

**North Dakota State College of Science**  
**Budget No. 238**  
**Senate Bill No. 2003; House Bill No. 1331**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2025-27 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>326.54</b>	<b>\$45,805,436</b>	<b>\$67,733,675</b>	<b>\$113,539,111</b>
2025-27 base budget	313.95	39,857,537	63,645,097	103,502,634
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	12.59	\$5,947,899	\$4,088,578	\$10,036,477

**ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

	<b>Ongoing General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>One-Time General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>
<b>2025-27 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>\$44,505,436</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>	<b>\$45,805,436</b>
2023-25 legislative appropriations	39,857,537	1,005,347	40,862,884
2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	\$4,647,899	\$294,653	\$4,942,552
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	11.7%	29.3%	12.1%

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS**  
**Changes to Base Budget**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
The legislative action:				
Adjusted FTE positions pursuant to Section 39 of House Bill No. 1003 (2023)	12.59			
Added special fund authority to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026			\$1,273,159	\$1,273,159
Added special fund authority for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,893 per month			982,402	982,402
Added special fund authority for information technology rate adjustments			18,017	18,017
Adjusted funding distributed through the higher education funding formula to reflect changes in completed student credit-hours		\$2,206,386		2,206,386
Added funding to equalize the higher education funding formula base rates to the highest calculated rate for each institutional group		731,179		731,179
Added funding for a 4 percent inflationary increase in the higher education funding formula base rates		1,710,334		1,710,334

Added <b>one-time funding</b> for lease payments		1,000,000		1,000,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for aviation maintenance program startup costs		300,000		300,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> from local funds to construct an artificial turf playing surface (House Bill No. 1331)			1,750,000	1,750,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> from local funds to purchase land			65,000	65,000
Total	12.59	\$5,947,899	\$4,088,578	\$10,036,477

#### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 326.54 FTE positions for the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) for the 2025-27 biennium, an increase of 12.59 FTE positions from the 2023-25 biennium authorized level of 313.95 FTE positions. The 12.59 FTE positions were added pursuant to Section 39 of House Bill No. 1003 (2023), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at institutions under its control. Section 39 of Senate Bill No. 2003 (2025) continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at institutions under its control during the 2025-27 biennium.

#### One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding items for NDSCS for the 2025-27 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Local Funds	Total
Lease payments	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Aviation maintenance program startup costs	300,000		300,000
Artificial turf playing surface		\$1,750,000	1,750,000
Land purchase		65,000	65,000
Total	\$1,300,000	\$1,815,000	\$3,115,000

#### Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2003

**Additional funds appropriation authority** - Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds received by entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to the respective entities.

**Extraordinary repairs matching funds** - Section 4 requires institutions to match extraordinary repairs funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis using operations or other funding, except for the University of North Dakota (UND) and North Dakota State University (NDSU), which must match \$2 to \$1.

**Capital building fund program** - Sections 10 and 11 provide for the continuation of the capital building fund program, including a transfer of \$26.5 million from SIIF to the University System capital building fund and the authorization to use money in the fund for new capital projects. Section 28 reduces the matching fund requirements for Tier III to dollar for dollar, excluding UND and NDSU which must continue to provide \$2 of matching funds for each \$1 from the University System capital building fund.

**Project management oversight** - Section 12 requires capital projects authorized by the State Board of Higher Education to have adequate project oversight by an institution official or representative of an external entity.

**State College of Science enhanced lease payments** - Section 14 designates \$800,000 for enhanced lease payments for deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs for a facility in Fargo. The enhanced lease payments must be made pursuant to an agreement with the lessor that includes the repayment of the enhanced lease payments if the property is conveyed or leased prior to June 30, 2035.

**Higher education challenge grants** - Sections 17 through 20 adjust the higher education challenge grant statutory provisions and provide for the distribution of up to \$24.76 million of grant funds to eligible institutions.

**Workforce education innovation program** - Section 21 limits the \$10 million for workforce education innovation grants to University System institutions, excluding UND and NDSU, and provides for a \$1.5 million limit per institution.

**Higher education funding formula** - Sections 25, 26, 27, and 49 adjust the higher education funding formula for credit weighting and credit completion factor changes, to continue targeted market equity and retirement contribution pool funding, to restore 2023-25 biennium equalization reductions, to equalize calculated base rates, and to provide a 4 percent inflationary increase.

**Carryover authority** - Section 30 continues the authorization through July 31, 2027, for entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to continue unexpended appropriations at the end of a biennium.

**Transfer authority** - Section 38 provides that the State Board of Higher Education may transfer funds from an institution's operations line item to the institution's capital assets line item if the board determines that additional funds are needed for capital assets.

**FTE positions** - Section 39 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, for institutions and entities under its control.

**Exemptions** - Section 40 authorizes the continuation of unspent appropriation authority for certain projects and programs into the 2025-27 biennium.

#### Related Legislation

**House Bill No. 1331** - This bill appropriates \$1.75 million from other funds to NDSCS to construct an artificial turf playing surface.

**Senate Bill No. 2013** - This bill provides distributions to University System institutions from permanent funds established for the benefit of the institutions as follows:

Institution	2023-25 Distribution	2025-27 Distribution	Increase (Decrease)
North Dakota State University	\$7,648,000	\$8,770,000	\$1,122,000
University of North Dakota	5,986,000	6,948,000	962,000
North Dakota State College of Science	2,259,700	2,570,284	310,584
Valley City State University	1,354,000	1,566,000	212,000
Mayville State University	894,000	1,102,000	208,000
Dakota College at Bottineau	343,700	406,284	62,584
Dickinson State University	343,700	406,284	62,584
Minot State University	343,700	406,284	62,584
Total	\$19,172,800	\$22,175,136	\$3,002,336

**Senate Bill No. 2147** - This bill adjusts eligibility for the career builders scholarship and loan repayment programs and appropriates \$2 million for supplemental student financial assistance grants.