

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

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriation	326.54	\$45,805,436 ¹	\$67,733,675	\$113,539,111
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>313.95</u>	<u>40,862,884</u>	<u>83,620,097</u>	<u>124,482,981</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	12.59	\$4,942,552	(\$15,886,422)	(\$10,943,870)

¹This amount includes \$1,300,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing General Fund appropriation is \$44,505,436.

Item Description

Enrollment - At the end of the 2025 regular legislative session, the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) FTE student enrollment projection for the 2025-27 biennium was 2,375 for the fall 2025 semester and 2,450 for the fall 2026 semester.

Tuition collections - In the budget approved by the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE), tuition revenue for NDSCS for the 2025-26 fiscal year was estimated to be \$10.4 million.

Higher Education Challenge Matching Grant Program - In Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$24.76 million from the General Fund to the North Dakota University System office for the Higher Education Challenge Matching Grant Program. The North Dakota State College of Science may be awarded up to \$2.05 million under the program.

Extraordinary repairs - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2003, appropriated \$1,012,379 from the General Fund to NDSCS for extraordinary repairs. In Section 4 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly required institutions to match extraordinary repairs funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis using operations or other funding. The funding is considered Tier I of the University System Capital Building Fund, but it is included in the institution's capital assets line item.

University System Capital Building Fund - In addition to appropriating funding for specific capital projects, the 2019 Legislative Assembly established a University System Capital Building Fund for the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$10 million from Bank of North Dakota profits as Tier II funding under the University System Capital Building Fund. The Tier II funding is appropriated directly to each institution and must be matched by the institutions with \$1 from operations or other sources for each \$1 from Bank profits. The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$9 million, including \$7 million from Bank profits and \$2 million from the General Fund,

Status/Result

The actual fall 2025 semester FTE enrollment was 2,477, which was 102 students more than projected and 172 more than the fall 2024 semester.

The North Dakota State College of Science increased resident tuition rates for the 2025-26 academic year by 4 percent. The institution currently estimates tuition collections for the 2025-26 fiscal year to exceed projections by approximately \$700,000.

Through March 31, 2026, the NDSCS Foundation has received \$1,039,900 in grant funding through the program and the institution anticipates requesting the full allocation prior to December 31, 2026.

The North Dakota State College of Science anticipates matching and expending the full appropriation for extraordinary repairs projects by the end of the biennium.

The North Dakota State College of Science plans to match and spend all funding allocated to the institution in Tier II of the University System Capital Building Fund for various projects before the end of the biennium.

as Tier III funding under the University System Capital Building Fund. The Tier III funding is appropriated to the University System office to be allocated to the institutions as matching funds are committed and must be matched by the institutions with \$2 from operations or other sources for each \$1 appropriated as Tier III funding. After an institution has matched 75 percent of the funding appropriated from the General Fund as Tier I for institution extraordinary repairs and subject to SBHE approval, each institution may use money from Tier II and Tier III of its capital building fund for extraordinary repairs and deferred maintenance projects that do not increase the square footage of a building.

The 2021, 2023, and 2025 Legislative Assemblies continued the University System Capital Building Fund with transfers of \$19,000,000, \$24,000,000, and \$26,500,000, respectively, from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund to the University System Capital Building Fund. The North Dakota State College of Science was allocated \$1,214,738 in Tier II and \$700,000 in Tier III of the University System Capital Building Fund for the 2025-27 biennium.

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$3.1 million, including \$1.3 million from the General Fund and \$1.8 million from other local funds, of one-time funding to NDSCS for the 2025-27 biennium as follows:

	General Fund	Other Local Funds	Total
Lease payments	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Aviation Maintenance Technology Program startup costs	300,000		300,000
Artificial turf playing surface (House Bill No. 1331)		\$1,750,000	1,750,000
Land purchase		65,000	65,000
Total	\$1,300,000	\$1,815,000	\$3,115,000

Workforce Education Innovation Grant Program - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2003, appropriated \$10 million from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund to the University System office for the Workforce Education Innovation Grant Program to provide grant funds to institutions under the control of the SBHE to create or expand academic programs to address workforce needs.

The following is a summary of the status NDSCS's one-time funding:

Lease payments	The college reported approximately \$240,000 has been expended as of March 31, 2026, for enhanced lease payments at its Fargo location.
Aviation Maintenance Technology Program startup costs	The college reported the Aviation Maintenance Technology Program is becoming operational during the current biennium and will utilize this funding in addition to a portion of the \$1.2 million the institution received from the Workforce Education Innovation Grant Program.
Artificial turf playing surface	The college reported the funds were raised and the project is anticipated to be complete in summer 2026 at a total cost of approximately \$1.5 million.
Land purchase	The college reported the land purchase has been completed at a cost of \$65,000.

The University System office reported a committee, including workforce-focused individuals from various state agencies and two members of the SBHE, was formed to allocate funding to campuses from the workforce education innovations grants line item. The committee reviewed applications requesting the funds from all nine eligible institutions and awarded all of the \$10 million appropriation in August 2025.

The North Dakota State College of Science was awarded \$1.2 million in grant funding for academic programs relating to fire science and aviation maintenance technology.