

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION



Per student payments, transportation aid, and special education payments - The Legislative Assembly provided \$918,459,478, of which \$816,821,478 is from the general fund and \$101,638,000 is from the state tuition fund, for state school aid for per student formula payments. This level of funding represents an increase of \$110.1 million, of which \$94.8 million is from the general fund and \$15.3 million is from the state tuition fund, from the 2009-11 biennium appropriation of \$808,370,295. In addition, the Legislative Assembly provided \$48.5 million for transportation aid from the general fund, an increase of \$5 million from the 2009-11 biennium and \$16 million for special education from the general fund, an increase of \$500,000 from the 2009-11 biennium. Details of funding appropriated for state school aid for per student formula payments, transportation aid, and special education is as follows:

Per student formula payments	\$918,459,478
Transportation aid	48,500,000
Special education	16,000,000
Total state school aid	\$982,959,478 ¹

¹In addition, the Legislative Assembly in 2011 authorized the department to continue up to \$9 million of unspent 2009-11 biennium funding for increasing state school aid to \$991,959,478 for the 2011-13 biennium.

Funding available for state school aid, including per student payments, transportation aid, and special education for the 2011-13 biennium, is \$991,959,478, including \$982,959,478 provided by the Legislative Assembly in 2011 and \$9 million continued from the 2009-11 biennium. The Department of Public Instruction estimates state aid payments for the first year of the biennium to be approximately \$482.5 million, \$3.85 million less than appropriated. The department estimates these state aid payments for the second year of the biennium to be approximately \$501.6 million, \$4 million less than appropriated. This results in excess funding of approximately \$7.85 million for the 2011-13 biennium. Any funding in excess of obligations for the per student payments remaining at the end of the 2011-13 biennium will be distributed on a pro rata basis according to the latest available average daily membership of each school district pursuant to Section 29 of 2011 Senate Bill No. 2150, codified as North Dakota Century Code Section 15.1-27-22.1. Any funding in excess of obligations for transportation aid will be distributed to school districts according to the percentage of the total transportation formula amount to which each school district is entitled pursuant to section 36 of Senate Bill No. 2150.