

KENTUCKY P-12 EDUCATION FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2024 ENACTED BUDGET TO HOUSE BILL 6, RELEASED JANUARY 16, 2024, AND AVAILABLE AT LEGISLATURE.KY.GOV

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION | SHOWN IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 House Bill 6	FY 2026 House Bill 6	2024 to HB 6 2025 Change	Additional HB 6 2025 to 2026 Change
SEEK BASE	\$2,044	\$1,967	\$1,938	-\$77	-\$29
Transportation	\$274	\$319	\$359	\$44	\$40
Tier I	\$195	\$190	\$175	-\$4	-\$15
Health Insurance	\$849	\$943	\$1,077	\$94	\$134
Teachers' Retirement System Employer Match	\$449	\$458	\$468	\$10	\$10
Facilities	\$219	\$262	\$232	\$43	-\$30
Career and Technical Education	\$126.9	\$127.2	\$127.3	\$0.3	\$0.1
Preschool	\$84	\$84	\$84	\$0	\$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)	\$19.0	\$19.5	\$19.6	\$0.6	\$0.0
School Resource Officers	\$0	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$0
Read to Achieve	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$0	\$0
Center for School Safety	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$0	\$0
State Agency Children	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$0	\$0
Early Learning Initiative/Read to Succeed	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$0	\$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	\$7.4	\$7.4	\$0	\$0
Mathematics Achievement Fund	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0	\$0
Educators Employment Liability Insurance Program	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.0
Salary Supplements for Nationally Certified Teachers	\$4.7	\$4.7	\$4.7	\$0.0	\$0.0
Items Smaller than \$4 Million	\$29	\$22	\$22	-\$7	\$1
Other Department of Education	\$78	\$82	\$84	\$4	\$2
General Fund KDE total	\$4,528	\$4,657	\$4,768	\$128	\$112

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Teachers' Retirement System	\$768	\$847	\$1,037	\$79	\$190
School Facilities Construction Commission	\$127	\$116	\$116	-\$11	\$0
FRYSC (CHFS Line Item)*	\$23	\$4	\$4	-\$19	\$0
Gatton Academy	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Craft Academy	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Kentucky Center for Mathematics	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$0.0	\$0.0
Model Lab School	\$4.6	\$4.6	\$4.6	\$0.0	\$0.0

Preschool Note

HB 6 provides no increase to preschool funding. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky's investment in preschool by \$78 million per year by 2026, including raising eligibility to 200% of poverty and raising rates to support higher quality programs. HB 6 does not move toward meeting that goal.

SEEK Kindergarten Funding Note

HB 6 calls for kindergarten pupils to 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. HB 6 meets that full 2026 goal.

Transportation Funding Note

HB 6 calls for school transportation to receive substantially higher funding. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for Kentucky to invest \$168 million more per year in school transportation by 2026. HB 6 meets most of that goal, but not all.

Teaching Quality Note

HB 6 provides \$11 million to continue the early learning initiative known as Read to Succeed and increases funding for teachers who earn National Board Certification. Those elements add up to about \$16 million in added funding for teaching quality. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky investments in a Fund for Teaching Excellence to \$58 million by 2026. HB 6 meets part of that 2026 goal.

SEEK Per Pupil Funding Note

HB 6 calls for a \$4,368 base guarantee in FY 2025 and \$4,455 in FY 2026.

FRYSC Note

HB6 explicitly calls for an increase of just under \$4 million 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 \$27 million: the historic \$23 million plus an additional \$4.

DETAIL FOR DEPARTMENT LINE ITEMS SMALLER THAN \$4 MILLION

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 House Bill 6	FY 2026 House Bill 6	2024 to HB 6 2025 Change	Additional HB 6 2025 to 2026 Change
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/ students who meet eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price meals.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$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
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	\$1,168,000	\$453,500	\$907,000	-\$714,500	\$453,500
Debt Service 2	\$0	\$83,000	\$166,000	\$83,000	\$83,000
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	-\$2,500,000	\$0
Hearing and Speech Center	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$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 Classification of Primary and Secondary School Buildings	\$600,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	-\$100,000	\$0
Salary Supplements for 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
Academic Content Standards Review	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0
Statewide Assessment Costs	\$0	\$1,010,500	\$1,093,300	\$1,010,500	\$82,800
U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Pilot Program Consultants	\$0	\$623,900	\$654,500	\$623,900	\$30,600
SEEK Application	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Items Smaller than \$4 Million	\$29,240,300	\$21,793,200	\$22,443,100	-\$7,447,100	\$649,900