

Pennsylvania FY 2004-05 Enacted Budget

A Review of Major Children's Programs

Pennsylvania Department of Education

Program	(F)ederal or (S)tate Funding	Available 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05	Enacted 2004-05	% Change 03-04 to 04-05
Basic Education Funding -- Supports the instructional program in school districts.	(S)	\$4,210,623,000	\$4,315,889,000	\$4,361,024,000	3.6%
PA Assessment -- State testing program for reading and math at grades 5, 8, and 11, and writing at 6, 9, and 11. Tests under development are reading and math at grade 3, and science at grades 4, 7, and 10. Nonpublic schools may voluntarily participate.	(S)	\$20,356,000	\$20,356,000	\$20,356,000	0.0%
School Improvement Grants -- Grants to low performing districts (those with over half their students scoring below basic level on the PA System of School Assessment tests) for implementation of school improvement plans under the Education Empowerment Act of 2000. The grant amounts will be divided among "empowerment districts."	(S)	\$24,314,000	\$24,314,000	\$21,717,000	-10.7%
Philadelphia School District -- These funds are general aid used to help improve the Philadelphia school district.	(S)	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	0.0%
Education Support Services- "Classroom Plus" -- Part of Act 4 of 2001 and amended by Act 48 of 2003, for up to \$500 each for students in K-9th grade who score at the basic level or below-basic level on the PSSA or in the bottom half of state-approved tests. This new "Classroom Plus" program replaces the previous version and became available around the middle of March 2004.	(S)	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	0.0%
Education Accountability Block Grant -- Grants to school districts for a variety of programs including prekindergarten aligned with current academic standards, quality full-day kindergarten, class size reduction, tutoring, social and health services, math and literacy coaches, or other programs that are essential to achieving academic performance targets through the year 2014.	(S)	\$0	\$250,000,000	\$200,000,000	N/A
Education Assistance Program -- Targeted funding for tutoring for eligible school districts (82) in which one or more schools have failed to meet at least one academic performance target. Eligible students in these school districts are students that scored below proficient on the PSSA test in the immediate preceding year in a subject required under NCLB or is in K-3rd grade and scored below the score approved by PDE on any other eligibility test.	(S)	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$38,000,000	52.0%

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Head Start Supplemental Assistance -- Funding to provide Head Start services to additional eligible children and to provide extended day services. Head Start providers can offer the extended day services, or they can collaborate with a licensed child care center or a registered family or group day care home to offer the extended day services..	(S)	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	N/A
Special Education (K-12) Total -- Special education programs provided by school districts, IUs, and various special facilities.	(S & F)	\$1,383,007,000	\$1,432,977,000	\$1,451,027,000	4.9%
Special Education	(S)	\$904,606,000	\$927,221,000	\$929,175,000	2.7%
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) - Local -- Federal budget increased special education K-12 substantially in past several years.	(F)	\$380,000,000	\$405,000,000	\$405,000,000	6.6%
Special Education - Approved Private Schools (APS)-- Education for children placed in 30 private special education facilities. 3,728 children in APS in 2003-04.	(S)	\$65,450,000	\$67,086,000	\$80,753,000	23.4%
PA Charter Schools Deaf and Blind -- Education for public school children in 4 schools: Overbrook (SE PA; blind), Western PA School for Deaf, Western PA. School for Blind Children, and PA School for the Deaf. 772 children in these schools for 2003-04.	(S)	\$26,749,000	\$27,418,000	\$29,847,000	11.6%
Scranton State School for the Deaf -- Scranton School for the Deaf is a state-owned school for students in K-12th grade. Expected enrollment of 120 students to start the 2004-05 school year.	(S)	\$6,202,000	\$6,252,000	\$6,252,000	0.8%
Early Intervention (3-5 years of age) Total -- Total number of children served was 33,726 in 2002-03.	(S & F)	\$114,364,000	\$117,607,000	\$117,607,000	2.8%
PDE EI -- State is funder of EI ages 3-5. Services for children with developmental delays or disabilities to build their learning potential. Medicaid provides additional funding for medically necessary services for EI children ages 3-5. Funding is included in DPW's Medicaid capitation and outpatient line items.	(S)	\$113,111,000	\$117,607,000	\$117,607,000	4.0%
Education for Disabled Children -- Funding eliminated.	(F)	\$1,253,000	\$0	\$0	-100.0%

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Pupil Transportation Partial reimbursement of school bus services.	(S)	\$466,033,000	\$490,413,000	\$490,413,000	5.2%
Authority rentals and sinking fund requirements -- School construction and renovation. Partial reimbursement of approvable construction and renovation costs.	(S)	\$294,483,000	\$294,483,000	\$294,483,000	0.0%
School Employees' Social Security State and school districts both contribute to the employer's share of Social Security taxes.	(S)	\$426,403,000	\$443,862,000	\$443,862,000	4.1%
School Employees' Retirement This amount is much higher due to an increase in benefits for teachers and a revision of the actuarial estimate for the increased costs to be spread out over time. Increased pension benefits that should have been refunded in 2001-02 were deferred to help balance the 2002-03 budget. This spreading out of the payments will lead to higher appropriations in following years, including this year.	(S)	\$167,647,000	\$232,730,000	\$228,830,000	36.5%
Tuition for Orphans and Children placed in Private Homes -- Payments to the "receiving" districts for education of foster children placed in homes outside the child's original district of residence.	(S)	\$47,288,000	\$50,005,000	\$50,005,000	5.7%
Youth Development Centers (YDC) -- Funding to intermediate units (IUs) or local school districts to provide basic education to youths who are arrested and placed by juvenile court in YDCs & Youth Forestry Camps (YFC).	(S)	\$11,086,000	\$11,638,000	\$11,638,000	5.0%
Vocational Education - Total Payments to area vocational-technical schools and school districts to support vocational education programs.	(S & F)	\$107,762,000	\$111,181,000	\$111,181,000	3.2%
Vocational Education Formula funding for school districts and technical schools.	(S)	\$56,762,000	\$58,181,000	\$58,181,000	2.5%
Vocational Education Act - Local	(F)	\$51,000,000	\$53,000,000	\$53,000,000	3.9%

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Teacher Professional Development - Total Training for teachers and technical assistance on academic standards.	(S & F)	\$118,867,000	\$115,867,000	\$118,867,000	0.0%
Teacher Professional Development Per Act 4 of 2001: knowledge assessment tests of practicing teachers to guide professional development content.	(S)	\$3,867,000	\$3,867,000	\$3,867,000	0.0%
Improving Teacher Quality Title II - Local -- Part of the No Child Left Behind Act.	(F)	\$115,000,000	\$112,000,000	\$115,000,000	0.0%
Reading and Literacy Total	(S & F)	\$71,834,000	\$67,759,000	\$67,759,000	-5.7%
Comprehensive Reading -- PA literacy framework promotes reading, writing, and oral communication across the curriculum, including 6 PA writing project sites and participation of approximately 410 districts.	(S)	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	0.0%
Federal Reading Programs - Reading First Initiative - Local	(F)	\$26,000,000	\$25,925,000	\$25,925,000	-0.3%
Adult and Family Literacy -- Family summer reading programs by libraries, schools, and community organizations as well as school district GED programs. Act 143 of 2001 stipulates at least 25% of this appropriation for family literacy.	(S)	\$18,534,000	\$18,534,000	\$18,534,000	0.0%
Adult Basic Education - Local -- For persons 16 and over, not in high school and without a diploma for GED preparation, basic level reading and math, and English as a Second Language.	(F)	\$27,000,000	\$23,000,000	\$23,000,000	-14.8%
Teen Pregnancy & Parenthood -- Grants for parenting education, child care, etc. to help teens stay in school and graduate.	(S)	\$1,725,000	\$1,725,000	\$2,225,000	29.0%
Teenage Parenting Education - TANF -- Funds go to local school districts to pay for a range of services such as intensive case management, child care, or transportation to keep teenage parents and pregnant girls in school and to graduate. Funding is specifically available for those receiving TANF. Funds 27 Education Leading to Employment and Career Training programs serving approximately 5,000 pregnant and parenting teens.	(F)	\$14,255,000	\$12,255,000	\$12,255,000	-14.0%
Teenage Parenting - Food Stamps	(F)	\$944,000	\$944,000	\$944,000	0.0%
Safe and Alternative Schools -- Supports alternative schools for disruptive children. Also gives safe schools grants to districts to implement plans including conflict resolution programs, security technology, and personnel.	(S)	\$23,326,000	\$23,326,000	\$23,326,000	0.0%
Preventive programs -- Related federal program - Drug Free Schools & Communities (DFSC).	(F)	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000	0.0%

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Education Mentoring -- Grants to community organizations that partner with school districts to develop mentoring programs to reduce absenteeism and increase performance. Also supports dropout prevention.	(S)	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$3,050,000	154.2%
School & Child Food Services - Total	(S & F)	\$325,038,000	\$325,740,000	\$325,740,000	0.2%
School Food Services -- State pays 10 cents per meal served for all districts. In addition, state makes tiered incentive payments for school breakfast programs.	(S)	\$26,542,000	\$27,244,000	\$27,244,000	2.6%
Food and Nutrition - Local -- Federal government is primary funder of food programs. Children in families up to 130% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) are eligible for free school lunch & breakfast; 185% for reduced-price.	(F)	\$298,496,000	\$298,496,000	\$298,496,000	0.0%
Technology Total	(S & F)	\$22,931,000	\$24,678,000	\$24,678,000	7.6%
Technology Initiative -- Begun in 1996-97 as Link to Learn with \$20-\$30 million each year; declining match over time.	(S)	\$1,290,000	\$1,290,000	\$1,290,000	0.0%
Technology Literacy Challenge - Local -- Federal dollars are for competitive grants to districts and consortia.	(F)	\$21,641,000	\$23,388,000	\$23,388,000	8.1%
Science Education Program -- For high schools to receive science instruction assistance from college science departments.	(S)	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,200,000	10.0%
Charter Schools -- Planning grants for developing charter school proposals. Approximately seven new proposals for 2004-05.	(S)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0.0%
Charter Schools - Reimbursement -- Reimbursement that averages 30% of school district charter school costs. Philadelphia receives about half of the amount. Approximately 107 charter schools for 2004-05.	(S)	\$52,940,000	\$55,587,000	\$80,587,000	52.2%
Charter School Initiatives -- Federal allocation based on a competitive grant process. This federal grant can provide funding for the first two years of operation for a new charter school. Implementation grants for approximately seven charter schools.	(F)	\$10,007,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	-40.0%
Independent Schools -- Funding eliminated.	(S)	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	-100.0%

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Nonpublic Schools -Total	(S)	\$173,341,000	\$175,779,000	\$176,816,000	2.0%
Nonpublic & Charter School Pupil Transportation -- To reimburse local districts' transportation of charter and nonpublic pupils - 191,527 nonpublic and 1,953 charter school students transported in 2002-03. Reimbursement rate was \$385 per pupil transported in 2002-03.	(S)	\$76,642,000	\$76,663,000	\$76,663,000	0.0%
Services to Nonpublic Schools -- To pay intermediate units to provide psychological, counseling, testing, speech and hearing and remedial services to nonpublic students.	(S)	\$74,052,000	\$75,903,000	\$76,697,000	3.6%
Textbooks, Materials and Equipment for Nonpublic Schools -- To pay intermediate units to loan textbooks and other materials to nonpublic students.	(S)	\$22,647,000	\$23,213,000	\$23,456,000	3.6%
Technology for Nonpublic Schools -- Funding eliminated. Was for nonpublic school participation in Link-to-Learn or related programs.	(S)	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Public Libraries - Total	(S & F)	\$67,797,000	\$72,581,000	\$77,927,000	14.9%
Improvement of Library Services -- Funding for local libraries including tiered-incentive aid. Also for county-wide coordination, the 4 research libraries, and the 28 district library centers.	(S)	\$47,789,000	\$52,568,000	\$57,914,000	21.2%
Library Services for Visually Impaired and Disabled -- Direct mail of special materials.	(S)	\$2,965,000	\$2,965,000	\$2,965,000	0.0%
Library ACCESS -- Statewide public library card program, so people can use materials from any participating PA library regardless of where they live. Also includes statewide electronic cataloging and web database, including periodicals.	(S)	\$7,386,000	\$7,386,000	\$7,386,000	0.0%
Electronic Library Catalog -- Electronic cataloging of school libraries as part of ACCESS above.	(S)	\$3,842,000	\$3,842,000	\$3,842,000	0.0%
State Library -- A resource library for state government, residents, and other PA libraries; located in Harrisburg.	(S)	\$4,165,000	\$4,176,000	\$4,176,000	0.3%
Library Services and Technology Act - Library Development -- Library development grants for one-time projects of public, school, academic, and special PA libraries.	(F)	\$1,650,000	\$1,644,000	\$1,644,000	-0.4%

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ESEA Title I -- Remedial reading and math for disadvantaged students. Title I serves earlier grades more heavily.	(F)	\$450,000,000	\$475,000,000	\$475,000,000	5.6%
ESEA Title V - School Districts -- All districts received funding via formula for Innovative Education Program Strategies.	(F)	\$56,000,000	\$12,890,000	\$12,890,000	-77.0%
ESEA Title VI – Class Size Reduction -- Funding eliminated. The No Child Left Behind Act does not specifically fund class size reduction.	(F)	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$0	-100.0%
Comprehensive School Reform - Local -- Competitive grants to school districts for Title I students to meet academic standards.	(F)	\$20,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$20,000,000	0.0%
ESEA Title IV - 21st Century Community Learning Centers - Local -- Programs during nonschool hours that assist students in meeting state and local academic achievement standards in core academic subjects.	(F)	\$19,192,000	\$19,192,000	\$19,192,000	0.0%
ESEA Title V - Empowerment Schools	(F)	\$19,970,000	\$9,032,000	\$20,000,000	0.2%