

KENTUCKY P-12 EDUCATION FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2024 ENACTED BUDGET TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE BUDGET RELEASED MARCH 13, 2024, AVAILABLE AT LEGISLATURE.KY.GOV

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION | SHOWN IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 House Bill 6 Senate Version	FY 2026 House Bill 6 Senate Version	2024 to 2025 Change	Additional 2025 to 2026 Change
SEEK BASE	\$2,044	\$1,965	\$1,925	-\$79	-\$40
Transportation	\$274	\$319	\$359	\$45	\$40
Tier I	\$195	\$271	\$249	\$76	-\$21
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	\$127	\$127	\$127	\$0	\$0
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	\$21	\$21	\$2	\$0
Read to Achieve	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$0	\$0
State Agency Children	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$1	\$0
Center for School Safety	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$0	\$0
Read to Succeed	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$0	\$0
Gifted and Talented	\$10	\$10	\$11	\$0	\$0
Vocational Transportation	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$0	\$0
School-Based Mental Health Services Providers	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$0	\$0
Salary Supplements for Nationally Certified Teachers	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$0	\$0
Mathematics Achievement Fund	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$0	\$0
School Resource Officers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Educators Employment Liability Insurance	\$0	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$0
Items Smaller than \$4 Million	\$29	\$29	\$35	\$0	\$5
Other Department of Education	\$78	\$90	\$89	\$12	-\$1
General Fund Department Total	\$4,528	\$4,737	\$4,833	\$209	\$96

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Teachers' Retirement System	\$768	\$847	\$1,037	\$79	\$190
School Facilities Construction Commission	\$127	\$118	\$120	-\$9	\$2
FRYSC (CHFS Line Item)	\$23	\$4.0	\$4.0	-\$19	\$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	\$4.6	\$4.6	\$0.0	\$0.0
Kentucky Center for Mathematics	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$0.0	\$0.0

Preschool Note

The Senate version of 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. The Senate version does not move toward meeting that goal.

SEEK Kindergarten Funding Note

The Senate version of 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. The Senate version meets that full 2026 goal.

Transportation Funding Note

The Senate version of HB 6 calls for school transportation to receive substantially higher funding. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for Kentucky to provide full state funding for those costs by FY 2026. The Senate version meets most, but not all, of that goal.

Teaching Quality Note

The Senate version of HB 6 provides \$11 million to continue the early learning initiative known as Read to Succeed and just under \$5 million for stipends 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. The Senate version meets part of that 2026 goal.

SEEK Per Pupil Funding Note

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

FRYSC Note

The Senate version of 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 million.

DETAIL FOR DEPARTMENT LINE ITEMS SMALLER THAN \$4 MILLION

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 House Bill 6 Senate Version	FY 2026 House Bill 6 Senate Version	2024 to 2025 Change	Additional 2025 to 2026 Change
Academic Content Standards Review	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0
Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate fees for low-income students	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Advanced Placement exam fees on a first-come, first-served basis.	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$0	\$0
AdvanceKentucky	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$0	\$0
Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Pilot Program Consultants	\$0	\$623,900	\$654,500	\$623,900	\$30,600
Blind/Deaf Residential Travel	\$492,300	\$492,300	\$3,827,000	\$0	\$3,334,700
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	\$0	\$83,000	\$166,000	\$83,000	\$83,000
Debt Service 1	\$1,168,000	\$453,500	\$907,000	-\$714,500	\$453,500
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	-\$2,500,000	\$0
Education Wrap Around Pilot Program	\$0	\$450,000	\$550,000	\$450,000	\$100,000
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
Math Nation	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
Review of the Classification of Primary and Secondary School Buildings	\$600,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	-\$100,000	\$0
Salary Supplements for Certified 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
SEEK Application	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Star Academy	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Statewide Assessment Costs	\$0	\$1,010,500	\$1,093,300	\$1,010,500	\$82,800
Statewide Reading Research Center	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0
Teach for America	\$700,000	\$728,000	\$742,600	\$28,000	\$14,600
Visually Impaired Preschool Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
We Lead CS	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Items Smaller than \$4 Million	\$29,240,300	\$29,421,200	\$34,520,400	\$180,900	\$5,099,200