



**Center for Distance Education  
Department No. 204  
2025 House Bill No. 1013**

**REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION  
2025-27 BIENNIUM**

**Budget Summary**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Burgum budget recommendation	33.00	\$8,580,905	\$6,848,138	\$15,429,043
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	(1.00)	(59,953)	(248,888)	(308,841)
<b>Armstrong budget recommendation</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>\$8,520,952</b>	<b>\$6,599,250</b>	<b>\$15,120,202</b>
Base level	30.80	7,063,483	4,550,000	11,613,483
Increase (decrease)	1.20	\$1,457,469	\$2,049,250	\$3,506,719
Percentage increase (decrease)	3.9%	20.6%	45.0%	30.2%

**NOTE:**

More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

**Selected Highlights**

- **Salary increases of up to 3 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026**
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.23 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool amounts
- Adds \$175,450 from the general fund for 1 FTE enrollment and office support specialist position
- Adds \$50,410 from the general fund for .20 FTE information technology (IT) position to increase a current .80 FTE position to a full-time position
- Increases funding from special funds derived from tuition by \$1,622,900 for temporary and other salaries to provide more adjunct hours and for hybrid teaching overload
- Increases funding from special funds derived from tuition by \$319,038 for operating expenses related to fees, travel, IT equipment, and supplies
- Adds \$280,972 from the general fund for a virtual military pathway program for 150 students (\$48,167) and a homeschool tuition program for 725 students (\$232,805), including temporary salaries of \$171,135 and operating expenses of \$109,837
- Adds one-time funding of \$25,000 from special funds derived from tuition for IT equipment
- Adds one-time funding of \$75,250 from special funds derived from tuition for professional fees related to a student information system upgrade

**Deficiency Appropriations**

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

**Significant Audit Findings**

For the biennium ended June 30, 2023, the Center for Distance Education (CDE) was audited as part of the Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE). There are no significant audit findings for CDE included in the report provided for CTE. Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2269 (2023), CDE began reporting to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Legislative Assembly provided a separate budget for CDE for the 2023-25 biennium.

**Agency Fees**

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 3 fees. The agency did not recommend any changes to the fees.

**Major Related Legislation**

**House Bill No. 1105** - Relates to virtual learning and school district policy regarding access and payment for virtual instruction.

**House Bill No. 1172** - Relates to responsibility for payment for CDE courses.

**House Bill No. 1269** - Removes a requirement that CDE use Office of Management and Budget for procurement of technology and educational content to deliver K-12 education and related services virtually.

**NOTE:**

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



**Center for Distance Education - Budget No. 204**  
**Agency Worksheet - House Bill No. 1013**

	Armstrong Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2025-27 Biennium Base Level</b>	30.80	\$7,063,483	\$4,550,000	\$11,613,483
<b>2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>				
Base payroll changes				\$0
Salary increase		\$268,445	(\$1)	268,444
Health insurance increase		175,347		175,347
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium new FTE pool		321,000		321,000
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool		164,655		164,655
Adds 1 FTE enrollment and office support specialist position	1.00	175,450		175,450
Adds 1 FTE hybrid learning coordinator position				0
Adds a .20 FTE IT position to increase a current .80 FTE position to full-time	0.20	50,410		50,410
Increases funding from special funds derived from tuition for temporary and other salaries to provide more adjunct hours and for hybrid teaching overload			1,622,900	1,622,900
Increases funding from special funds derived from tuition for operating expenses related to fees, travel, IT equipment, and supplies			319,038	319,038
Increases funding for IT rate increases		21,190	7,063	28,253
Adds funding for a virtual military pathway program and a homeschool tuition program, including temporary salaries of \$171,135 and operating expenses of \$109,837		280,972		280,972
<b>Total ongoing funding changes</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>\$1,457,469</b>	<b>\$1,949,000</b>	<b>\$3,406,469</b>
<b>One-Time Funding Items</b>				
Adds one-time funding from special funds derived from tuition for IT equipment			\$25,000	\$25,000
Adds one-time funding from special funds derived from tuition for professional fees related to a student information system upgrade			75,250	75,250
<b>Total one-time funding changes</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,250</b>	<b>\$100,250</b>
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>\$1,457,469</b>	<b>\$2,049,250</b>	<b>\$3,506,719</b>
<b>2025-27 Total Funding</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>\$8,520,952</b>	<b>\$6,599,250</b>	<b>\$15,120,202</b>
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$0	

*Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level*

3.9%

20.6%

42.8%

29.3%

*Total changes - Percentage of base level*

3.9%

20.6%

45.0%

30.2%