

EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Executive budget recommendation	46.86	\$9,929,306	\$3,198,311	\$13,127,617
Base level	45.36	8,336,306	2,811,557	11,147,863
Increase (decrease)	1.50	\$1,593,000	\$386,754	\$1,979,754
Percentage increase (decrease)	3.3%	19.1%	13.8%	17.8%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill reflecting the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix B.

Selected Highlights

- Salary increases of up to 4 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 \$223,535 from the general fund for teacher salary increases
- Adds \$118,474 from the general fund for a .75 FTE paraprofessional position for the preschool program
- Adds \$106,116 from the general fund for a .75 FTE dormitory counselor position for the preschool program
- Increases funding for base budget operating expenses by \$93,179 and adjusts funding sources from the general fund and federal funds to special funds available from trust fund distributions, rents, and service revenue
- Increases funding from the general fund by \$122,880 for various operating expenses, including travel, food, maintenance, insurance, repairs, rent, and therapies
- Adds **one-time funding** of \$45,000 from special funds available from trust fund distributions, rents, and service revenue for capital assets for equipment replacement
- Adds **one-time funding** of \$238,800 from special funds available from trust fund distributions, rents, and service revenue for capital assets for campus security upgrades

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Agency Fees

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

Major Related Legislation

As of the date of this report, there is no major related legislation for this agency.

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.

Legislative Council School for the Deaf - Budget No. 252 Agency Worksheet - House Bill No. 1013

	Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	45.36	\$8,336,306	\$2,811,557	\$11,147,863
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes		\$266,392	(\$337,071)	(\$70,679)
Salary increase		380,528	28,015	408,543
Health insurance increase		301,404	28,885	330,289
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium new FTE		115,294		115,294
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool		198,684	14,859	213,543
Adds funding for teacher salary increases		223,535		223,535
Adds a .75 FTE paraprofessional position for the preschool program	0.75	118,474		118,474
Adds a .75 FTE dormitory counselor position for the preschool program	0.75	106,116		106,116
Increases funding for base budget operating expenses and adjusts funding sources from the general fund and federal funds to special funds available from trust fund distributions, rents, and service revenue		(266,392)	359,571	93,179
Increases funding, including special funds available from trust fund distributions, rents, and service revenue, for operating expenses related to IT rate increases		26,085	8,695	34,780
Increases funding for various operating expenses		122,880		122,880
Total ongoing funding changes	1.50	\$1,593,000	\$102,954	\$1,695,954
One-Time Funding Items			¢ 45 000	¢45.000
Adds one-time funding from special funds available from trust fund distributions, rents, and service revenue for capital assets for equipment replacement			\$45,000	\$45,000
Adds one-time funding from special funds available from trust fund distributions, rents, and service revenue for capital assets for campus security upgrades			238,800	238,800
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$283,800	\$283,800
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	1.50	\$1,593,000	\$386,754	\$1,979,754
2025-27 Total Funding	46.86	\$9,929,306	\$3,198,311	\$13,127,617
Federal funds included in other funds			\$128,994	
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	3.3%	19.1%	3.7%	15.2%
Total changes - Percentage of base level	3.3%	19.1%	13.8%	17.8%

Other Sections in School for the Deaf - Budget No. 252

Section Description	Executive Budget
FTE position adjustments	Section 3 would authorize the department to increase or decrease authorized FTE positions subject to the availability of funds.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1013 (Governor's Recommendation)

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

A bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of public instruction, center for distance education, the state library, the school for the deaf, and the North Dakota vision services - school for the blind; to amend and reenact section 15.1-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the superintendent of public instruction; to provide for a transfer; to provide an exemption; to amend and reenact sections 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the department of public instruction, the center for distance education, the school for the deaf, North Dakota vision services - school for the blind, and the state library for the purpose of defraying the expenses of those agencies, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

	Adjustments or			
Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation		
\$19,964,765	\$2,289,097	\$22,253,862		
32,793,320	5,705,819	38,499,139		
2,299,674,851	60,000,000	2,359,674,851		
24,000,000	0	24,000,000		
58,100,000	0	58,100,000		
382,738,893	27,000,000	409,738,893		
17,205,000	3,336,027	20,541,027		
3,568,000	53,500,000	57,069,000		
5,775,000	0	5,775,000		
176,290	0	176,290		
\$2,843,997,119	\$151,830,943	\$2,995,828,062		
<u>1,115,246,674</u>	225,156,172	1,340,402,846		
\$1,728,750,445	(\$73,325,229)	\$1,655,425,216		
86.25	0.00	86.25		
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Subdivision 2.

CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION

		Adjustments or	
	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
Center for Distance Education	<u>\$11,613,483</u>	<u>\$3,815,560</u>	\$15,429,043
Total All Funds	\$11,613,483	\$3,815,560	\$15,429,043
Less Estimated Income	<u>4,550,000</u>	<u>2,298,138</u>	<u>6,848,138</u>
Total General Fund	\$7,063,483	\$1,517,422	\$8,580,905
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	30.80	2.20	33.00

Subdivision 3.

Salaries and Wages Operating Expenses Grants Total All Funds Less Estimated Income Total General Fund Full-Time Equivalent Positions	<u>Base Level</u> \$4,515,731 2,282,298 <u>2,283,528</u> \$9,181,557 <u>2,499,073</u> \$6,682,484 26.75	Adjustments or <u>Enhancements</u> \$643,483 707,777 <u>0</u> \$1,351,260 <u>317,565</u> \$1,033,695 0.00	<u>Appropriation</u> \$5,259,214 2,990,075 <u>2,283,528</u> \$10,532,817 <u>2,816,638</u> \$7,716,179 26.75
Subdivision 4.			
	SCHOOL FOR THE DI		
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	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and Wages	\$9,283,599	\$1,445,115	\$10,728,714
Operating Expenses Capital Assets	1,705,586 158,678	250,839 283,800	1,956,425 442,478
Total All Funds	\$11,147,863	\$1,979,754	\$13,127,617
Less Estimated Income	2,811,557	386,754	3,198,311
Total General Fund	\$8,336,306	\$1,593,000	\$9,929,306
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	45.36	1.50	46.86
Subdivision 5. NORTH DAKOTA V	ISION SERVICES - SC	HOOL FOR THE BLINI Adjustments or	D
	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and Wages	\$5,538,818	\$543,658	\$6,082,476
Operating Expenses	869,686	406,571	1,276,257
Capital Assets	39,192	230,808	270,000
Total All Funds	\$6,447,696	\$1,181,037	\$7,628,733
Less Estimated Income	<u>1,206,705</u>	<u>536,981</u>	<u>1,743,686</u>
Total General Fund	\$5,240,991	\$644,056	\$5,885,047
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	27.75	0.00	27.75
Subdivision 6.			
	BILL TOTAL		
		Adjustments or	
	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
Grand Total General Fund	\$1,756,073,709	(\$68,537,056)	\$1,687,536,653
Grant Total Special Funds	1,125,314,009	228,695,610	1,355,009,619
Grand Total All Funds	\$2,882,387,718	\$160,158,554	\$3,042,546,272
SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SEVENTIETH			

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixtyeigth legislative assembly for the 2023-25 biennium and the 2025-27 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION				
One-Time Funding Description	<u>2023-25</u>	<u>2025-27</u>		
Science center	\$5,500,000	\$0		
Regional Education Association Grants	70,000	0		
Be Legendary School Board Training	1,500,000	1,500,000		
Statewide reading tool	1,600,000	0		
Teacher retention program	2,300,000	2,000,000		
Indians into STEM	0	300,000		
ND Native American essential understandings	0	300,000		
ND history and tribal textbook printing	0	650,000		
2 revolutions	0	1,500,000		
Educational savings account	0	50,000,000		

Total Department of Public Instruction - All Fund Total Department of Public Instruction - Special Funds Total Department of Public Instruction - General Fund	\$10,970,000 <u>10,900,000</u> \$70,000	\$56,250,000 <u>55,000,000</u> \$1,250,000		
CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUC	CATION			
One-Time Funding Description Professional fees and IT equipment Total Center for Distance Education - Special Funds	<u>2023-25</u> <u>\$0</u> \$0	<u>2025-27</u> <u>\$100,250</u> \$100,250		
STATE LIBRARY				
<u>One-Time Funding Description</u> Funding for maintenance of effort Retirement leave payout IT equipment Office renovation Total State Library – General Fund	2023-25 \$100,000 40,000 43,000 <u>150,000</u> \$333,000	<u>2025-27</u> \$0 0 0 <u>0</u> \$461,635		
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAL	F			
<u>One-Time Funding Description</u> Extraordinary repairs Inflationary expenses Campus security system Equipment Total School for The Deaf – All Funds Total School for The Deaf - Special Funds Total School for The Deaf – General Fund	$\begin{array}{r} \underline{2023-25} \\ \$800,000 \\ 120,171 \\ 0 \\ \underline{43,500} \\ \$963,671 \\ \underline{873,586} \\ \$90,085 \end{array}$	2025-27 \$0 0 238,800 45,000 \$283,800 \$283,800 \$0		
NORTH DAKOTA VISION SERVICES - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND				
<u>One-Time Funding Description</u> Miscellaneous Repairs Equipment New parking lot Cabinets and furniture for student rooms Total School for the Blind - Special Funds	2023-25 \$439,000 0 <u>26,000</u> \$465,000	<u>2025-27</u> \$65,000 28,000 150,000 <u>55,000</u> \$298,000		
Grand Total - All Funds Grand Total - Estimated Income Grand Total - General Fund	\$12,731,671 \$12,238,586 \$493,085	\$56,932,050 \$55,682,050 \$1,250,000		

The 2025-27 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium. The department of public instruction, center for distance education, state library, school for the deaf, and North Dakota vision services - school for the blind shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION – FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the department of public instruction, center for distance education, state library, school for the deaf, and north dakota vision services may increase or decrease authorized full-time equivalent positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department of public instruction, center for distance education, state library, school for the deaf, and north dakota vision services shall report to the office of management and budget and legislative council any adjustments made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-02-02. Salary.

The annual salary of the superintendent of public instruction is one hundred thirty-eight thousand one hundred forty-two dollars through June 30, 2024 one hundred forty-nine thousand four hundred fifteen dollars through June 30, 2026 and one hundred forty-three thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars one hundred fifty-three thousand eight hundred ninety-seven dollars thereafter.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TUITION APPORTIONMENT. The sum of \$595,677,350, included in the integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the state tuition fund in the state treasury. Any additional amount in the state tuition fund that becomes available for distribution to public schools is appropriated to the department of public instruction for that purpose for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME – FOUNDATION STABILIZATION FUND. The estimated income line in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$225,000,000 from the foundation aid stabilization fund for integrated formula payments.

SECTION 7. INTEGRATED FORMULA PAYMENTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY. The superintendent of public instruction may expend funds included in the integrated formula payments and grants – special education contracts line items in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act for paying grants for educational services that were due in the 2023-25 biennium but which were not filed, claimed, or properly supported by the education provider until after June 30, 2025. To be reimbursed under this section, claims must be properly supported and filed with the superintendent of public instruction by June 30, 2026.

SECTION 8. GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM - MEDICAID MATCHING FUNDING - DISTRIBUTION.

- The sum of \$800,000, included in the integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, must be distributed to reimburse school districts or special education units for gifted and talented programs upon the submission of an application that is approved in accordance with guidelines adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall encourage cooperative efforts for gifted and talented programs among school districts and special education units.
- 2. State school aid payments for special education must be reduced by the amount of matching funds required to be paid by school districts or special education units for students participating in the medicaid program. Special education funds equal to the amount of the matching funds required to be paid by the school district or special education unit must be paid by the superintendent of public instruction to the department of human services on behalf of the school district or unit.

SECTION 9. INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION. Notwithstanding section 54-44.1-15, the department of public instruction may deposit indirect cost recoveries in its operating account.

SECTION 10. STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES. The line item entitled grants in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes \$1,737,582 for aid to public libraries, of which no more than one-half is to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 11. GRANTS – OTHER GRANTS. The line item entitled grants-other grants in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act contains pass-through grants, of which no more than one-half of the funding is to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 12. TRANSFER – FOUNDATION AID STABILIZATION FUND – ONE-TIME FUNDING. The office of management and budget shall transfer \$5,000,000 from the foundation aid stabilization fund to the department of public instruction, of which, \$1,500,000 is for school board training, \$2,000,000 is for teacher retention and \$1,500,000 is for the 2 revolutions program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 13. USE OF NEW MONEY – NONADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL COMPENSATION INCREASES.

1. During the 2025-27 biennium, the board of each school district shall use an amount equal to at least seventy percent of all new money received by the district, resulting from increases in the base integrated formula payment rate, to increase the compensation paid to nonadministrative personnel.

2. For purposes of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide guidance to school districts regarding the calculation of the amount of new money resulting from increases in the base integrated formula payment rate during the 2025-27 biennium.

SECTION 14. EXEMPTION – TRANSFER – PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FUND. Notwithstanding section 54-44.1-11, if, after the superintendent of public instruction complies with all statutory payment obligations imposed for the 2023-25 biennium, any moneys remain in the integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 45 of the 2023 Session Laws, the lesser of \$11,149,000 or the remaining amount must be continued into the 2025-27 biennium and the office of management and budget shall transfer this amount into the public instruction fund for the purpose of providing program and passthrough grants as appropriated in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 15. EXEMPTION – GENERAL EDUCATOINAL DEVELOPMENT FEES AND DISPLACED HOMEMAKER DEPOSITS. Notwithstanding section 54-44.1-15, the department of public instruction may deposit indirect cost recoveries in its operating account. In addition, any moneys collected by the department of public instruction for general educational development fees and displaced homemakers deposits must be deposited in the public instruction fund in the state treasury. Any funds deposited in the public instruction fund may only be spent subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly.

SECTION 16. EXEMPTION – ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS. The amount appropriated to the department of public instruction from federal funds in section 2 subdivision 2 of chapter 28 of the 2021 Session Laws, is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available to the department of public instruction during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of Section 15.1-27-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

School district size weighting factor - Weighted student units. (Effective through June 30, 2028)

4. The school district size weighting factor determined under this section and multiplied by a school district's weighted average daily membership equals the district's weighted student units. For school districts that operate multiple kindergarten through grade twelve buildings at least fourteen miles [22.53 kilometers] apart, or multiple buildings at least fourteen miles [22.53 kilometers] apart, or multiple buildings at least fourteen miles [22.53 kilometers] apart with no replicated grades, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the school size weighting factor for each building separately, with no adjustment for elementary schools. The superintendent of public instruction shall multiply the school size weighting factor for each building by the school district's weighted average daily membership to determine each building's weighted student units. The superintendent of public instruction shall combine the weighted student units of all buildings in the school district to determine the school district's weighted student units.

School district size weighting factor - Weighted student units. (Effective after June 30, 2028)

4. The school district size weighting factor determined under this section and multiplied by a school district's weighted average daily membership equals the district's weighted student units. For for school districts that operate multiple kindergarten through grade twelve buildings at least fourteen miles [22.53 kilometers] apart, or multiple buildings at least fourteen miles [22.53 kilometers] apart, or multiple buildings at least fourteen miles [22.53 kilometers] apart with no replicated grades, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the school size weighting factor for each building separately. The superintendent of public instruction shall multiply the school size weighting factor for each building by the school district's weighted average daily membership to determine each building's weighted student units. The superintendent of public instruction shall combine the weighted student units of all buildings in the school district to determine the school district's weighted student units.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of Section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. a. For the 2023-24-2025-26 school year, the superintendent shall calculate state aid as the greater of: by multiplying (1)T the district's weighted student units multiplied by ten eleven thousand six

hundred forty-six dollars two hundred ninety-three dollars;

- (2) One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the 2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand six hundred forty-six dollars; or
- (3) The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by forty percent and then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1.
- For the 2024-25 2026-27 school year and each school year thereafter, the superintendent shall calculate state aid as the greater of: by multiplying (1) Tthe district's weighted student units multiplied by eleven thousand seventy-two five hundred nineteen dollars;
 - (2) One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the 2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by eleven thousand seventy-two dollars; or

(3) The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by fifty-five percent for the 2024-25 school year and the reduction percentage increasing by fifteen percent each school year thereafter until the difference is reduced to zero, and then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1.

4. After determining the product in accordance with subsection 3, the superintendent of public instruction shall:

a. Subtract an amount equal to sixty mills multiplied by the taxable valuation of the school district, except the amount in dollars subtracted for purposes of this subdivision may not exceed the previous year's amount in dollars subtracted for purposes of this subdivision by more than twelve percent, adjusted pursuant to section 15.1-27-04.3; and

b. Subtract an amount equal to seventy-five percent of all revenue types listed in subdivisions c and d of subsection 1. Before determining the deduction for seventy-five percent of all revenue types, the superintendent of public instruction shall adjust revenues as follows:

(1) Tuition revenue shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) In addition to deducting tuition revenue received specifically for the operation of an educational program provided at a residential treatment facility, tuition revenue received for the provision of an adult farm management program, tuition received for the education of high-cost and special education students, and tuition received under an agreement to educate students from a school district on an air force base with funding received through federal impact aid as directed each school year in paragraph 3 of subdivision c of subsection 1, the superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total tuition reported by the school district by the amount of tuition revenue received for the education of students not residing in the state Page No. 11 and for which the state has not entered a cross-border education contract; and

(b) The superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the requirements of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 15.1-29-12 by the amount of tuition revenue received for the education of students residing in an adjacent school district.

(2) After adjusting tuition revenue as provided in paragraph 1, the superintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue types by the percentage of mills levied in 20224 by the school district for sinking and interest relative to the total mills levied in 20224 by the school district for all purposes.