

**VOLUME III:
EDUCATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Agency Summary

Elementary and Secondary Education

Agency Mission

The mission of the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is threefold: to lead and support districts, schools, and communities through a unified, strategic direction for education in the state; to use policy, advocacy, and governance structures to create an environment that advances opportunities for all students; and to maintain collaboration and efficiency in the department that enables innovation, agility, and continuous learning.

Agency Description

RIDE's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, Together Through Opportunity, was developed with input from 2020 student, family and educator SurveyWorks results, LEA leader surveys and feedback, RIDE staff surveys, interviews, and focus groups. With an emphasis on equity, excellence in learning, engaged communities, world class talent and governance structures, the strategic plan aims to improve student and school outcomes statewide and support school leaders, teachers and our families over the next four years.

Together Through Opportunity has six priorities that define RIDE's work:

1. **Equity:** Education systems have a responsibility to identify and dismantle the root causes of educational inequity so that all students regardless of race, language, socioeconomic status, ability, or other identities have access to equitable opportunities.
2. **Excellence in Learning:** All students are able to learn and grow. It is the job of educators systemwide to provide tools, opportunities, and environments that support student learning and the development of the whole child.
3. **Engaged Communities:** Decisions and policies are student-centered and therefore will be made by, and in conjunction with, those closest to the student - families, community members, school administrators, and teachers.
4. **World-Class Talent:** Educators and leaders are valued, reflect the rich diversity of Rhode Island, and are instrumental in promoting student success. Educators are professionals who need support to continuously develop skills and knowledge relevant to the students they teach.
5. **Governance Structures:** Governance structures—at the school, district, and state level—are built to serve the needs of students and their communities.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 161 establishes and provides for the organization of RIDE.

Budget

Elementary and Secondary Education

	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy	214,657,942	262,608,230	354,379,153	335,780,114	316,666,194
Davies Career and Technical School	19,170,039	18,044,474	25,868,985	23,511,505	26,962,283
School for the Deaf	7,793,510	8,102,695	8,762,532	9,431,851	9,124,556
Metropolitan Career and Technical School	9,591,007	9,276,651	14,259,217	11,592,007	12,905,009
Education Aid	974,765,132	1,058,649,291	1,569,097,368	1,139,008,437	1,249,676,060
Central Falls	41,976,650	44,782,814	69,744,062	56,702,746	61,548,074
School Construction Aid	79,664,215	80,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000	88,536,507
Teacher Retirement	112,916,233	116,889,437	123,916,166	123,987,654	130,855,471
Total Expenditures	1,460,534,728	1,598,353,593	2,246,027,483	1,780,014,314	1,896,274,154
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	41,145,742	41,672,918	45,522,307	49,406,611	49,910,328
Contract Professional Services	41,943,284	61,643,810	125,150,333	82,310,158	92,319,143
Operating Supplies And Expenses	7,417,769	10,125,882	13,500,884	11,323,813	13,331,041
Assistance And Grants	29,939,475	35,998,210	62,185,860	57,980,069	50,907,423
Subtotal: Operating	120,446,269	149,440,821	246,359,384	201,020,651	206,467,935
Capital Purchases And Equipment	855,884	241,851	1,849,985	4,182,519	6,182,590
Aid To Local Units Of Government	1,338,361,377	1,447,832,464	1,996,900,206	1,573,687,397	1,682,728,210
Operating Transfers	871,198	838,457	917,908	1,123,747	895,419
Subtotal: Other	1,340,088,459	1,448,912,772	1,999,668,099	1,578,993,663	1,689,806,219
Total Expenditures	1,460,534,728	1,598,353,593	2,246,027,483	1,780,014,314	1,896,274,154
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,194,967,194	1,280,130,108	1,330,848,245	1,333,374,881	1,372,667,896
Federal Funds	232,287,188	281,247,844	865,552,301	396,213,470	469,576,095
Restricted Receipts	32,132,770	36,227,363	46,702,937	47,223,169	47,621,163
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	985,879	325,000	2,565,000	2,841,500	6,050,000
Other Funds	161,697	423,277	359,000	361,294	359,000
Total Expenditures	1,460,534,728	1,598,353,593	2,246,027,483	1,780,014,314	1,896,274,154
FTE Authorization	325.1	325.1	326.1	326.1	328.1

Personnel Agency Summary

Elementary and Secondary Education

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	45.0	2,283,307	45.0	2,355,967
Non-Classified	280.1	26,629,444	282.1	27,491,456
Unclassified	1.0	265,653	1.0	280,263
Subtotal	326.1	29,178,404	328.1	30,127,686
Overtime		36,773		32,176
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		2,222,955		2,095,485
Turnover		(1,789,894)		(1,419,841)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment		607,619		0
Total Salaries		30,255,857		30,835,506
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		343,501		343,501
FICA		2,384,162		2,400,659
Health Benefits		4,591,611		4,802,776
Other		600		0
Payroll Accrual		170,825		0
Retiree Health		1,777,453		1,545,368
Retirement		8,909,930		9,006,493
Subtotal		18,178,082		18,098,797
Total Salaries and Benefits	326.1	48,433,939	328.1	48,934,303
Cost Per FTE Position		148,525		149,144
Statewide Benefit Assessment		972,672		976,025
Payroll Costs	326.1	49,406,611	328.1	49,910,328
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		16,000		16,000
Clerical and Temporary Services		82,000		82,000
Information Technology		5,000		5,000
Legal Services		231,700		251,700
Management & Consultant Services		10,000		10,000
Medical Services		20,250		20,250
Other Contracts		5,693,423		514,645
Training and Educational Services		74,218,543		89,400,779
University and College Services		2,033,242		2,018,769
Subtotal		82,310,158		92,319,143
Total Personnel	326.1	131,716,769	328.1	142,229,471

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	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	273.0	46,992,450	275.0	47,260,659
Federal Funds	39.0	44,591,717	39.0	53,971,726
Restricted Receipts	14.1	39,819,934	14.1	40,686,712
Other Funds	0.0	312,668	0.0	310,374
Total All Funds	326.1	131,716,769	328.1	142,229,471

Performance Measures

Elementary and Secondary Education

State-funded High-quality Pre-kindergarten Program Enrollment

The figures below represent the percentage of four-year-old children enrolled in high-quality, state funded pre-kindergarten programs. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	12%	16%	20%	22%	24%
Actual	11%	14%	15%	0.00	

Advanced Placement Course Participation

The figures below represent the percentage of high school students participating in College Board AP courses statewide. [Note: Targets were created in FY16]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	24%	26%	28%	30%	32%
Actual	15%	0%	0%	0.00	

Juniors and Seniors Earning Industry-recognized Credentials

The figures below represent the percentage of juniors and seniors participating in career and technical education programs and earning industry-recognized credentials. [Note: Targets were created in FY16.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%
Actual	0%	0%	0%	0.00	

Grade 3 Reading Performance (PARCC)

The figures below represent the percentage of Grade 3 students meeting or exceeding expectations for reading performance on the Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS). RICAS was not administered in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	51%	56%	61%	65%	69%
Actual	40%	0%	0%	0.00	

Grade 8 Math Performance

The figures below represent the percentage of Grade 8 students meeting or exceeding expectations for math performance on the Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS). RICAS was not administered in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0%	53%	58%	63%	68%
Actual	25%	0%	0%	0.00	

Performance Measures

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Grade 8 Science Performance

The figures below represent the percentage of Grade 8 students meeting or exceeding expectations for science performance. FY19 represented the first year of the Next Generation Science Assessment (NGSA) for all Grade 8 students, and RIDE established targets for future fiscal years. NGAS was not administered in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Frequency: Annual					
Target	0%	0%	0%	48%	57%
Actual	31%	0%	0%	0.00	

Grade 10 Reading and Writing Performance

The figures below represent the percentage of Grade 10 students on track to meet "College and Career Ready" Benchmark on the Reading and Writing section of the College Board's PSAT. The PSAT was not administered in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Frequency: Annual					
Target	0%	56%	61%	65%	69%
Actual	60%	0%	0%	0.00	

Grade 10 Math Performance

The figures below represent the percentage of Grade 10 students on track to meet "College and Career Ready" Benchmark on the Mathematics section of the College Board's PSAT. The PSAT was not administered in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Frequency: Annual					
Target	0%	53%	58%	63%	68%
Actual	31%	0%	0%	0.00	

Grade 11 Reading and Writing Performance

The figures below represent the percentage of Grade 11 students on track to meet "College and Career Ready" Benchmark on the Reading & Writing section of the College Board's SAT. The SAT was not administered in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Frequency: Annual					
Target	0%	56%	61%	65%	69%
Actual	51%	0%	0%	0.00	

Grade 11 Math Performance

The figures below represent the percentage of Grade 11 students on track to meet "College and Career Ready" Benchmark on the Mathematics section of the College Board's SAT. The SAT was not administered in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Frequency: Annual					
Target	0%	53%	58%	63%	68%
Actual	31%	0%	0%	0.00	

Performance Measures

Elementary and Secondary Education

Low Income State-funded High-quality Pre-kindergarten Program Enrollment

The figures below represent the percentage of four-year-old children from low-income families enrolled in high-quality, state funded pre-kindergarten programs. [Note: Measurement was established in FY16.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	17%	19%	21%	23%	25%
Actual	16%	10%	12%	0.00	

Program Summary

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy

Mission

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education fulfills its leadership role by:

- establishing clear expectations for systems, educators, and students;
- providing systems with the capacity and resources to enable them to meet state expectations;
- ensuring quality assurance and quality control of school-district efforts, through an effective system of indicators, data collection, analysis, and public reporting; and
- leveraging innovative partnerships to ensure fidelity of implementation and to overcome barriers to improvement.

Description

The role of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is to ensure that all Rhode Island students are ready for success in college, careers, and life. The Department districts across the state to support world works with schools and class talent in our classrooms, foster excellence in learning for our students, and engage communities so that everyone has a voice in public education. The challenges the State faces in education are significant, but with these challenges come an opportunity. Rhode Island has a strong foundation in place and is well positioned to follow through on a long vision that will ensure high quality educational opportunities for all students. In 2018, the U.S. Department of Education approved Rhode Island's State Plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This comprehensive plan, shaped with input from educators, state leaders, parents and students, has been nationally recognized for its approach to holding schools accountable, making data transparent and accessible, and engaging communities in meaningful ways. With the ESSA plan as RIDE's guidepost, the Department is shifting from an organization focused on compliance to a more nimble and responsive system that is focused on support.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16-1 establishes and provides for the organization and functions of RIDE.

Budget

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Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Accelerating School Performance	0	0	11,700,617	7,079,267	5,419,734
Commissioner's Office	4,626,685	43,978,975	79,505,979	38,081,290	36,439,299
Educator Excellence & Instructional Effectiveness	(400,800)	0	0	0	0
Finance and Operations	53,392,179	61,128,513	65,759,293	74,404,383	68,490,142
Fiscal Integrity & Efficiencies	0	0	0	0	5,000,000
Innovation	19,762,221	24,940,449	32,959,405	36,670,415	28,094,274
Legal Office	1,034,374	785,574	1,070,179	917,931	995,985
School Improvement	377,319	488,605	562,807	344,396	474,255
Teaching and Learning	135,865,963	131,286,114	162,820,873	178,282,432	171,752,505
Total Expenditures	214,657,942	262,608,230	354,379,153	335,780,114	316,666,194
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	19,471,847	20,360,000	21,694,001	24,821,901	25,121,131
Contract Professional Services	14,095,330	30,262,417	83,795,672	41,402,022	50,383,563
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,488,380	4,403,229	3,401,633	7,374,482	6,860,103
Assistance and Grants	20,452,907	25,958,148	51,857,097	47,630,166	40,557,520
Subtotal: Operating	56,508,463	80,983,795	160,748,403	121,228,571	122,922,317
Capital Purchases and Equipment	56,144	36,378	135,985	1,178,019	15,385
Aid to Local Units of Government	157,222,137	180,749,599	192,576,857	212,249,777	192,833,073
Operating Transfers	871,198	838,457	917,908	1,123,747	895,419
Subtotal: Other	158,149,479	181,624,435	193,630,750	214,551,543	193,743,877
Total Expenditures	214,657,942	262,608,230	354,379,153	335,780,114	316,666,194
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	20,336,808	21,419,375	24,339,679	25,471,045	26,082,442
Federal Funds	188,831,881	235,869,498	324,772,666	303,794,476	284,812,082
Restricted Receipts	5,489,253	5,319,356	5,266,808	6,514,593	5,771,670
Total Expenditures	214,657,942	262,608,230	354,379,153	335,780,114	316,666,194

Personnel

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		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00321A	3.0	182,475	3.0	188,996
CLERK SECRETARY	00B16A	5.0	261,976	5.0	269,716
DOCUMENT AND IMAGING CENTER TECHNICIAN	00313A	1.0	51,445	1.0	52,732
INFORMATION SERVICES TECHNICIAN I	00316A	2.0	90,485	2.0	93,969
INFORMATION SERVICES TECHNICIAN I	0C616A	2.0	79,846	2.0	81,842
INFORMATION SERVICES TECHNICIAN II	00320A	1.0	48,047	1.0	50,429
RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00319A	2.0	103,125	2.0	107,230
SYSTEMS SUPPORT TECHNICIAN II	00321A	1.0	62,795	1.0	64,365
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST I (UNIX/ NETWORKS)	00328A	3.0	230,455	3.0	238,765
Subtotal Classified		20.0	1,110,649	20.0	1,148,044
Non-Classified					
ACCOUNTABILITY SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	101,358	1.0	104,905
ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL BUDGET	00000A	1.0	125,256	1.0	129,640
ADMINISTRATOR OF ADULT EDUCATION	00000A	1.0	101,712	1.0	105,272
ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST	00000A	4.0	404,110	4.0	418,253
ASSOCIATE CHIEF OF STAFF	00000A	3.0	341,202	3.0	353,145
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	00000A	1.0	112,541	1.0	116,480
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	00000A	2.0	216,487	2.0	224,065
CAREER & TECH EDUC. DATA SPEC.	00000A	1.0	101,861	1.0	105,427
CHARTER SCHOOL COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	107,161	1.0	109,840
CHARTER SCHOOL SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	94,921	1.0	98,243
CHIEF	00000A	2.0	289,220	2.0	294,586
CHIEF FOR FISCAL OPERATIONS	00000A	1.0	146,220	1.0	151,338
CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	00000A	1.0	153,316	1.0	158,682
CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER	00000A	1.0	137,879	1.0	142,704
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	00000A	1.0	115,000	1.0	115,000
CONTROLLER	00000A	1.0	124,605	1.0	128,967
COORD EL EDUCATION PROGRAM	00000A	1.0	99,510	1.0	102,992
COORDINATOR, CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS	00000A	1.0	103,221	1.0	103,221
COORDINATOR, EARLY LEARNING	00000A	1.0	105,710	1.0	109,410
COORDINATOR EPP&C	00000A	1.0	92,166	1.0	95,392
DATA APPLICATION AND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	101,913	1.0	105,480
DATA COLLECTION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	00000A	2.0	199,715	2.0	206,704
DATA MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	114,618	1.0	118,629
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	00000A	2.0	374,332	2.0	387,434

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		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Non-Classified					
DIRECTOR	00000A	10.0	1,291,866	10.0	1,319,958
EDUCATION SPECIALIST	00000A	10.0	977,342	11.0	1,087,956
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, EARLY LEARNING	00000A	1.0	92,231	1.0	95,459
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE	00000A	7.0	647,679	7.0	666,830
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, E-LEARNING & INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY	00000A	1.0	110,369	1.0	114,232
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, LITERACY	00000A	3.0	294,257	3.0	303,612
EDUCATION SPECIALIST OCCR	00000A	1.0	101,573	1.0	105,127
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, SECONDARY REFORM	00000A	1.0	109,682	1.0	113,521
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, TITLE I	00000A	1.0	101,340	1.0	104,886
EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE	00000A	1.0	85,815	1.0	88,819
EXECUTIVE STAFF ASSISTANT	00000A	3.0	208,886	3.0	216,197
EXECUTIVE STAFF ASSISTANT (HUMAN RESOURCES)	00000A	1.0	77,265	1.0	79,970
EXECUTIVE STAFF ASSISTANT (LEGAL)	00000A	1.0	77,121	1.0	79,820
EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & SCHOOL HEALTH SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	115,672	1.0	119,721
FINANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPC	00000A	1.1	129,765	1.1	133,009
GRANTS & FINANCE OFFICER	00000A	2.0	182,599	2.0	188,991
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	94,554	1.0	96,918
IT COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	94,554	1.0	96,918
JOB CLASS NAME NEEDED	00021A	1.0	140,000	1.0	140,000
LEGAL COUNSEL/HEARING OFFICER	00000A	2.0	216,266	2.0	219,024
MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST	00000A	2.0	201,681	2.0	208,740
MULTI-LINGUAL LEARNER SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	85,803	1.0	88,806
NATIONAL & COM SERV PRGRM SPEC	00000A	1.0	84,390	1.0	87,344
NUTRITION, SCHOOL HEALTH SPECIALIST	00000A	2.0	176,347	2.0	181,679
PC NET/TECH PROGRAM ANALYST	00000A	1.0	111,187	1.0	113,967
PROFESSOR RESEARCH	00000A	1.0	115,000	1.0	115,000
PROGRAMMER / APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER	00000A	1.0	84,601	1.0	87,562
RESEARCH SPECIALIST	00000A	2.0	218,778	2.0	226,436
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COORD/ ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEWER	00000A	1.0	130,583	1.0	135,154
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FINANCE SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	84,048	1.0	86,149
SCHOOL HLTH POLCY & PROGRAM SPEC	00000A	1.0	109,278	1.0	113,100
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	102,720	1.0	106,314
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (BOE)	00000A	3.0	357,042	3.0	369,539
SR. ADVISOR TO THE COMMISSIONER	00000A	2.0	356,096	2.0	368,560

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		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Non-Classified					
SR. APPLICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR	00000A	1.0	103,377	1.0	106,995
SR. BUSINESS SYSTEMS ANALYST	00000A	1.0	120,363	1.0	124,575
SR. DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	00000A	1.0	105,933	1.0	109,640
SR. DATA SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	00000A	1.0	133,248	1.0	137,912
SR. FINANCE OFFICER/FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER	00000A	1.0	104,624	1.0	108,286
SR. FINANCE OFFICER FOR DATA SYSTEMS AND ANALYSIS	00000A	3.0	266,327	3.0	272,986
SR. FINANCE OFFICER FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT	00000A	2.0	229,662	2.0	237,700
SR. PROJECT MANAGER	00000A	1.0	127,554	1.0	132,019
SR. QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	00000A	1.0	123,915	1.0	128,252
SR. WEB APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER	00000A	1.0	120,363	1.0	124,575
STAFF ASSISTANT	00000A	1.0	61,231	1.0	61,231
STEM SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	102,719	1.0	106,314
TRANSFORMATION SPECIALIST	00000A	4.0	356,818	5.0	446,627
Subtotal Non-Classified		122.1	13,186,558	124.1	13,742,239
Unclassified					
COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION	00F56F	1.0	265,653	1.0	280,263
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	265,653	1.0	280,263
Subtotal		143.1	14,562,860	145.1	15,170,546
Transfer Out			(102,043)		(105,615)
Overtime			668		0
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			1,363,982		1,373,418
Turnover			(824,503)		(837,751)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			306,705		0
Total Salaries			15,307,669		15,600,598

Personnel

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Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		264,300		264,300
FICA		1,165,220		1,187,872
Health Benefits		1,925,303		2,013,113
Other		600		0
Payroll Accrual		88,410		0
Retiree Health		970,385		859,765
Retirement		4,487,192		4,572,847
Subtotal		8,901,410		8,897,897
Total Salaries and Benefits	143.1	24,209,079	145.1	24,498,495
Cost Per FTE Position		169,176		168,839
Statewide Benefit Assessment		612,822		622,636
Payroll Costs	143.1	24,821,901	145.1	25,121,131
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		82,000		82,000
Legal Services		141,700		141,700
Management & Consultant Services		10,000		10,000
Other Contracts		5,241,928		45,150
Training and Educational Services		33,893,152		48,085,944
University and College Services		2,033,242		2,018,769
Subtotal		41,402,022		50,383,563
Total Personnel	143.1	66,223,923	145.1	75,504,694
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	94.0	19,868,525	96.0	20,111,945
Federal Funds	35.0	43,703,056	35.0	53,324,966
Restricted Receipts	14.1	2,652,342	14.1	2,067,783
Total All Funds	143.1	66,223,923	145.1	75,504,694

Program Summary

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Davies Career and Technical School

Mission

Improve student performance by providing students with the career preparation they need to compete and succeed in today's world and the world of the future, and decreasing the number of students who drop out of school.

Improve student performance by providing integrated academic and vocational curricula and up-to-date technology programs to meet the varying needs of students.

Establish strong partnerships with business, industry, postsecondary education, and the community in order to enhance students' postsecondary success by providing real-world work experience.

Description

With respect to career and technical education, the William M. Davies Jr. Career & Technical High School provides a high-school education program in occupational areas for youths in grades 9-12. The school provides integrated academic and vocational curricula, up-to-date technology programs to meet the varying needs of all students, and strong links to business, industry, postsecondary education, and the community. Davies operates as a local education agency (LEA) and is governed by a Board of Trustees, with the exception of those powers and duties reserved by the Director, the Commissioner, and the Board of Education. The Board of Trustees has the powers and duties of a school committee.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16-45-1 through §16-45-9 refer to regional vocational schools.

Budget

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Davies Career and Technical School

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Davies Career & Technical Cent	19,170,039	18,044,474	25,868,985	23,511,505	26,962,283
Total Expenditures	19,170,039	18,044,474	25,868,985	23,511,505	26,962,283
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	14,811,837	14,248,644	16,521,605	17,057,962	17,258,648
Contract Professional Services	515,539	416,456	512,100	509,280	530,280
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,564,083	3,258,201	7,645,280	3,463,763	3,930,150
Assistance and Grants	0	8,833	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	17,891,459	17,932,134	24,678,985	21,031,005	21,719,078
Capital Purchases and Equipment	777,242	112,340	1,190,000	2,480,500	5,243,205
Aid to Local Units of Government	501,337	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	1,278,580	112,340	1,190,000	2,480,500	5,243,205
Total Expenditures	19,170,039	18,044,474	25,868,985	23,511,505	26,962,283
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	13,429,496	13,717,315	14,437,904	15,246,079	15,414,314
Federal Funds	1,615,168	1,085,778	4,546,489	1,402,257	1,872,920
Restricted Receipts	3,439,724	3,141,381	4,819,592	4,519,375	4,525,049
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	685,905	0	2,065,000	2,341,500	5,150,000
Other Funds	(255)	100,000	0	2,294	0
Total Expenditures	19,170,039	18,044,474	25,868,985	23,511,505	26,962,283

Personnel

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Davies Career and Technical School

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT BUILDING AND GROUNDS OFFICER	00324A	1.0	62,758	1.0	64,328
FISCAL CLERK	00314A	2.0	91,362	2.0	93,645
GROUNDSKEEPER	03111G	1.0	41,752	1.0	42,759
INFORMATION AIDE	00315A	2.0	105,512	2.0	108,150
JANITOR	00309A	7.0	282,772	7.0	290,174
PERSONNEL AIDE	00319A	1.0	50,647	1.0	53,702
SENIOR TELEPHONE OPERATOR	00B13A	1.0	55,029	1.0	56,377
Subtotal Classified		15.0	689,832	15.0	709,135
Non-Classified					
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	100,000	1.0	99,999
ADMINISTRATOR, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	00000A	1.0	141,503	1.0	141,504
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	00000A	1.0	140,000	1.0	139,999
ASST. BUSINESS COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	79,037	1.0	79,037
BUSINESS COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	118,607	1.0	118,606
BUSINESS/PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	76,289	1.0	76,288
DAVIE'S TEACHER	00000A	10.0	701,742	10.0	719,195
DIRECTOR	00000A	1.0	165,001	1.0	165,000
DIVERSE POPULATIONS COOR.	00000A	1.0	113,750	1.0	113,750
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	00000A	2.0	144,811	2.0	144,810
FACILITIES COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	83,640	1.0	83,640
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	00000A	1.0	97,816	1.0	100,163
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	DAV01	1.0	98,023	1.0	100,411
HR COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	78,413	1.0	78,412
IT COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	105,991	1.0	105,991
JOB CLASS NAME NEEDED	00000A	1.0	93,896	1.0	96,243
PR/MARKETING COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	73,185	1.0	73,186
SPECIAL POPULATIONS LIAISON	00000A	1.0	56,090	1.0	57,492
STUDENT DISCIPLINE COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	132,000	1.0	132,000
TEACHER	00000A	1.0	78,626	1.0	80,592
TEACHER	DAV01	74.0	6,831,256	74.0	6,998,602
TEACHING ASSNT	00000A	2.0	91,302	2.0	93,584
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	42,025	1.0	43,074
TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN	00000A	1.0	74,319	1.0	77,755
Subtotal Non-Classified		108.0	9,717,322	108.0	9,919,333
Subtotal		123.0	10,407,154	123.0	10,628,468

Personnel

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Davies Career and Technical School

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime		23,529		21,539
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		772,092		637,642
Turnover		(965,391)		(582,090)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment		200,330		0
Total Salaries		10,437,714		10,705,559
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		9,000		9,000
FICA		869,362		861,733
Health Benefits		1,758,005		1,839,268
Payroll Accrual		56,699		0
Retiree Health		565,493		480,018
Retirement		3,097,898		3,103,425
Subtotal		6,356,457		6,293,444
Total Salaries and Benefits	123.0	16,794,171	123.0	16,999,003
Cost Per FTE Position		136,538		138,203
Statewide Benefit Assessment		263,791		259,645
Payroll Costs	123.0	17,057,962	123.0	17,258,648
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		15,000		15,000
Information Technology		5,000		5,000
Legal Services		55,000		75,000
Medical Services		3,250		3,250
Other Contracts		375,000		380,000
Training and Educational Services		56,030		52,030
Subtotal		509,280		530,280
Total Personnel	123.0	17,567,242	123.0	17,788,928
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	119.0	15,245,977	119.0	15,257,300
Federal Funds	4.0	561,259	4.0	479,726
Restricted Receipts	0.0	1,757,712	0.0	2,051,902
Other Funds	0.0	2,294	0.0	0
Total All Funds	123.0	17,567,242	123.0	17,788,928

Program Summary

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

School for the Deaf

Mission

Improve learning outcomes for Deaf and hard of hearing students, including those with additional disabilities, by providing diagnostic and educational services for attending students as well as through a Hearing/Screening Center for students in public and private schools. A Transition Academy is also offered. Provide support services to the families of Deaf and hard of hearing students and their Districts throughout the State.

Description

The primary purpose of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf is to make the benefits of public education accessible to the Deaf and hard of hearing children of Rhode Island. The Board of Education, which is responsible for the educational and internal affairs of the school, appoints a Board of Trustees. Services through the school are open to children who are Deaf or hard of hearing and thus require specialized services. Children are eligible for services from birth to age 21.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16261 through § 162612 refer to the Rhode Island School for the Deaf.

Budget

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

School for the Deaf

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	7,793,510	8,102,695	8,762,532	9,431,851	9,124,556
Total Expenditures	7,793,510	8,102,695	8,762,532	9,431,851	9,124,556
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	6,767,638	7,064,273	7,152,752	7,361,747	7,361,128
Contract Professional Services	373,604	392,982	233,843	835,737	696,792
Operating Supplies and Expenses	606,347	605,191	1,081,937	919,227	901,496
Assistance and Grants	(3,019)	(26,442)	20,000	41,140	41,140
Subtotal: Operating	7,744,571	8,036,004	8,488,532	9,157,851	9,000,556
Capital Purchases and Equipment	22,498	93,132	274,000	274,000	124,000
Subtotal: Other	22,498	93,132	274,000	274,000	124,000
Total Expenditures	7,767,069	8,129,136	8,762,532	9,431,851	9,124,556
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	6,659,047	6,881,156	7,402,627	7,918,234	7,940,337
Federal Funds	420,781	515,364	581,126	584,885	420,053
Restricted Receipts	617,036	574,032	469,779	619,732	605,166
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	49,974	75,000	250,000	250,000	100,000
Other Funds	46,672	57,143	59,000	59,000	59,000
Total Expenditures	7,793,510	8,102,695	8,762,532	9,431,851	9,124,556

Personnel

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

School for the Deaf

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
AUDIO TEST TECHNICIAN	00320A	3.0	156,034	3.0	161,260
BUILDING AND GROUNDS OFFICER	00328A	1.0	68,404	1.0	71,300
CLERK SECRETARY	00B16A	1.0	48,746	1.0	49,965
FISCAL CLERK	00314A	1.0	43,842	1.0	44,938
INFORMATION AIDE	00315A	1.0	44,899	1.0	46,022
JANITOR	00309A	2.0	79,724	2.0	82,340
SCHOOL BUS DRIVER	00311A	1.0	41,177	1.0	42,963
Subtotal Classified		10.0	482,826	10.0	498,788
Non-Classified					
ASL SPECIALIST	00000A	2.0	118,888	2.0	123,049
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER	00000A	1.0	96,042	1.0	98,342
ASST DIR/PROGRAM SERVICE	00000A	1.0	137,365	1.0	142,107
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	00000A	2.0	115,734	2.0	119,365
DIRECTOR	00000A	1.0	140,000	1.0	140,000
EDUCATION SPECIALIST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	00000A	1.0	96,832	1.0	100,221
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	00000A	1.0	87,761	1.0	89,955
NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	00000A	1.0	54,764	1.0	56,680
OUTREACH SLP	00000A	2.0	155,787	2.0	161,240
PSYCHOLOGIST	00000A	1.0	88,596	1.0	91,697
SOCIAL WORKER	00000A	1.0	88,027	1.0	91,108
SPECIAL ASSISTANT SPED MANAGER	00000A	2.0	225,364	2.0	233,252
STAFF ASSISTANT	00000A	1.0	80,021	1.0	82,822
TEACHER	00000A	1.0	63,185	1.0	65,396
TEACHER	RISDT	23.0	1,678,139	23.0	1,719,378
TEACHER ASSISTANT	00000A	6.0	233,349	6.0	240,289
UNCLASSIFIED	00000A	3.0	265,710	3.0	274,983
Subtotal Non-Classified		50.0	3,725,564	50.0	3,829,884
Subtotal		60.0	4,208,390	60.0	4,328,672
Overtime			12,576		10,637
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			86,881		84,425
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			100,584		0
Total Salaries			4,408,431		4,423,734

Personnel

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

School for the Deaf

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		69,001		69,001
FICA		341,682		342,882
Health Benefits		893,488		934,884
Payroll Accrual		25,118		0
Retiree Health		236,124		200,800
Retirement		1,295,922		1,300,302
Subtotal		2,861,335		2,847,869
Total Salaries and Benefits	60.0	7,269,766	60.0	7,271,603
Cost Per FTE Position		121,163		121,193
Statewide Benefit Assessment		91,981		89,525
Payroll Costs	60.0	7,361,747	60.0	7,361,128
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		1,000		1,000
Legal Services		35,000		35,000
Medical Services		17,000		17,000
Other Contracts		76,495		89,495
Training and Educational Services		706,242		554,297
Subtotal		835,737		696,792
Total Personnel	60.0	8,197,484	60.0	8,057,920
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	60.0	7,318,380	60.0	7,331,846
Federal Funds	0.0	327,402	0.0	167,034
Restricted Receipts	0.0	541,328	0.0	548,666
Other Funds	0.0	10,374	0.0	10,374
Total All Funds	60.0	8,197,484	60.0	8,057,920

Program Summary

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Metropolitan Career and Technical School

Mission

Improve performance and equip students to compete in today's world by providing them with the work and community-based opportunities they need for career and college preparation, and by decreasing the number of students who drop out of school. Improve student performance by providing integrated academic and vocational curricula and up-to-date technology programs to meet the needs of each student. Establish strong partnerships with families, business, industry, postsecondary education, and the community in order to enhance students' postsecondary success by providing real-world work experience.

Description

The Metropolitan Regional Career & Technical Center (the Met School) is a state operated high school that is designed to provide an integrated academic and vocational curriculum tailored to the needs of individual students statewide. Approved by a voter referendum in 1994 and enacted into legislation as a career and technical school, the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (the Met School) opened in the fall of 1996. The school provides students in grades 9-12 with comprehensive educational support to explore career opportunities in a real-world setting and prepares them for either further education or immediate employment upon graduation. The Met School is the only RIDE approved innovative career and technical program in the state. The Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center operates as a local education agency, with campuses in Providence and in Newport, and is governed by a Board of Trustees, with the exception of those powers and duties reserved by the Director, the Commissioner, and the Board of Education. The Board of Trustees has the powers and duties of a school committee.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16-45-1 through § 16-45-9 refer to regional vocational schools.

Budget

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Metropolitan Career and Technical School

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Metropolitan Career & Tech Sch	9,591,007	9,276,651	14,259,217	11,592,007	12,905,009
Total Expenditures	9,591,007	9,276,651	14,259,217	11,592,007	12,905,009
Expenditures by Object					
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	250,000	250,000	800,000
Aid to Local Units of Government	9,591,007	9,276,651	14,009,217	11,342,007	12,105,009
Subtotal: Other	9,591,007	9,276,651	14,259,217	11,592,007	12,905,009
Total Expenditures	9,591,007	9,276,651	14,259,217	11,592,007	12,905,009
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	9,025,651	9,342,007	9,342,007	9,342,007	9,479,298
Federal Funds	315,356	(315,356)	4,667,210	2,000,000	2,625,711
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	800,000
Total Expenditures	9,591,007	9,276,651	14,259,217	11,592,007	12,905,009

Program Summary

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Education Aid

Mission

State aid will be linked through school-district strategic planning efforts through activities that increase student performance in reading, language arts, and mathematics. School districts with schools in need of improvement will work with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to use state aid in conjunction with local and federal resources to increase student and school performance.

Description

The State of Rhode Island provides direct financial support to public schools and public school students through education aid. Currently, education aid consists of formula aid distributed to LEAs, including school districts and charter schools; categorical funding outside of the distributed aid; and funds distributed to districts once a year for specific purposes. On July 1, 2011, the department began distributing education aid through a new funding formula. This formula distributes aid to all districts, charters, and state schools, which includes Davies Career and Technical School and the Metropolitan Career and Technical School. Education aid will be based on the principle that the money follows the student. Some programs will continue to remain outside of the formula, including group home aid and categorical funds. The education aid funding formula enacted by the General Assembly in June 2010 includes the following components:

- A core instruction per pupil amount for every K12 student;
- A student success factor (40% weight) for every student eligible for free and reduced-price lunch;
- A state/local share ratio dependent on district property values weighted for median family income and students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch; and
- Categorical funding outside of the distributed aid (core calculation) for high cost special education, career and technical education, early childhood programs, non transportation, English Learners, public and regional school district support for the hiring of School Resource Officers (SROs) counseling professionals and school, and stabilization funding to support state schools (Central Falls, Davies, and Met).

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16 establishes and provides for the organization and functions of the department. RIGL § 16-7 through § 16-47 refers to education aid.

Budget

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Education Aid

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Education Aid	974,765,132	1,058,649,291	1,569,097,368	1,139,008,437	1,249,676,060
Total Expenditures	974,765,132	1,058,649,291	1,569,097,368	1,139,008,437	1,249,676,060
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	94,419	1	153,949	165,001	169,421
Contract Professional Services	26,077,430	30,559,955	40,308,718	39,563,119	40,708,508
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,757,989	1,859,261	1,372,034	(433,659)	1,639,292
Assistance and Grants	9,489,587	10,057,671	10,308,763	10,308,763	10,308,763
Subtotal: Operating	37,419,426	42,476,888	52,143,464	49,603,224	52,825,984
Aid to Local Units of Government	937,345,707	1,016,172,404	1,516,953,904	1,089,405,213	1,196,850,076
Subtotal: Other	937,345,707	1,016,172,404	1,516,953,904	1,089,405,213	1,196,850,076
Total Expenditures	974,765,132	1,058,649,291	1,569,097,368	1,139,008,437	1,249,676,060
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	912,534,888	986,771,772	1,023,707,116	1,023,707,116	1,045,656,782
Federal Funds	39,528,208	44,418,789	508,943,494	79,431,852	167,000,000
Restricted Receipts	22,586,756	27,192,595	36,146,758	35,569,469	36,719,278
Other Funds	115,280	266,135	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total Expenditures	974,765,132	1,058,649,291	1,569,097,368	1,139,008,437	1,249,676,060

Personnel

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Education Aid

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Transfer In		102,043		105,615
Total Salaries		102,043		105,615
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		1,200		1,200
FICA		7,898		8,172
Health Benefits		14,815		15,511
Payroll Accrual		598		0
Retiree Health		5,451		4,785
Retirement		28,918		29,919
Subtotal		58,880		59,587
Total Salaries and Benefits	0.0	160,923	0.0	165,202
Cost Per FTE Position		0		
Statewide Benefit Assessment		4,078		4,219
Payroll Costs	0.0	165,001	0.0	169,421
Purchased Services				
Training and Educational Services		39,563,119		40,708,508
Subtotal		39,563,119		40,708,508
Total Personnel	0.0	39,728,120	0.0	40,877,929
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	0.0	4,559,568	0.0	4,559,568
Restricted Receipts	0.0	34,868,552	0.0	36,018,361
Other Funds	0.0	300,000	0.0	300,000
Total All Funds	0.0	39,728,120	0.0	40,877,929

Program Summary

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Central Falls

Mission

Improve student performance by providing a comprehensive educational program for students in grades PK–12 in the Central Falls School District, and decreasing the number of students who drop out of school. Improve student performance by promoting a standards-based curriculum and setting high expectations for each student and every kind of learner.

Provide teachers with ongoing professional-development opportunities geared to school improvement. Continue to promote community linkages and to engage families, with a focus on their children's learning. Collaborate with the Children's Cabinet to expand early-childhood care and education programs and services

Description

The City of Central Falls encompasses a land area of 1.27 square miles and serves a diverse population. Central Falls School District (CFSD) is an urban school district, whose mission is to develop its diverse student population into responsible citizens, effective communicators, innovative problem-solvers, and critical thinkers who are able to fully participate in and positively contribute to society. The School District is committed to the attainment of high standards by all students by ensuring a literacy-rich learning environment and providing results-oriented educational leadership at all levels. The school district's purpose is to provide both elementary and secondary education for the residents of the City of Central Falls. The CFSD budget is created at the district level in accordance with the budget targets provided by RIDE.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16-11 refers to the powers of the Department when taking administrative control of town schools.

Budget

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Central Falls

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Central Falls School District	41,976,650	44,782,814	69,744,062	56,702,746	61,548,074
Total Expenditures	41,976,650	44,782,814	69,744,062	56,702,746	61,548,074
Expenditures by Object					
Aid to Local Units of Government	41,976,650	44,782,814	69,744,062	56,702,746	61,548,074
Subtotal: Other	41,976,650	44,782,814	69,744,062	56,702,746	61,548,074
Total Expenditures	41,976,650	44,782,814	69,744,062	56,702,746	61,548,074
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	40,400,856	45,109,045	47,702,746	47,702,746	48,702,745
Federal Funds	1,575,794	(326,231)	22,041,316	9,000,000	12,845,329
Total Expenditures	41,976,650	44,782,814	69,744,062	56,702,746	61,548,074

Program Summary

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

School Construction Aid

Mission

The School Building Authority collaborates with Rhode Island communities to plan, design, build, and create 21st century learning environments that are safe, engaging, and inspiring for our youth. To achieve this goal, the School Building Authority distributes funding in an equitable manner conducive to improving student outcomes.

Description

The RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) calculates and disburses funding for school housing aid. This aid is provided in order to guarantee adequate school housing for all school public children in the State, and to prevent the cost of school housing from interfering with the effective operation of the schools. The program supports school district building and infrastructure needs based on reimbursement of successfully completed locally funded capital projects. The reimbursement is linked to district wealth, with poorer communities receiving a higher reimbursement than wealthy districts. The minimum reimbursement is currently 35.0 percent, with additional bonuses available for regional school districts and for projects involving asbestos abatement, handicapped accessibility, and energy efficiency and sustainable (green) standards. Capital repairs, renovations, and new construction are all covered by this program.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16-7-35 through § 16-7-47 established and describes the operation of the School Housing Aid Reimbursement Program. The 2015 General Assembly established a School Building Authority at RIDE to ensure equitable and adequate school housing for all public school children. Added School Building Authority Capital Funds are administered by the Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation. This fund provides financial assistance to local education agencies to support the construction or renovation of school buildings.

Budget

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

School Construction Aid

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
School Housing Aid	79,664,215	80,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000	88,536,507
Total Expenditures	79,664,215	80,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000	88,536,507
Expenditures by Object					
Contract Professional Services	881,381	12,000	300,000	0	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	969	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	882,350	12,000	300,000	0	0
Aid to Local Units of Government	78,781,865	79,988,000	79,700,000	80,000,000	88,536,507
Subtotal: Other	78,781,865	79,988,000	79,700,000	80,000,000	88,536,507
Total Expenditures	79,664,215	80,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000	88,536,507
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	79,664,215	80,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000	88,536,507
Total Expenditures	79,664,215	80,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000	88,536,507

Program Summary

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Teacher Retirement

Mission

Fund the State's contribution to both the defined-benefit and defined-contribution retirement plans for teachers.

Description

Membership in the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island (ERSRI) for teachers began on July 1, 1949. All persons who became teachers on or after that date became members of the state retirement system as a condition of their employment. Beginning July 1, 2012, teachers were also required to contribute to a defined contribution retirement plan, currently administered by TIAA-CREF. Funds for the State's contribution to teachers' retirement for both plans are appropriated to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The State pays 40.0 percent of the LEA's (i.e., district's, charter school's, or collaborative) share of the retirement contribution due each year. For the defined benefit plan the state pays its contribution directly to ERSRI. For the defined contribution plan the state reimburses the LEA. For the defined benefit plan the employer's share is determined annually, based on actuarial reports approved by ERSRI. For the defined contribution plan the employer's share is set in R.I. General Laws § 36-10.3.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16-16 refers to the teachers' retirement program.

Budget

Agency: Elementary and Secondary Education

Teacher Retirement

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Teacher's Retirement	112,916,233	116,889,437	123,916,166	123,987,654	130,855,471
Total Expenditures	112,916,233	116,889,437	123,916,166	123,987,654	130,855,471
Expenditures by Object					
Aid to Local Units of Government	112,916,233	116,889,437	123,916,166	123,987,654	130,855,471
Subtotal: Other	112,916,233	116,889,437	123,916,166	123,987,654	130,855,471
Total Expenditures	112,916,233	116,889,437	123,916,166	123,987,654	130,855,471
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	112,916,233	116,889,437	123,916,166	123,987,654	130,855,471
Total Expenditures	112,916,233	116,889,437	123,916,166	123,987,654	130,855,471