



BUDGET SECTION - EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Room 327C, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 24, 2025, meeting](#)

CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION

1:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Center for Distance Education regarding:

- The agency's organizational chart;
- The status of the agency's 2025-27 biennium budget, including major programs, purposes of the programs, and funding amounts and sources for the programs;
- The status of one-time funding items approved by the Legislative Assembly for the 2025-27 biennium;
- Tuition and enrollment, including information regarding the impact, if any, of changes to school districts' virtual learning policies;
- The status of the Virtual Military Pathway Program and the Homeschool Tuition Program; and
- A list of distance education course contract amounts, including contracts with institutions located in other states

1:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons

1:55 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Career and Technical Education regarding:

- The department's organizational chart;
- The status of the department's 2025-27 biennium budget, including major programs, purposes of the programs, and funding amounts and sources for the programs;
- The status of one-time funding items approved by the Legislative Assembly for the 2025-27 biennium;
- Funding available and recent activity for secondary grants provided to schools and area career and technical centers, the Marketplace for Kids program, the Workforce Training program, and grants to schools for work-based learning coordinators;
- The transition of the Adult Farm Management program to the Agriculture Commissioner;
- Statewide area career center initiative grant program updates for each career academy project; and

- The status of the department's relocation, including a comparison of rent costs before and after relocation and expenses incurred for moving and equipment

2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons
2:50 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
3:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Mike Nathe (Chairman), Karla Rose Hanson, Scott Louser, Bob Martinson, David Richter, Mark Sanford, Steve Swiontek

Senators: Cole Conley, Scott Meyer, Donald Schaible, Ronald Sorvaag, Paul J. Thomas

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