

**0510 and 0513 - EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND &  
 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
 FISCAL YEAR 2026  
 AS ENACTED BY ACT 244 OF 2025**

The School for the Blind provides education and training for all children and young people (birth through age twenty-one) who are visually impaired, so they possess the required skills to become personally productive and self-sufficient citizens. The Arkansas School for the Deaf operates as a day school with residential facilities and provides educational services and opportunities for students Birth through the age of 21 with hearing impairments.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation		2024-2025	2025-2026
		Authorized	Legislative
076	School for the Blind-State Operations	\$8,859,716	\$8,847,780
077	School for the Blind-Federal Operations	\$1,094,633	\$1,170,793
086	Braille Textbooks	\$223,024	\$223,024
A19	School for the Blind-Cash Operations	\$474,508	\$559,508
056	School for the Deaf-State Operations	\$13,010,420	\$12,865,489
058	School for the Deaf-Federal Operations	\$1,081,936	\$1,153,642
A10	School for the Deaf-Cash Operations	\$230,000	\$375,000
	Student Needs and Campus Enh. Cash		\$250,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,211,259</b>	<b>\$25,224,237</b>

**FUNDING SOURCES**

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	18.90
General Revenue	4000010	75.2
Federal Revenue	4000020	4.5
Cash Fund	4000045	1.38
Other	4000370	0.3
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>100.00</b>

**CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**School for the Blind-State Operations (Appropriation 076)**

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010001	Extra Help	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$20,000
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$1,232,747	\$1,419,747	\$187,000
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$16,329	\$21,329	\$5,000
5060010	Professional Fees	\$76,308	\$96,308	\$20,000
5900048	Summer Projects	\$100,000	\$25,000	(\$75,000)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,589,716</b>	<b>\$7,577,780</b>	<b>(\$11,936)</b>

**Change Level increases include:**

- Extra Help for substitute teachers, residential advisors and paraprofessionals
- Operating Expenses to accommodate Capital improvements to the campus

- Conference and Travel for enhancing instructional skills.
- Professional Services for increase therapy costs.
- Decrease in Summer Projects to reflect actual expenditures.

**School for the Blind-Federal Operations (Appropriation 077)**

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010001	Extra Help	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$15,000
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$703,998	\$732,603	\$28,605
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$41,382	\$60,000	\$18,618
5060010	Professional Fees	\$112,776	\$164,171	\$51,395
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,009,633</b>	<b>\$1,085,793</b>	<b>\$76,160</b>

**Change Levels are for the following:**

- Extra Help for substitute teachers, residential advisors and paraprofessionals
- Operating Expenses to accommodate Capital improvements to the campus
- Conference and Travel for enhancing instructional skills.
- Professional Services for increased therapy costs.

**School for the Blind-Cash Operations (Appropriation A19)**

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$186,508	\$211,508	\$25,000
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$10,000
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$249,508</b>	<b>\$334,508</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>

**Change Levels are for the following:**

- Operating Expenses to accommodate Capital improvements to the campus
- Conference and Travel for enhancing instructional skills.
- Capital Outlay for the purchase and replacement of equipment.

**School for the Deaf-State Operations (Appropriation 056)**

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010001	Extra Help	\$90,000	\$95,000	\$5,000
5010006	Overtime	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$5,000
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$1,603,303	\$1,752,763	\$149,460
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$5,000
5060010	Professional Fees	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$20,000
5120032	Special Maintenance	\$1,400,000	\$1,519,627	\$119,627
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,980,420</b>	<b>\$12,835,489</b>	<b>(\$144,931)</b>

**Change Levels include the following:**

- Extra Help for substitute teachers, residential advisors and paraprofessionals
- Operating Expenses to accommodate Capital improvements to the campus
- Conference and Travel for enhancing instructional skills.
- Capital Outlay for the purchase and replacement of equipment.
- Special Maintenance for use of carryover funds.

**School for the Deaf-Federal Operations (Appropriation 058)**

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010001	Extra Help	\$14,000	\$39,000	\$25,000
5010006	Overtime	\$0	\$8,393	\$8,393
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$605,417	\$627,417	\$22,000
5060010	Professional Fees	\$300,393	\$245,000	(\$55,393)
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$45,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,021,936</b>	<b>\$1,093,642</b>	<b>\$71,706</b>

**Change Levels include the following:**

- Extra Help for substitute teachers, residential advisors and paraprofessionals
- Overtime to provide for agency needs
- Operating Expenses to accommodate Capital improvements to the campus
- Professional Fees reduced to reflect agency needs
- Capital Outlay for the purchase and replacement of equipment.

**School for the Deaf-Cash Operations (Appropriation A10)**

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$149,136	\$228,136	\$79,000
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$10,000
5060010	Professional Fees	\$6,750	\$26,864	\$20,114
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$15,000
5120032	Special Maintenance	\$29,114	\$50,000	\$20,886
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>

**Change Levels include the following:**

- Operating Expenses, Conference and Travel, and Professional Fees, for athletic program fund balance expenditures.
- Capital Outlay for the purchase of new equipment
- Special Maintenance for building and equipment repairs

**Governor's Letter #4 a new Treasury Cash Appropriation is added for the School for the Deaf for FY26.**

**This appropriation is for \$250,000 for "student needs and campus enhancements."**

**POSITIONS**

Total Authorized Positions FY2026: 248

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 248

Increase / (Decrease): (0)

Extra Help Positions FY2026:72

**SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS**

- ASB/ASD - SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES - Language is modified to remove references to specific positions available for summer work. Additional language is added to allow any employee to work during the summer, with approval from the Superintendent and their normal monthly rate of pay for both ASD and ASB.