health services and garner existing local resources.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

School Facility Joint Use Support (59W) - This program encourages schools to allow use of their indoor and outdoor facilities, by the public and by community members as an accessible and safe environment for community and family physical activity.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Better Chance Program (652) - This program funds innovative and developmentally appropriate early childhood programs for educationally deprived children. These grants are administered by the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services to serve educationally deprived children from birth through 5 years of age, excluding kindergarten. The Arkansas Better Chance for School Success (ABCSS) Program funds programs for educationally deprived children ages 3 and 4.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$114,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Special Education Services (668) - This program provides extended year summer programs for students with disabilities, provides special education services to foster children who are wards of the State placed in out-of-state residential facilities, and provides funds for the partial reimbursement of special education supervisors. Funding provided to school districts to support the salaries of special education supervisors is based on an established per child per day rate, to the extent funds are available. Funding contributes to the Maintenance of Effort to maintain federal funding levels for special education students.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$2,802,527 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Human Development Center Education Aid (669) - This program provides funding for educational services to the children in the State's Human Development Centers.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$526,150 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Education Service Cooperatives (670) - The fifteen (15) educational cooperatives of the State facilitate sharing of resources and services between local school districts.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$6,129,270 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Early Childhood Special Education (697) - Special education services are provided through local education agencies and Education Service Cooperatives for three to five year old preschool children with disabilities. Funds are provided to Education Service Cooperatives for

behavioral intervention services to all community preschool programs as well as coordinate required transition activities for children ages 0 - 2 that will remain in special education as 3 - 5 preschoolers. This program includes the Medicaid state match for preschool programs for physical, occupational, and speech therapy services. This funding contributes to the Maintenance of Effort to maintain federal funding levels for special education students.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$16,897,920 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Distance Learning (698) -This program provides for the establishment, organization, and administration of a distance learning program designed to improve course offerings available to students throughout the state. The program will demonstrate the efficiency of using distance learning to enhance elementary and secondary education and prepare students for greater success in a postsecondary educational environment.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$4,760,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Teacher Licensure/Mentoring (699) - The Arkansas Induction program is for new teachers and administrators. The Induction program provides Pathwise mentoring for support, retention, and professional growth of new educators. Districts receive funding for each mentor who mentors a new teacher or administrator participating in the program. The program is updated to align with the state's new teacher and administrator evaluation systems. Funds are used to pay for development of modules and the content delivery platform. This program funds the Teach for America program, a superintendent/principal evaluation program, grants for the Teacher Excellence Support System (TESS), and the Teacher Cadets for high school students with an interest in the teaching profession.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$6,065,758 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Teacher Salary Equalization (E90) - This program was created to address the disparities in teacher salaries within the state compared to surrounding states. Act 680 of 2021 gives Equalization funds to public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools that have an average annual teacher salary below the statewide target outlined by the legislature in Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-2403.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$60,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

School Recognition Program (F81) - This program provides financial awards to outstanding public schools through the Arkansas School Recognition Program.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$7,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Enhanced Transportation Funding (N55) - The Senate Committee on Education recommended the creation of a separate supplemental transportation funding program for districts with high transportation costs. Act 400 of 2021 amended Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2309 to establish the Enhanced Transportation funding amounts for FY22 and FY23 for each school district.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$7,200,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program (N68)-This program provides funding to open-enrollment public charter schools for lease, purchase, renovation, repair, construction, restoration, alteration, modification, and operation and maintenance for approved academic facilities.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$9,075,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Computer Science Initiative (V30) - This initiative furthers computer science education in public schools through recruitment, training, and retention of computer science teachers. It provides professional development in computer science for teachers and administrators to build computer science programs in schools.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$3,500,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

ESA Matching Grant Program (V33) - This matching grant program provides funds for school districts to provide tutoring services, pre-K programs, and before-and-after-school programs on a one-to-one state/local match.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$5,300,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

R.I.S.E. Arkansas (V38) -Established by Act 1044 of 2017, the Reading Initiative for Student Excellence (R.I.S.E. Arkansas) program builds a culture of reading statewide through collaboration with community partners and increasing access to books in the home, as well as providing additional support to current and future teachers.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$970,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Positive Youth Development (X06) - Established by Act 243 of 2018, this program provides a developmentally appropriate learning experience that helps children and youth ages 5-19 years of age develop education, social, emotional, and physical skills during out-of-school time.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

EIDT Special Education Services (X56) - Early Intervention Day Treatment (EIDT) services, formerly Developmental Day Treatment Clinic Services (DDTCS) Preschools and Child Health Management Services (CHMS) Preschools were merged as of July 1, 2018. CHMS preschools have traditionally referred students with disabilities to Districts and Co-ops for special education services, and this has continued, however DDTCS preschools (now EIDTs) have traditionally provided special education services to preschool children with disabilities who qualified for IDEA services. As of July 1, 2019, Districts and Co-ops assumed responsibility for these services.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$6,000,000 in each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Fund Transfers - In each fiscal year, \$11,176,250 is transferred from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account to various entities for the following purposes:

- (1) Act 217 of 2022, Section 20, requires a transfer of \$200,000 during each fiscal year to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, specifically to provide funding for the Arkansas/STRIVE Program.
- (2) Act 152 of 2022, Section 7, states that "the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination

Division of the State of Arkansas shall certify monthly to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount of funding needed each month to pay counties and professional reappraisal companies for the reappraisal of real property as required by law. Upon receipt of such certification the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer 76% of the amounts certified from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, 16% of the amount certified from the County Aid Fund, and 8% of the amount certified from the Municipal Aid Fund to the Arkansas Real Property Reappraisal Fund." The amount to be transferred from the Public School Fund is projected to be \$10,830,000 in FY23.

- (3) Surety Bond Transfer - This program pays for the surety bond for public school employees. The appropriation is made to the Department of Finance and Administration but paid from the Department of Education Public School Fund. The amount transferred is projected to be \$146,250 in FY23.

# Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** PSF - Public School Fund

**Funding Sources:** JAA - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund

## Historical Data

## Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Positive Youth Development	5100004	0	0	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Tech Grants	5100004	3,602,678	3,602,678	3,602,678	3,602,678	3,602,678	3,602,678	3,602,678
OE Charter Fac Funding Aid Prg	5100004	8,906,490	9,075,000	9,075,000	9,075,000	9,075,000	9,075,000	9,075,000
Grants to School Districts	5100004	67,327	67,856	67,856	67,856	67,856	67,856	67,856
Intervention Block Grants	5100004	302,000	302,000	302,000	302,000	302,000	302,000	302,000
School Food-Legislative Audit	5900046	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
School Food Services	5900046	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000
School Facility Joint Use	5900046	50,914	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
School Funding Contingency	5900046	0	0	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000
Serious Offender	5900046	1,716,859	1,716,859	1,716,859	1,716,859	1,716,859	1,716,859	1,716,859
School Worker Defense	5900046	0	390,000	390,000	390,000	390,000	390,000	390,000
School Recognition	5900046	6,871,250	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000
Residential Ctrs/Juv Detention	5900046	16,344,956	16,345,087	16,345,087	16,345,087	16,345,087	16,345,087	16,345,087
Non-Traditional Licensure	5900046	47,250	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Master Principal Bonus	5900046	54,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Leadership Acdmy-Mstr Principal	5900046	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Ntl Bd Prof Teaching Standards	5900046	14,643,915	18,738,000	18,738,000	18,738,000	18,738,000	18,738,000	18,738,000
R.I.S.E. Arkansas	5900046	1,184	970,000	970,000	970,000	970,000	970,000	970,000
Public School Employee Ins	5900046	57,520,322	142,000,000	142,000,000	142,000,000	142,000,000	142,000,000	142,000,000
Prof Development Fund	5900046	34,096,099	37,175,911	37,175,911	37,175,911	37,175,911	37,175,911	37,175,911
Smart Start/Smart Step	5900046	10,371,402	10,666,303	10,666,303	10,666,303	10,666,303	10,666,303	10,666,303
Teacher Retirement Matching	5900046	13,128,161	14,776,754	14,776,754	14,776,754	14,776,754	14,776,754	14,776,754
Teacher Recruitment	5900046	2,096,011	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000
Teacher of the Year	5900046	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Teacher Salary Equalization	5900046	24,180,101	60,000,000	60,000,000	60,000,000	60,000,000	60,000,000	60,000,000
Youth Shelters	5900046	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000
Workers' Compensation	5900046	23,414	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Tech Improvements	5900046	441,770	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Teacher Licensing/Mentoring	5900046	5,822,032	6,065,758	6,065,758	6,065,758	6,065,758	6,065,758	6,065,758
Special Needs Isolated Funding	5900046	8,712,078	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Special Education Services	5900046	2,802,527	2,802,527	2,802,527	2,802,527	2,802,527	2,802,527	2,802,527
Special Ed-Catastrophic	5900046	13,500,000	13,998,150	13,998,150	13,998,150	13,998,150	13,998,150	13,998,150
State Foundation Funding	5900046	2,047,108,442	2,206,861,456	2,206,861,456	2,206,861,456	2,206,861,456	2,206,861,456	2,206,861,456
Surplus Commodities	5900046	1,125,065	1,125,065	1,125,065	1,125,065	1,125,065	1,125,065	1,125,065

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Supplemental Millage	5900046	10,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student Growth	5900046	31,868,508	37,690,144	37,690,144	37,690,144	37,690,144	37,690,144	37,690,144
Consolidation Incentive	5900046	2,154,600	5,981,400	5,981,400	5,981,400	5,981,400	5,981,400	5,981,400
Computer Science Initiative	5900046	2,845,335	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Bonded Debt Assistance	5900046	8,656,476	28,455,384	28,455,384	28,455,384	28,455,384	28,455,384	28,455,384
Content & Curriculum	5900046	42,227	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Coord School Health	5900046	1,799,055	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Coop Education Tech Centers	5900046	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Content Standards	5900046	22,010	161,000	161,000	161,000	161,000	161,000	161,000
Better Chance Program	5900046	110,277,858	111,958,000	114,000,000	114,000,000	114,000,000	114,000,000	114,000,000
Advanced Placement Incentive	5900046	1,229,221	1,275,000	1,275,000	1,275,000	1,275,000	1,275,000	1,275,000
Add Public School Employee Ins	5900046	90,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
98% URT Actual Collection Adj	5900046	30,807,934	34,500,000	34,500,000	34,500,000	34,500,000	34,500,000	34,500,000
Alternative Learning	5900046	29,521,361	35,783,095	35,783,095	35,783,095	35,783,095	35,783,095	35,783,095
At Risk	5900046	1,431,417	1,688,530	1,688,530	1,688,530	1,688,530	1,688,530	1,688,530
Assessment/End Course Testing	5900046	13,759,821	20,309,189	20,309,189	20,309,189	20,309,189	20,309,189	20,309,189
AR Easter Seals	5900046	193,113	193,113	193,113	193,113	193,113	193,113	193,113
Declining Enrollment	5900046	32,293,721	13,963,389	13,963,389	13,963,389	13,963,389	13,963,389	13,963,389
ESA Matching Grant Program	5900046	5,300,000	5,300,000	5,300,000	5,300,000	5,300,000	5,300,000	5,300,000
Enhanced Transportation Fundin	5900046	5,999,996	7,200,000	7,200,000	7,200,000	7,200,000	7,200,000	7,200,000
Enhanced Student Achievement	5900046	234,843,784	246,723,439	246,723,439	246,723,439	246,723,439	246,723,439	246,723,439
General Facilities Funding	5900046	8,100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Isolated Funding	5900046	2,183,912	7,896,000	7,896,000	7,896,000	7,896,000	7,896,000	7,896,000
Human Dev Ctr Education Aid	5900046	526,150	526,150	526,150	526,150	526,150	526,150	526,150
Gifted & Talented	5900046	1,280,142	1,485,381	1,485,381	1,560,381	1,560,381	1,560,381	1,560,381
English Language Learners	5900046	17,256,100	19,075,847	19,075,847	19,075,847	19,075,847	19,075,847	19,075,847
Distance Learning Operations	5900046	7,310,610	7,575,000	7,575,000	7,575,000	7,575,000	7,575,000	7,575,000
Distance Learning	5900046	4,511,393	4,760,000	4,760,000	4,760,000	4,760,000	4,760,000	4,760,000
Dept of Correction	5900046	8,702,425	8,702,425	8,702,425	8,702,425	8,702,425	8,702,425	8,702,425
Early Childhood Special Educ	5900046	16,897,919	16,897,920	16,897,920	16,897,920	16,897,920	16,897,920	16,897,920
EIDT Special Education Services	5900046	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
Education Service Cooperatives	5900046	6,129,270	6,129,270	6,129,270	6,129,270	6,129,270	6,129,270	6,129,270
Economic Education	5900046	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total		2,970,470,605	3,201,224,080	3,233,266,080	3,233,341,080	3,233,341,080	3,233,341,080	3,233,341,080

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	263,872,612	303,763,641		179,845,621	179,845,621	57,938,898	57,938,898
Ed Fac Ptnrshp Fund Trnsfr	4000057	(19,798,908)	0		0	0	0	0
DOE Public School Fund	4000195	2,201,091,760	2,260,013,771		2,260,133,596	2,260,133,596	2,260,098,616	2,260,098,616
Educational Adequacy Fund	4000210	529,468,551	529,468,551		529,468,551	529,468,551	551,611,058	551,611,058
Educational Excellence Fund	4000220	265,368,010	290,299,988		291,406,075	291,406,075	296,913,173	296,913,173
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	0	0		7,902,385	7,902,385	0	0
Miscellaneous Adjustments	4000345	1,572,205	0		0	0	0	0



<b>Funding Sources</b>							
TANF Transfer	4000478	7,500,000	7,500,000		7,500,000	7,500,000	7,500,000
Trnfr frm DOE Pub School Fund	4000525	(11,677,690)	(11,176,250)		(11,176,250)	(11,176,250)	(11,176,250)
Transit Tax	4000700	1,837,706	1,200,000		1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Unfunded Appropriation	4000715	0	0		25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000
Restricted Reserve Fund	4000755	35,000,000	0		0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>3,274,234,246</b>	<b>3,381,069,701</b>		<b>3,291,279,978</b>	<b>3,291,279,978</b>	<b>3,189,085,495</b>
<b>Excess Appropriation/(Funding)</b>		<b>(303,763,641)</b>	<b>(179,845,621)</b>		<b>(57,938,898)</b>	<b>(57,938,898)</b>	<b>44,255,585</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,970,470,605</b>	<b>3,201,224,080</b>		<b>3,233,341,080</b>	<b>3,233,341,080</b>	<b>3,233,341,080</b>