

**PER STUDENT STATE AID AND TUITION FUND PAYMENTS, WEIGHTED STUDENT UNITS,
TEACHER COMPENSATION PAYMENTS, AND MILL DEDUCTS FOR THE 2003-05 AND 2005-07 BIENNIUMS**

	2003-05 Legislative Appropriation	2003-05 Actual	2005-07 Executive Budget	2005-07 Legislative Appropriation
First-Year Payments				
Per student state aid payments	\$2,509	\$2,509	\$2,726	\$2,765
Tuition fund distributions	335	332	351	351
Total first-year payments	<u>\$2,844</u>	<u>\$2,841</u>	<u>\$3,077</u>	<u>\$3,116</u>
Second-Year Payments				
Per student state aid payments	\$2,623	\$2,623	\$2,826	\$2,879
Tuition fund distributions	335	332 ¹	351	351
Total second-year payments	<u>\$2,958</u>	<u>\$2,955^{1,2}</u>	<u>\$3,177</u>	<u>\$3,230</u>
Weighted Student Units				
First year	108,381	107,927	107,510 ³	107,438 ³
Second year	106,258	106,722 ¹	106,059 ³	106,090 ³
Teacher Compensation Payments				
First-year teachers	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other teachers	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Qualifying teacher FTE positions - First year of biennium	8,809	8,778	8,656	8,750
Qualifying teacher FTE positions - Second year of biennium	8,809	8,768	8,656	8,750
Mill Levy Deducts				
First year	34 mills	34 mills	38 mills	38 mills
Second year	36 mills	36 mills	40 mills	41 mills

¹Estimated

²The Department of Public Instruction's estimate of state school aid expenditures indicates an end-of-biennium unspent balance of approximately \$3.3 million. If that projection is realized, the \$3.3 million will be distributed at the end of the 2003-05 biennium as follows:

- \$119,910 for the purpose of reimbursing eligible school districts that received reduced amounts of state aid during the second year of the 2003-05 biennium because the district's general fund levy fell below 140 mills as the result of a reorganization or the dissolution of a contiguous district.
- \$250,000 for providing reimbursements to the chief administrators of joint powers agreements.
- \$1 million for providing reorganization bonuses, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15.1-12-11.1, to school districts having reorganizations effective after July 1, 2003, and before July 1, 2005.
- \$1,930,090 as additional per student payments on a prorated basis according to the average daily membership of school districts during the 2004-05 school year.

³The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive budget recommendation to implement changes in the calculation of school district weighting factors used for the calculation of weighted student units and the distribution of state school aid, including the consolidation of school district-size categories and the increase of weighting factors so no factor is set below 1.0. The changes resulted in an increase in the estimated number of weighted student units for the 2005-07 biennium. Based on 2003-05 school district-size categories and weighting factors, the estimated number of weighted student units for the 2005-07 biennium would have been 105,398 for the first year and 104,151 for the second year.