

**0500 - EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION- PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2026
AS ENACTED BY ACT 792 OF 2025**

The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education administers the programs and financial assistance to the State's public elementary and secondary schools. The Arkansas Constitution requires the state to maintain a general, suitable and efficient system of free public schools and to adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education .

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2024-2025	2025-2026
		Authorized	Legislative
2HY	Education Renewal Zones	\$1,366,069	\$1,332,847
688	APSCN	\$29,438,933	\$33,328,356
PSF	Public School Fund	\$3,459,041,080	\$3,480,713,330
Total		\$3,489,846,082	\$3,515,374,533

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	9.5
DOE Public School Fund	4000195	66.62
Educational Adequacy Fund	4000210	16.3
Educational Excellence Fund	4000220	8.6
Total Funds		100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Early Childhood Special Educ	\$16,897,920	\$22,897,920	\$6,000,000
Total		\$16,897,920	\$22,897,920	\$6,000,000

- Early Childhood Special Education is increased to accommodate day treatment expenses for eligible students statewide.

Governor's Letter #26 was adopted to provide for the following during the 2025 Regular Session:

Public School Fund Appropriation (PSF)

- Increase of \$10,000,000 in Declining Enrollment for increased eligibility
- Increase of \$336,400 in ESA Matching Grants per the Adequacy Recommendation.
- \$14,700,000 in a new line for the Free Breakfast Program for Public Schools
- Increase of \$435,850 in Special Education High Cost Occurrences per the Adequacy Recommendation.
- Increase of \$1,200,000 in Charter School Facility Aid for "maintenance and repair of facilities" in charter schools.

APSCN Appropriation (688)

- Increase of \$4,000,000 in APSCN Operating Expenses to maintain a Special Education Reporting System.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2026: 49

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Increase / (Decrease): (0)

Extra Help Positions FY2026:0

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

No Changes Requested.