

9904 - ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - OPERATIONS
FISCAL YEAR 2026
AS ENACTED BY ACT 1010 OF 2025

The Department of 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
2DD	Conference-Treasury	\$475,000	\$475,000
435	Federal Grants Administration	\$672,796	\$672,796
4HF	Medicaid Adm-Cash in Treasury	\$40,000,000	\$45,000,000
56P	Professional Licensure Standards Board	\$1,357,247	\$1,411,412
620	State Operations	\$22,129,436	\$22,466,707
630	Building Maintenance	\$500,000	\$500,000
631	Revolving Loan Certification	\$23,111,802	\$23,115,646
637	Child Nutrition	\$428,477,775	\$428,401,743
650	Fed Elem & Sec Education	\$1,282,470,887	\$1,281,935,057
85J	Open Enrollment Charter School Closure	\$300,000	\$300,000
885	Multiple Grant Award Program	\$2,478,500	\$2,478,500
893	Medicaid Reimbursement	\$13,669,517	\$13,669,517
899	Alternative Certification Program	\$1,349,212	\$899,212
AY6	School Safety Grants	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
BF9	Educational Freedom Accounts	\$97,487,318	\$277,487,318
E84	Save the Children	\$500,000	\$500,000
Z17	Arkansas Better Chance Program	\$2,171,201	\$2,389,450
Z40	ADE Shared Services	\$8,311,719	\$9,486,835
	Asthma Training Program Grants	0	\$1,000,000
Total		\$1,975,462,410	\$2,162,189,193

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	6.8
General Revenue	4000010	3.9
Federal Revenue	4000020	82.8
Cash Fund	4000045	4.6
Other funds		1.9
Total Funds		100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Medicaid Adm-Cash in Treasury (Appropriation 4HF)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	AR Medicaid Admin Claims	\$40,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$5,000,000
Total		\$40,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$5,000,000

- Increased to provide for greater amount of claims and better timing of claim payments.

State Operations (Appropriation 620)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$93,161	\$60,000	(\$33,161)
5060010	Professional Fees	\$100,000	\$25,000	(\$75,000)
Total		\$18,458,379	\$18,795,650	\$337,271

- Line items are decreased to better align with available funds.

Child Nutrition (Appropriation 637)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$52,600	\$10,000	(\$42,600)
5060010	Professional Fees	\$156,400	\$100,000	(\$56,400)
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$425,000,000	\$425,099,000	\$99,000
Total		\$426,805,675	\$426,729,643	(\$76,032)

- Line items are reduced to better align with funding and Grants and Aid are increased to accommodate for greater funding eligibility.

Fed Elem & Sec Education (Appropriation 650)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010001	Extra Help	\$10,000	\$60,000	\$50,000
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$715,500	\$100,000	(\$615,500)
5060010	Professional Fees	\$12,851,105	\$1,500,000	(\$11,351,105)
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$1,172,398,129	\$1,181,835,058	\$9,436,929
Total		\$1,189,918,882	\$1,189,383,052	(\$535,830)

- Line items are reduced to better align with funding and Extra Help and Grants and Aid are increased to accommodate for greater funding eligibility.

Alternative Certification Program (Appropriation 899)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$227,367	\$27,367	(\$200,000)
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$1,077,925	\$827,925	(\$250,000)
Total		\$1,305,292	\$855,292	(\$450,000)

- **Line items are decreased to better align with available funds.**

Governor's Letter #10 (KMW022) adopted during Regular Session provided for the deletion of one (1) "Fiscal Division Manager" from the Shared Services Regular Salary Section. This position is eliminated and will be transferred to the Office of Inspector General.

Governor's Letter #29 (KMW046) adopted during the Regular Session added \$300,000 in Promotional Items appropriation in the ADE-DESE Shared Services Appropriation, as well as \$180 Million in appropriation for the Educational Freedom Accounts Appropriation to provide for statewide eligibility for k12 students.

Amendment KMW046 included the items in Governor's Letter #29 as well as a member amendment which established \$1,000,000 in a Cash Fund appropriation for grants and expenses for "Asthma Training and Treatment Program Grants" for schools statewide.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2026: 407

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 399

Increase / (Decrease): 8

Extra Help Positions FY2026:18

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

No Changes Requested.