

KENTUCKY P-12 EDUCATION FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2024 ENACTED BUDGET TO THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS, RELEASED DECEMBER 18, 2023, AND AVAILABLE AT OSBD.KY.GOV

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION | SHOWN IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Governor's Budget	FY 2026 Governor's Budget	2024 to Governor's 2025 Change	Additional Governor's 2025 to 2026 Change
SEEK BASE	\$2,044	\$1,967	\$1,882	-\$77	-\$85
Transportation	\$274	\$399	\$399	\$124	\$0
Tier I	\$195	\$199	\$180	\$5	-\$19
Health Insurance	\$849	\$950	\$1,034	\$100	\$84
Teachers' Retirement System Employer Match	\$449	\$458	\$468	\$10	\$10
Facilities	\$219	\$262	\$232	\$43	-\$30
Career and Technical Education	\$127	\$133	\$134	\$6	\$2
Preschool	\$84	\$256	\$257	\$172	\$0
Family Resource and Youth Services Centers	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$0	\$0
Extended School Services	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$0	\$0
State Schools (KSB and KSD)	\$19	\$21	\$22	\$2	\$1
Read to Achieve	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$0	\$0
Center for School Safety	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$0	\$0
State Agency Children	\$13	\$11	\$13	-\$2	\$2
Early Learning Initiative	\$11	\$13	\$13	\$2	\$0
Gifted and Talented	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$0	\$0
Vocational Transportation	\$7.8	\$7.8	\$7.8	\$0	\$0
School-Based Mental Health Services Providers	\$7.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$7.4	\$0
Mathematics Achievement Fund	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0	\$0
Salary Supplements for Nationally Certified Teachers	\$4.7	\$4.7	\$4.7	\$0	\$0
Items Smaller than \$4 Million	\$29	\$24	\$24	-\$5	\$0
Other Department of Education	\$78	\$102	\$102	\$24	\$0
Unitemized SEEK Funding	\$0	\$545	\$545	\$545	\$0
Instructional Resources/Textbooks	\$0	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$0

Professional Learning and Development	\$0	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$0
Social/Emotional Learning and Mental Health Programs	\$0	\$6.2	\$6.2	\$6.2	\$0
Star Academy	\$0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	-\$5.0
General Fund KDE total	\$4,528	\$5,511	\$5,469	\$982	-\$42

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Teachers' Retirement System	\$768	\$847	\$1,037	\$79	\$190
School Facilities Construction Commission	\$127	\$375	\$114	\$248	-\$261
FRYSC (CHFS Line Item) (see note)	\$23	\$7.9	\$7.9	-\$14.7	\$0.0
Gatton Academy	\$5.0	\$5.2	\$5.3	\$0.2	\$0.1
Craft Academy	\$5.0	\$5.2	\$5.3	\$0.2	\$0.1
Model Lab School	\$4.6	\$4.8	\$4.9	\$0.2	\$0.1
Kentucky Center for Mathematics	\$1.3	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$0.1	\$0.0

Preschool Note

The Governor's budget calls for funding preschool for all four-year-olds. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky's investment in preschool by \$801 million per year by 2026, including raising eligibility to 200% of poverty and raising rates to support higher quality programs. The Governor's recommendation substantially exceeds that 2026 goal.

SEEK Kindergarten Funding Note

The Governor's budget calls for kindergarten pupils will continue to receive full-day SEEK funding. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for Kentucky to invest \$140 million more per year by 2026 in kindergarten learning. The Governor's recommendation meets that full 2026 goal.

Transportation Funding Note

The Governor's budget calls for school transportation to receive full funding according to the state formula. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for Kentucky to invest \$168 million more per year in school transportation by 2026. The Governor's recommendation meets that full 2026 goal.

Teaching Quality Note

The Governor's budget provides \$11 million to continue the early learning initiative and \$12 million for professional learning and development, both focused on teacher development. It also increases funding for teachers who earn National Board Certification. Those elements add up to \$25 million. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky investments in a Fund for Teaching Excellence to \$58 million by 2026. The Governor's recommendation meets part of that 2026 goal.

SEEK Per Pupil Funding Note

The Governor's budget calls for a \$4,368 base guarantee in each fiscal year.

FRYSC Note

The Governor's budget explicitly calls for \$7.9 million increases in funding for Family Resource and Youth Service Centers sent directly to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, but does not spell out the total appropriation amount. The table above lists only the increase, but the intent may be to provide \$30.5 million.

DETAIL FOR DEPARTMENT LINE ITEMS SMALLER THAN \$4 MILLION

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Governor's Budget	FY 2026 Governor's Budget	2024 to Governor's 2025 Change	Additional Governor's 2025 to 2026 Change
Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Cambridge Advanced International Exams/ Students eligible free or reduced- price meals	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Advanced Placement Exams/ Students on a first-come, first-served basis	\$2,600,000	\$0	\$0	-\$2,600,000	\$0
Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Cambridge Advanced International Exams/ Priority to students eligible for free or reduced-price meals, plus amounts for instructional supports for teachers and academic support services for learners	\$0	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$0
AdvanceKentucky	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$0	\$0
Blind/Deaf Residential Travel	\$492,300	\$492,300	\$492,300	\$0	\$0
Collaborative Center for Literacy Development	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	-\$1,200,000	\$0
Statewide Reading Research Center	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0
Community Education	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$0	\$0
Dataseam Initiative	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	-\$3,500,000	\$0
Debt Service	\$1,168,000	\$0	\$0	-\$1,168,000	\$0
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0
Hearing and Speech Center	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$0
Heuser Hearing and Language Academy	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Jobs for America's Graduates	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Kentucky Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Local School District Life Insurance	\$1,391,000	\$1,391,000	\$1,391,000	\$0	\$0
Review of Primary and Secondary School Building Classification	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	-\$600,000	\$0
Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists	\$2,312,000	\$2,312,000	\$2,312,000	\$0	\$0
Save the Children	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
School Food Services	\$3,827,000	\$3,827,000	\$3,827,000	\$0	\$0
Teach for America	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0	\$0
Visually Impaired Preschool Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Items Smaller than \$4 Million	\$29,240,300	\$24,072,300	\$24,072,300	-\$5,168,000	\$0