

Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing

March 5, 2025

A photograph of a classroom scene, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. In the foreground, a student is seen from behind, leaning over a desk. In the background, a teacher stands near a whiteboard, and other students are seated at desks.

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction



NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

WHO WE ARE

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Team Members

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

Mission: NDDPI will partner with schools and communities to provide a statewide system of excellent service and support to ensure a healthy school environment that fosters student success.

Vision: Our vision is that all students will graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills, and disposition to be successful.

Values: Build relationships; cultivate opportunity; inspire growth.

Goals/Objectives: Increase students who enter kindergarten prepared to learn, who demonstrate reading proficiency in 3rd grade, who meet expected learning gains each year, who engage in learning, and who graduate choice ready; reduce the disparity in the achievement for students with disabilities, living in poverty, and for Native American students.

WHO WE SERVE

Students (PK-12)



- Total: 135,115
- *Public: 119,622
 - *Non-Public: 9,956
 - BIE: 1,363
 - Institutions: 73
 - **Home Educated: 5,537

*As of September 2024

** As of June 2024

School Districts



- Public: 168
- Non-Public: 45
- Bureau of Indian Ed: 6
- State Institutions: 4

Teachers/Administrators (public)



- Teachers: 9,156
- Other specialists: 1,107
- Administrators: 683

HOW WE DO IT

2023-2025 Agency Budget: \$2,966,722,553*

- General: \$1,729,027,519
- Special: \$719,386,727
- Federal: \$518,308,307

*\$2.8 billion goes directly to districts

Salary Operating



\$20.6M

\$33.6M

WHAT WE'RE PROUD OF

CHILD NUTRITION

NDDPI and NDHHS together administered Summer EBT benefits for 39,000 North Dakota students during the 2024 summer. Summer EBT is one of more than a dozen child nutrition and food distribution programs NDDPI administers.

ASSESSMENT & STANDARDS

ND A+, the state's one-of-a-kind comprehensive and customized assessment system, includes the statewide summative, state-provided interims, and a classroom formative that are all aligned to North Dakota state content standards.

GROW YOUR OWN

North Dakota has a registered teacher apprenticeship program and a state Grow Your Own program. We are the first state in the nation to offer a registered principal apprenticeship program.

91%

Traditional graduation rate

84%

GED pass rate

\$427.1M

in ESSER funding distributed to ND schools

150

Teacher Apprenticeship Program participants

WHAT WE DO



COMPUTER SCIENCE/CYBERSECURITY & AI

North Dakota is the first in the nation to create computer science and cybersecurity standards – which has been updated to include AI guidance – for each K-12 grade, as well as training and lessons for teachers across the state.



LEARNING SUPPORT

State law requires all teachers and principals serving K-3 students to be trained in scientifically-based reading instruction and to use "science of reading" instructional materials and approaches.



SUPPORTING SCHOOL BOARDS

The Be Legendary School Board Leadership Institute & Implementation is an intensive program designed for governing teams that are dedicated to continually sharpening and cultivating their focus on one primary objective: improving student outcomes.



CHOICE READY

Choice Ready measures a school's performance in preparing students to succeed beyond K-12. The Choice Ready rate for 2023-24 was 71%, up from 66% in 2022-23, and from 21% since the metric was adopted in 2017-18.



K-12 DATA MODERNIZATION

North Dakota is transitioning to a single enterprise system to streamline and simplify the state's K-12 data systems. The unified solution provides better integration, making data management more efficient and seamless for districts.



NETWORK FOR PERSONALIZED LEARNING

North Dakota is the first in the nation to create and recognize a learning continuum for graduation. The North Dakota NPL represents a growing group of individuals, teams, schools, and districts from across the state committed to making learning personal for all students.

HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS

Increase Students Who Graduate Choice Ready (grades 9-12)

2023-2024: 71%

2022-2023: 66%

2021-2022: 61%

2020-2021: 45%

Increase Students Who Demonstrate NDSA ELA Proficiency in 3rd Grade

2023-2024: 40%

2022-2023: 40%

2021-2022: 39%

2020-2021: 39%

Increase Students Who Are Engaged in Learning

2023-2024: 86%

2022-2023: 86%

2021-2022: 86%

2020-2021: 87%

Increase Quality Education Personnel (workplace engagement)

2024 Gallup Q12: 58%

2023 Gallup Q12: 59%

2022 Gallup Q12: 41%

2021 Gallup Q12: 52%

North Dakota State School Superintendent



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Authority of the State Superintendent

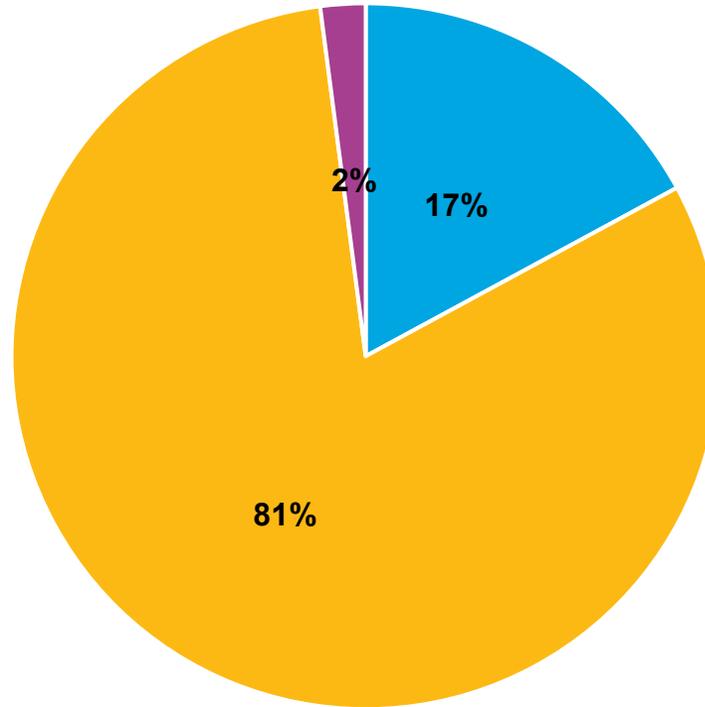
- The North Dakota Constitution specifies that the “powers and duties” of the superintendent of public instruction “must be prescribed by law.” The office has only the authority that is granted by the Legislature.
- NDCC 15.1-02 outlines the duties of the superintendent of public instruction.

K-12 Budget



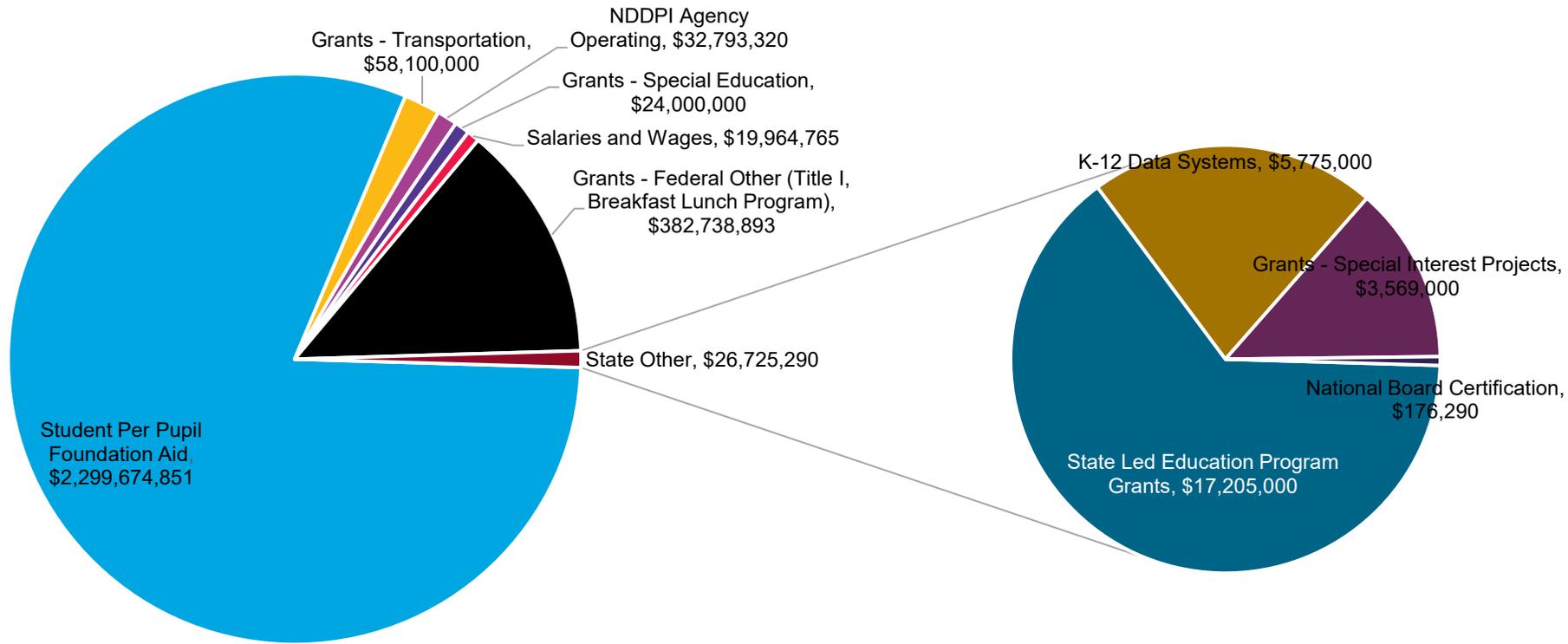
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K-12 2025-27 BASE BUDGET BY USE



- Grants to LEAs, Special Education Units, Child/Adult Care Food Providers, Tribes, etc.: \$485,789,183
- Student Per Pupil Foundation Aid: \$2,299,674,851
- Agency Operating: \$58,533,085

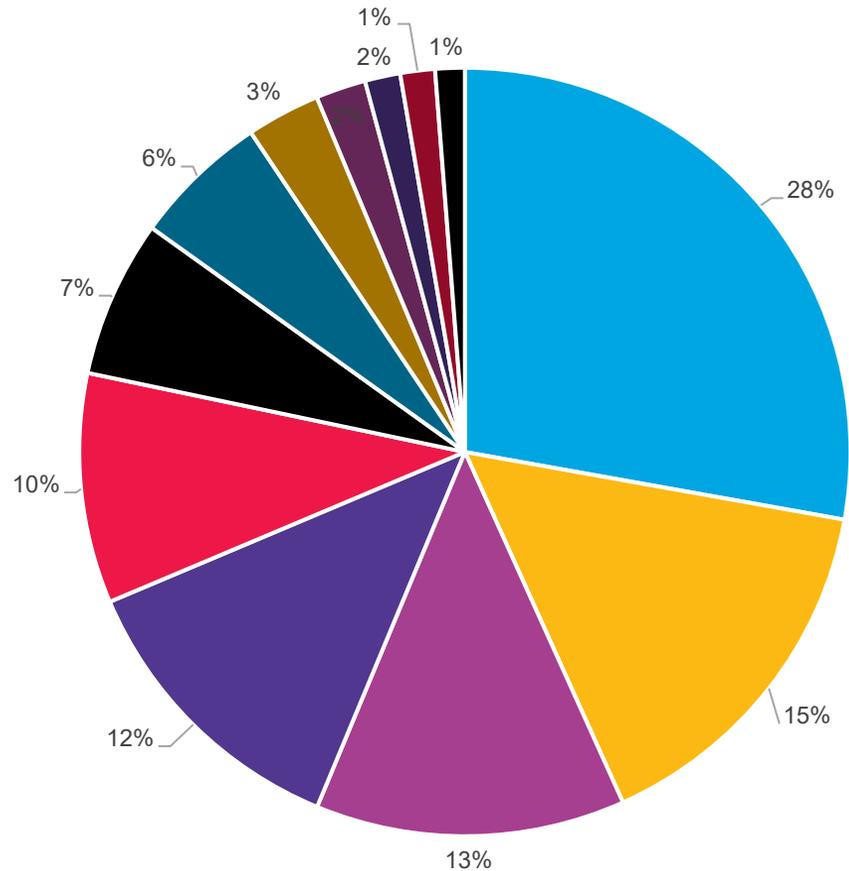
K-12 2025-27 BASE BUDGET: \$2,843,997,119



Examples of the State Superintendent's Duties

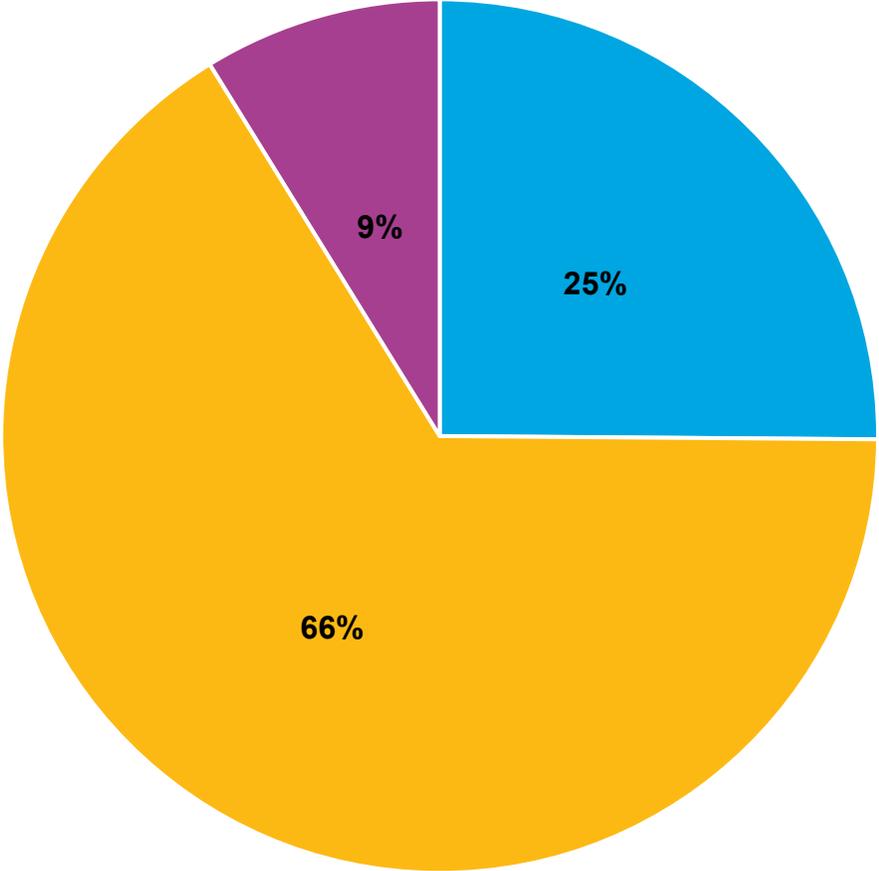
- Supervise elementary and secondary education
- Develop academic content standards
- Oversee the administration of student assessments
- Oversee annual updates for the statewide PK-12 Strategic Vision
- Oversee the approval for operation of public and non-public schools

BREAKDOWN OF THE 2% NDDPI OPERATING PERCENTAGES



- Facilitation & Consulting Contracts
- Assessments
- Operating Fees and Services
- Food Processing Program
- IT Contractual Services
- Other
- NDIT - Data Processing
- Commodity Food Storage and Transportation
- Travel
- IT Software
- Professional Development
- Rent

REVENUE SOURCE OF 2% NDDPI OPERATING COSTS



■ General Funds

■ Federal Funds

■ Special Funds

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Funding Formula Worksheet



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STATE AID TO SCHOOLS PAYMENT WORKSHEET

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
Office of Fiscal Management - SFO

District Name	County District Number	Payment Month	School Year
South Heart 9	45-009	January	2024-2025

A STATE AID FORMULA:

Student membership includes regular school year average daily membership (ADM). ADM for students attending school in Montana and Minnesota (NDCC 15.1-29.01), South Dakota students attending school in North Dakota (NDCC 15.1-29-02.1) under cross border attendance agreements, and students in private or out-of-state placements for purposes other than education (NDCC 15.1-29-14) are also included.

	ADM	Weighting Factor	Weighted ADM
Student Membership			
1 Pk Special Education	6.39	1.000	6.39
2 Kindergarten	26.65	1.000	26.65
3 Grade 1-6	199.82	1.000	199.82
4 Grade 7-8	56.18	1.000	56.18
5 Grade 9-12	112.76	1.000	112.76
6 Alternative High School	-	1.000	-
7 Total Average Daily Membership (ADM)			401.80
Other Program Membership			
8 Alt High School (from line 6)	-	0.250	-
9 Special Ed ADM (from line 7)	401.80	0.088	35.36
10 PK Special Ed ADM (from line 1)	6.39	0.170	1.09
11 Regional Education Association (if member from line 7)	401.80	0.002	0.80
12 2024-25 Fall Enrollment above 2024 ADM	26.59	1.000	26.59
13 Spring 2024 ADM Adjustment	(1.59)	1.000	(1.59)
14 ELL Level 1	-	0.400	-
15 ELL Level 2	-	0.280	-
16 ELL Level 3	-	0.070	-
17 At Risk	45.40	0.025	1.14
18 Home-Education (district supervised)	-	0.200	-
19 Alt Middle School	-	0.150	-
Summer Programs			
20 Summer School	1.56	0.600	0.94
21 Special Ed ESY	-	1.000	-
Isolated School District			
22 >275 sq miles and <100 ADM	-	0.100	-
23 >600 sq miles and <50 ADM	-	1.100	-
24 Total Weighted Average Daily Membership (add lines 7 through 23)			466.13
25 Virtual Average Daily Membership			2.29
26 In Person Average Daily Membership			463.84
27 School District Size Weighting Factor			1.0254
28 In Person Weighted Student Units			475.62
29 Total Weighted Student Units (add lines 25 and 28)			477.91
30 Per Student Payment Rate			\$11,072.00
31 Total Formula Payment			5,291,419.52
Formula Adjustments			
32 Transition Minimum Adjustment (from line 72) with 55% Reduction	4,794,217.00	-	-
33 Total Adjusted Formula Amount (total lines 31, and 32)			5,291,419.52
34 Contribution from Property Tax (from line 50)			1,313,908.50
35 Contribution from Other Local Revenue (from line 43)			377,940.78
36 State Aid Payment (line 33 minus lines 34 and 35)			3,599,570.24
State School Aid Summary			
1 State Aid Formula Payment (from line 36)	3,599,570.24	-	3,599,570.24
2 Transportation (from line 62)	158,552.58	-	158,552.58
3 State Child Placement	-	-	-
4 Special Education Contracts - Agency	-	-	-
5 Special Education Contracts - School Placed	-	-	-
6 Special Education Contracts - Boarding	-	-	-
7 Special Education - Gifted and Talented	-	-	-
Total State Aid	3,758,122.82	-	3,758,122.82

B CONTRIBUTION FROM OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	Apportioned			
	Total Revenue	Revenue	Percent	
37 1300 Tuition	53,594.70	34,445.31	75%	25,833.98
38 2999 County	651,807.28	418,916.54	75%	314,187.41
39 US Flood	-	-	75%	-
40 Electric Generation, Distribution and Transmission Taxes	40,084.58	25,762.36	75%	19,321.77
41 Mobile Home and Other In-Lieu Taxes	24,670.54	15,855.76	75%	11,891.82
42 Telecommunications	13,911.72	8,941.06	75%	6,705.80
43 Contribution from Other Local Revenue				377,940.78
	S & I Levy	Total Levy	Non S & I Percentage	
	32.09	89.82	64.27%	

C CONTRIBUTION FROM PROPERTY TAX			
44 District Taxable Valuation			21,898,475
45 Contribution Mill Rate			60
46 Contribution from Property Tax (line 44 times line 45 divided by 1000)			1,313,908.50
47 Minimum Local Effort Adjustment (NDCC 15.1-27-04.2)		-	-
48 Maximum Contribution Increase Adjustment (NDCC 15.1-27-04.1.4.a.)		1,517,980.60	-
49 Local Effort Adjustment NDCC 15.1-27-04.3			-
50 Adjusted Contribution from Property Tax (total lines 46, 47 and 48)			1,313,908.50

E TRANSPORTATION WORKSHEET

Transportation Statistics				
	Rate	Miles	Rides	Total
51 Small Bus Miles	0.520	0.0	xxxxx	-
52 Large Bus Miles	1.110	124,368.0	xxxxx	138,048.48
53 Rural Rides	0.300	xxxxx	68,347	20,504.10
54 Small In-City Miles	0.520	0.0	xxxxx	-
55 Large In-City Miles	1.110	0.0	xxxxx	-
56 In-City Rides	0.300	xxxxx	0	-
57 Family - To School	0.250	0.0	xxxxx	-
58 Family - To Bus	0.250	0.0	xxxxx	-
59 Not Reimbursable	-	0.0	0	-
60 Total Transportation Reimbursement				158,552.58
61 Reimbursement Cap -- 90% of transportation expenditures				349,190.69
62 Transportation Grant Total (lesser of 90% cap or total)				158,552.58

F BASELINE FUNDING - MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PAYMENTS

63 Baseline Funding (2018-19 Formula Payment)				3,889,460.12
64 Baseline Weighted Student Units (2018-19)				403.22
65 Baseline Funding Rate				\$9,646.00
	Baseline Funding	Minimum	Percent	Weighted Student Units
66 Minimum Increase Per Student	\$9,646.00		102%	403.22
67 WSUs Above Baseline	\$11,072.00			74.69
68 Baseline Funding Per Student				4,794,217.00
69 Baseline Funding (from line 63)				3,889,460.12
70 Minimum Funding Percentage				100%
71 Minimum Funding Amount				3,889,460.12
72 Minimum Increase Amount (greater of line 68 or line 71)				4,794,217.00

G On Time Funding Calculation Lines 12 & 13

73 2023-24 K-12 ADM (Lines 2-6)	395.41
74 2024-25 K-12 Fall Enrollment	422.00
75 Line 12 (Line 74 - 73 Can't fall below 0)	26.59
76 2023-24 On Time Funding (Line 12 2023-24 Worksheet)	9.50
77 2023-24 Fall Enrollment	397.00
78 2023-24 K-12 ADM (Lines 2-6)	395.41
79 Line 13	(1.59)



Finance Facts

(see handout)



State School Aid Adequacy Formula Summary

(see handout)

