

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION (0561)
2011-13 BIENNIUM - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation is responsible for administering programs of state financial participation in support of local academic facilities, assisting all school districts with general academic facilities support, providing oversight of construction, repair and maintenance of both academic and non-academic facilities on public school campuses in Arkansas, and administering and conducting school bus safety inspections and driver training programs.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total recommended appropriation is \$156,035,204 each year.

FUNDING SOURCES

The appropriations for the Division are funded by general revenue, fund balances in the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund, and savings from the Debt Service Funding, General Facilities Funding, and Supplemental Millage Incentive line item appropriations authorized for the ADE - Public School Fund Account. The total recommended general revenue funding allocation is continuation of the base level of \$37,321,268 each year.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES-OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 2WB)

This appropriation provides resources for the Division's operating costs. The total recommended appropriation is \$2,523,666 each year which includes the following increase:

Regular Salaries and Matching - Provides an increase of \$31,349 each year to restore one authorized but unbudgeted position, Administrative Specialist II (Grade (C109).

PROGRAMS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION

These appropriations provide resources for state financial assistance provided through the Academic Facilities Partnership, Academic Facilities High Growth, Academic Equipment, Academic Facilities Catastrophic, and Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Programs. The total recommended appropriation is \$153,511,538 each year which is an increase of \$20 million each year for the Partnership Program to provide for the anticipated cash flow requirements for the 2011-13 biennium.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions for 2011-13 Biennium: 33

Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2010-11: 32

Increase/(Decrease): 1

Restores one unbudgeted position-Administrative Specialist II, GR C109

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

TRANSFER AUTHORITY: Authorizes a maximum of two appropriation transfers and other related budget adjustments per fiscal year as necessary with Chief Fiscal Officer approval and prior Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee approval. Classifies the legislative approval language as non-severable and makes the entire section void if the legislative approval provision is found to be unconstitutional.

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