

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 2022-2027 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.

Together Through Opportunity has five 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

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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy	320,035,975	284,331,095	295,169,535	318,997,321	300,157,954
Davies Career and Technical School	24,387,184	27,559,221	67,154,981	36,916,447	51,319,513
School for the Deaf	9,872,577	10,452,939	10,278,768	11,068,756	11,830,395
Metropolitan Career and Technical School	10,802,511	12,781,808	13,216,926	15,188,274	14,919,329
Education Aid	1,392,267,204	1,329,923,836	1,311,183,289	1,320,852,191	1,342,369,480
Central Falls	49,413,751	54,041,889	54,567,882	54,567,882	53,683,500
School Construction Aid	104,162,966	106,198,555	119,887,755	119,887,755	102,869,291
Teacher Retirement	131,509,407	135,020,903	137,991,006	133,600,078	130,236,201
Total Expenditures	2,042,451,574	1,960,310,246	2,009,450,142	2,011,078,704	2,007,385,663
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	50,021,406	53,261,265	54,893,406	54,708,698	56,066,632
Contract Professional Services	78,322,807	83,425,067	72,214,507	94,949,670	105,368,636
Operating Supplies and Expenses	15,494,115	13,171,685	10,841,593	14,121,707	13,689,917
Assistance and Grants	171,427,339	180,027,935	179,993,815	189,708,646	178,135,546
Subtotal: Operating	315,265,667	329,885,952	317,943,321	353,488,721	353,260,731
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,177,593	768,674	42,613,935	2,262,387	441,039
Aid to Local Units of Government	1,724,261,559	1,627,874,396	1,647,817,886	1,654,529,250	1,652,726,655
Operating Transfers	1,746,755	1,781,224	1,075,000	798,346	957,238
Subtotal: Other	1,727,185,907	1,630,424,294	1,691,506,821	1,657,589,983	1,654,124,932
Total Expenditures	2,042,451,574	1,960,310,246	2,009,450,142	2,011,078,704	2,007,385,663
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,493,846,919	1,587,101,129	1,659,208,810	1,660,507,362	1,660,788,322
Federal Funds	495,011,856	311,056,080	256,918,301	275,865,572	259,228,296
Restricted Receipts	51,904,840	58,747,615	50,745,881	61,349,157	61,650,354
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	1,604,683	3,405,423	42,577,150	13,356,613	25,718,691
Other Funds	83,275	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	2,042,451,574	1,960,310,246	2,009,450,142	2,011,078,704	2,007,385,663
FTE Authorization	334.1	340.1	342.1	342.1	343.1

Personnel Agency Summary

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	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	46.0	2,653,302	46.0	2,755,290
Non-Classified	293.1	30,584,307	294.1	31,746,246
Unclassified	3.0	509,601	3.0	523,778
Subtotal	342.1	33,747,210	343.1	35,025,314
Overtime		60,637		60,637
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		815,564		673,814
Turnover		(1,249,229)		(1,526,054)
Total Salaries		33,374,182		34,233,711
Benefits				
FICA		2,539,098		2,622,759
Health Benefits		5,998,483		6,438,650
Payroll Accrual		189,506		194,540
Retiree Health		1,288,021		1,293,960
Retirement		10,376,479		10,271,174
Subtotal		20,391,587		20,821,083
Total Salaries and Benefits	342.1	53,765,769	343.1	55,054,794
Cost Per FTE Position		157,164		160,463
Statewide Benefit Assessment		942,929		1,011,838
Payroll Costs	342.1	54,708,698	343.1	56,066,632
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		4,000		4,000
Clerical and Temporary Services		82,000		82,000
Design and Engineering Services		2,689,386		914,500
Information Technology		219,698		122,392
Legal Services		278,700		241,700
Management & Consultant Services		10,386,508		23,735,950
Medical Services		15,250		15,250
Other Contracts		568,817		577,600
Training and Educational Services		78,955,666		78,634,891
University and College Services		1,749,645		1,040,353
Subtotal		94,949,670		105,368,636
Total Personnel	342.1	149,658,368	343.1	161,435,268
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	286.0	58,875,962	287.0	60,986,736
Federal Funds	41.0	29,304,042	41.0	23,166,347
Restricted Receipts	15.1	51,956,165	15.1	53,032,185
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	9,522,199	0.0	24,250,000
Total All Funds	342.1	149,658,368	343.1	161,435,268

Program Summary

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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 works with schools and districts across the state to support world 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 continuing to shift 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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Accelerating School Performance	4,366,731	1,483,826	1,025,498	2,107,344	621,040
Commissioner's Office	43,491,483	12,136,898	5,446,932	8,066,658	4,946,289
Finance and Operations	64,026,296	73,258,390	73,660,816	75,419,690	73,605,341
Fiscal Integrity & Efficiencies	3,834,451	3,114,153	1,929,182	6,701,326	2,629,182
Innovation	28,396,991	26,060,080	28,972,960	32,766,468	31,799,267
Legal Office	993,601	1,073,945	1,204,843	1,173,718	1,351,189
School Improvement	873,139	1,142,208	985,013	1,028,134	1,051,303
Teaching and Learning	174,053,283	166,061,595	181,944,291	191,733,983	184,154,343
Total Expenditures	320,035,975	284,331,095	295,169,535	318,997,321	300,157,954
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	25,185,155	26,402,007	27,261,210	27,060,745	27,629,264
Contract Professional Services	30,232,955	28,653,609	24,947,933	27,842,062	22,396,599
Operating Supplies and Expenses	6,733,599	5,231,774	4,983,660	5,133,602	4,992,683
Assistance and Grants	29,082,805	28,147,193	26,471,572	40,547,360	32,436,594
Subtotal: Operating	91,234,513	88,434,584	83,664,375	100,583,769	87,455,140
Capital Purchases and Equipment	189,552	287,478	22,785	27,785	177,785
Aid to Local Units of Government	226,865,154	193,827,809	210,407,375	217,587,421	211,567,791
Operating Transfers	1,746,755	1,781,224	1,075,000	798,346	957,238
Subtotal: Other	228,801,461	195,896,510	211,505,160	218,413,552	212,702,814
Total Expenditures	320,035,975	284,331,095	295,169,535	318,997,321	300,157,954
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	28,047,476	37,014,088	34,222,798	38,902,654	36,620,345
Federal Funds	287,094,887	241,413,990	255,722,186	274,403,768	258,048,406
Restricted Receipts	4,893,612	5,903,017	5,224,551	5,690,899	5,339,203
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0	0	0	0	150,000
Total Expenditures	320,035,975	284,331,095	295,169,535	318,997,321	300,157,954

Personnel

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Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	1.0	80,525	1.0	83,746
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0321 A	9.0	581,041	9.0	603,839
CLERK SECRETARY	0B16 A	3.0	156,347	3.0	164,449
DOCUMENT AND IMAGING CENTER TECHNICIAN	0313 A	1.0	59,024	1.0	60,796
INFORMATION SERVICES TECHNICIAN I	0316 A	3.0	156,913	3.0	162,951
INFORMATION SERVICES TECHNICIAN II	0320 A	1.0	59,394	1.0	61,176
RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	0319 A	1.0	63,324	1.0	65,223
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST I (UNIX/ NETWORKS)	0328 A	2.0	141,439	2.0	147,203
Subtotal Classified		21.0	1,298,007	21.0	1,349,383
Non-Classified					
ACCOUNTABILITY SPECIALIST	0000 A	2.0	206,470	2.0	212,664
ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL BUDGET	0000 A	1.0	150,409	1.0	154,922
ADMINISTRATOR OF ADULT EDUCATION	0000 A	1.0	115,568	1.0	119,035
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS SPECIALIST	0000 A	1.0	113,833	1.0	117,248
ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST	0000 A	5.0	587,977	5.0	605,615
ASSOCIATE CHIEF OF STAFF	0000 A	2.0	260,237	2.0	268,045
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	0000 A	2.0	251,328	2.0	258,868
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	0000 A	3.0	266,324	3.0	274,313
CAREER & TECH EDUC. DATA SPEC.	0000 A	1.0	115,737	1.0	119,210
CHARTER SCHOOL COORDINATOR	0000 A	1.0	115,685	1.0	119,156
CHARTER SCHOOL SPECIALIST	0C42 A	1.0	90,000	1.0	92,700
CHIEF	0000 A	6.0	990,387	6.0	1,020,099
CHIEF	0021 A	1.0	150,000	1.0	154,500
CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	0000 A	1.0	179,088	1.0	184,461
CHIEF OF STAFF	0000 A	1.0	177,534	1.0	182,860
CONTROLLER	0000 A	1.0	141,587	1.0	145,835
COORD EL EDUCATION PROGRAM	0000 A	1.0	124,373	1.0	128,103
COORDINATOR, CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS	0C43 A	1.0	109,800	1.0	113,094
COORDINATOR, EARLY LEARNING	0000 A	1.0	131,642	1.0	135,592
COORDINATOR EPP&C	0000 A	1.0	109,579	1.0	112,867
COORDINATOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS	0000 A	1.0	130,398	1.0	134,310
COORDINATOR, IDEA EDUCATION PROGRAM	0000 A	1.0	124,758	1.0	128,500
DATA APPLICATION AND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	0000 A	1.0	115,797	1.0	119,271
DATA COLLECTION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	0000 A	1.0	103,740	1.0	106,852
DATA MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	0000 A	1.0	142,011	1.0	146,271

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		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Non-Classified					
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	0000 A	1.0	208,000	1.0	214,240
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	0025 A	1.0	190,000	1.0	195,700
DIRECTOR	0000 A	8.0	1,181,287	8.0	1,216,722
ED FACILITIES PLN/ARCH DES REV	0000 A	2.0	232,720	2.0	239,701
EDUCATION SPECIALIST	0000 A	8.0	848,839	8.0	874,304
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, EARLY LEARNING	0000 A	1.0	115,272	1.0	118,729
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE	0000 A	7.0	713,248	7.0	734,647
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, H&SS	0000 A	1.0	98,498	1.0	101,453
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, LITERACY	0000 A	3.0	347,507	3.0	357,934
EDUCATION SPECIALIST OCCR	0000 A	3.0	345,576	3.0	355,943
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, SECONDARY REFORM	0000 A	1.0	103,740	1.0	106,852
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, TITLE I	0000 A	1.0	124,626	1.0	128,365
EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE	0000 A	7.0	674,436	7.0	694,668
EXECUTIVE STAFF ASSISTANT	0000 A	2.0	157,320	2.0	162,040
EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & SCHOOL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0000 A	1.0	131,434	1.0	135,377
FINANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPC	0000 A	1.0	138,306	1.0	142,456
FINANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPC	0C43 A	0.1	8,750	0.1	8,750
GRANTS & FINANCE OFFICER	0000 A	2.0	212,192	2.0	218,558
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST	0000 A	2.0	234,000	2.0	241,020
IT COORDINATOR	0000 A	1.0	122,304	1.0	125,973
LEGAL COUNSEL/HEARING OFFICER	0000 A	3.0	389,742	3.0	401,433
LEGAL COUNSEL/HEARING OFFICER	0017 A	0.0	0	1.0	90,000
MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST	0000 A	2.0	193,612	2.0	199,419
MULTI-LINGUAL LEARNER SPECIALIST	0000 A	3.0	312,571	3.0	321,948
NATIONAL & COM SERV PRGRM SPEC	0000 A	1.0	105,471	1.0	108,636
NUTRITION, SCHOOL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0000 A	1.0	103,485	1.0	106,589
NUTRITION, SCHOOL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0C42 A	1.0	86,500	1.0	89,095
PC NET/TECH PROGRAM ANALYST	0000 A	1.0	127,540	1.0	131,366
PROGRAMMER / APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER	0000 A	2.0	195,734	2.0	201,606
RESEARCH SPECIALIST	0000 A	2.0	259,321	2.0	267,100
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COORD/ ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEWER	0000 A	1.0	148,502	1.0	152,957
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FINANCE SPECIALIST	0000 A	1.0	127,902	1.0	131,739
SCHOOL HLTH POLCY & PROGRAM SPEC	0000 A	3.0	293,311	3.0	302,110
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST	0000 A	1.0	116,714	1.0	120,214
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (BOE)	0000 A	1.0	149,925	1.0	154,423
SR. ADVISOR TO THE COMMISSIONER	0000 A	1.0	186,980	1.0	192,588

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		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Non-Classified					
SR. APPLICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR	0000 A	1.0	129,207	1.0	133,083
SR. BUSINESS SYSTEMS ANALYST	0000 A	1.0	150,441	1.0	154,954
SR. DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	0000 A	1.0	132,402	1.0	136,374
SR. DATA SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	0000 A	1.0	151,409	1.0	155,951
SR. FINANCE OFFICER/FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER	0000 A	1.0	118,878	1.0	122,445
SR. FINANCE OFFICER FOR DATA SYSTEMS AND ANALYSIS	0000 A	3.0	337,259	3.0	347,377
SR. FINANCE OFFICER FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT	0000 A	2.0	260,956	2.0	268,784
SR. PROJECT MANAGER	0000 A	2.0	264,538	2.0	272,474
SR. QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	0000 A	1.0	140,802	1.0	145,026
SR. WEB APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER	0000 A	1.0	150,441	1.0	154,955
STEM SPECIALIST	0000 A	1.0	116,713	1.0	120,214
TRANSFORMATION SPECIALIST	0000 A	3.0	340,281	3.0	350,489
Subtotal Non-Classified		134.1	16,282,954	135.1	16,861,172
Unclassified					
COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION	0F56 F	1.0	281,031	1.0	289,494
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	281,031	1.0	289,494
Subtotal		156.1	17,861,992	157.1	18,500,049
Longevity Pay			79,224		81,944
Regular Wages			17,666,818		18,298,676
Turnover			(1,232,266)		(1,518,506)
Total Salaries			16,513,776		16,862,114
Benefits					
FICA			1,252,837		1,297,903
Health Benefits			2,687,347		2,881,091
Payroll Accrual			96,223		98,508
Retiree Health			767,987		781,307
Retirement			5,263,671		5,195,856
Subtotal			10,068,065		10,254,665
Total Salaries and Benefits		156.1	26,581,841	157.1	27,116,779
Cost Per FTE Position			170,287		172,608
Statewide Benefit Assessment			478,904		512,485

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	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Payroll Costs	156.1	27,060,745	157.1	27,629,264
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		82,000		82,000
Design and Engineering Services		1,789,772		164,500
Information Technology		214,198		116,892
Legal Services		141,700		141,700
Management & Consultant Services		1,763,923		235,950
Other Contracts		39,650		39,650
Training and Educational Services		22,061,174		20,575,554
University and College Services		1,749,645		1,040,353
Subtotal		27,842,062		22,396,599
Total Personnel	156.1	54,902,807	157.1	50,025,863
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	102.0	24,772,725	103.0	25,869,984
Federal Funds	39.0	28,214,631	39.0	22,325,676
Restricted Receipts	15.1	1,915,451	15.1	1,830,203
Total All Funds	156.1	54,902,807	157.1	50,025,863

Performance Measures

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State-Funded High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten Program Seats

The figures below represent the number of seats offered for high-quality, state-funded pre-kindergarten programs (RI Pre-K) with a goal of 5,000 RI Pre-K seats by 2028. [Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2023. Historical targets are not available.]

	Frequency: Annual		Reporting Period: Academic Year		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	--	2,364	2,997	3,645	4,292
Actual	2,364	2,364	2,809	--	--

Student Chronic Absenteeism Rate

The figures below represent the percentage of students who are chronically absent in a year (absent for 10 percent or more of the school year). Rhode Island's long-term goal is to decrease the percentage of chronically absent students to 15 percent by 2030.

	Frequency: Annual		Reporting Period: Academic Year		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	32%	30%	28%	26%	24%
Actual	29.0%	24.8%	22.1%	--	--

Student Graduation Rate

The figures below represent the state four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. Rhode Island's goal is a four-year graduation rate of 95 percent by 2027.

	Frequency: Annual		Reporting Period: Academic Year		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	87%	89%	89%	92%	95%
Actual	83.5%	84.1%	84.1%	--	--

Post-Secondary Success Indicator

The figures below represent the percent of high school students earning Advanced Placement (AP) credit, college credit, Career and Technical Education (CTE) culminating credential, Seal of Biliteracy, or International Baccalaureate (IB) credit. These opportunities allow students to obtain the skills and real-world experience required by the workforce in priority sectors. Data has a 1-year lag. [Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2024. Historical targets and actuals are not available.]

	Frequency: Annual		Reporting Period: Academic Year		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	--	48%	57%	65%	74%
Actual	--	48.0%	50.8%	--	--

English Language Proficiency

The figures below represent the state's English Language Proficiency Progress Index, which is used to reflect the trajectory of language development in English Learners achieving English language proficiency. The index is closely correlated with the percentage of students who meet their annual growth targets. Rhode Island's long-term goal will be an English Language Proficiency Index of 90 in 2030, which corresponds to 70 percent of students meeting their annual targets. [Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2025. Historical targets and actuals are not available.]

	Frequency: Annual		Reporting Period: Academic Year		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	--	--	71%	75%	79%
Actual	--	67%	67%	--	--

Program Summary

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Davies Career and Technical School

Mission

Provide a challenging academic and technical education within a safe and supportive environment which ensures every industry-certified graduate is capable of pursuing higher education and becoming a productive participant in today's workforce.

Description

The William M. Davies Jr. Career & Technical High School, located in Lincoln, Rhode Island, provides a comprehensive high school program for students in grades 9–12 that integrates rigorous academics with career and technical education. Davies offers ten technical program areas—including Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive, Biomanufacturing, Childcare/Education, Cybersecurity, Electrical & Renewable Energy, Graphics & Interactive Media, Health Careers, Hospitality Careers, and Pre-Engineering Technology ensuring students graduate prepared for both postsecondary education and the workforce. Over 90% of students earn industry-recognized credentials, supported by up-to-date technology, modern facilities, and strong partnerships with business, industry, and higher education. The school also offers work-based learning opportunities, extracurricular activities, and athletics to provide a full high school experience.

Davies operates as a state-run local education agency (LEA) and is governed by a business-led Board of Trustees, which exercises the powers of a traditional school committee, except where authority is reserved by the Director, the Commissioner, or the Board of Education.

Statutory History

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

Budget

Elementary and Secondary Education

Davies Career and Technical School

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Davies Career & Technical Cent	24,387,184	27,559,221	67,154,981	36,916,447	51,319,513
Total Expenditures	24,387,184	27,559,221	67,154,981	36,916,447	51,319,513
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	17,013,980	19,046,092	19,445,878	19,412,419	19,996,294
Contract Professional Services	744,472	1,854,150	648,947	10,266,871	24,928,844
Operating Supplies and Expenses	6,064,531	6,216,305	4,824,006	7,228,903	6,386,121
Assistance and Grants	0	17,653	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	23,822,983	27,134,201	24,918,831	36,908,193	51,311,259
Capital Purchases and Equipment	564,200	425,021	42,236,150	8,254	8,254
Subtotal: Other	564,200	425,021	42,236,150	8,254	8,254
Total Expenditures	24,387,184	27,559,221	67,154,981	36,916,447	51,319,513
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	16,655,503	18,234,626	18,532,152	19,483,917	21,082,757
Federal Funds	2,771,653	1,725,574	924,285	1,236,439	954,525
Restricted Receipts	4,588,470	5,994,532	5,471,394	5,472,606	4,932,231
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	371,558	1,604,490	42,227,150	10,723,485	24,350,000
Total Expenditures	24,387,184	27,559,221	67,154,981	36,916,447	51,319,513

Personnel

Elementary and Secondary Education

Davies Career and Technical School

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ACCOUNTANT	0320 A	2.0	113,705	2.0	118,483
ASSISTANT BUILDING AND GROUNDS OFFICER	0324 A	1.0	63,579	1.0	65,487
FISCAL CLERK	0315 A	1.0	47,397	1.0	49,878
GROUNDSKEEPER	0000 A	1.0	47,362	1.0	48,782
INFORMATION AIDE	0315 A	1.0	60,529	1.0	62,346
JANITOR	0309 A	6.0	280,522	6.0	290,725
PERSONNEL AIDE	0319 A	1.0	60,445	1.0	62,258
SENIOR JANITOR	0312 A	1.0	51,018	1.0	53,613
TELEPHONE OPERATOR	0310 A	1.0	43,074	1.0	44,366
Subtotal Classified		15.0	767,631	15.0	795,938
Non-Classified					
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR	0000 A	2.0	243,700	2.0	249,792
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0000 A	1.0	78,870	1.0	80,841
ADMINISTRATOR, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	0000 A	1.0	120,000	1.0	123,000
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	0000 A	1.0	151,705	1.0	155,498
ASST. BUSINESS COORDINATOR	0000 A	1.0	88,166	1.0	90,370
BUSINESS MANAGER	0000 A	1.0	103,810	1.0	106,405
BUSINESS/PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR	0000 A	1.0	71,791	1.0	73,586
DIRECTOR	0000 A	1.0	180,078	1.0	184,580
DIRECTOR ATHLETICS	0000 A	1.0	81,558	1.0	83,597
DIVERSE POPULATIONS COOR.	0000 A	1.0	123,697	1.0	126,790
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0000 A	1.0	78,487	1.0	80,449
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	0000 A	2.0	200,378	2.0	205,256
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	0001 A	2.0	203,213	2.0	208,120
HR COORDINATOR	0000 A	1.0	96,602	1.0	99,017
IT COORDINATOR	0000 A	1.0	98,913	1.0	101,386
PR/MARKETING COORDINATOR	0000 A	1.0	83,460	1.0	85,546
SPECIALIST, PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS	0000 A	1.0	99,807	1.0	102,302
SPECIAL POPULATIONS LIAISON	0000 A	1.0	65,564	1.0	67,203
TEACHER	0000 A	85.0	7,765,147	85.0	8,174,374
TEACHER	0001 A	1.0	101,072	1.0	103,521
TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN	0000 A	1.0	77,738	1.0	79,681
Subtotal Non-Classified		108.0	10,113,756	108.0	10,581,314
Unclassified					
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	7775 F	1.0	156,470	1.0	160,382
MANAGER DATA SYSTEMS	7765 F	1.0	72,100	1.0	73,902

Personnel

Elementary and Secondary Education

Davies Career and Technical School

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
Subtotal Unclassified	2.0	228,570	2.0	234,284
Subtotal	125.0	11,109,957	125.0	11,611,536
Longevity Pay		11,893		12,251
Regular Wages		11,098,064		11,599,285
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		815,564		673,814
Turnover		(16,963)		(7,548)
Total Salaries		11,958,558		12,327,802
Benefits				
FICA		912,086		939,818
Health Benefits		2,243,470		2,414,763
Payroll Accrual		64,771		66,992
Retiree Health		361,070		357,632
Retirement		3,550,287		3,540,934
Subtotal		7,131,684		7,320,139
Total Salaries and Benefits	125.0	19,090,242	125.0	19,647,941
Cost Per FTE Position		152,722		157,184
Statewide Benefit Assessment		322,177		348,353
Payroll Costs	125.0	19,412,419	125.0	19,996,294
Purchased Services				
Design and Engineering Services		899,614		750,000
Information Technology		5,500		5,500
Legal Services		112,000		75,000
Management & Consultant Services		8,622,585		23,500,000
Medical Services		3,250		3,250
Other Contracts		425,000		425,000
Training and Educational Services		198,922		170,094
Subtotal		10,266,871		24,928,844
Total Personnel	125.0	29,679,290	125.0	44,925,138
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	123.0	18,666,082	123.0	19,469,869
Federal Funds	2.0	905,259	2.0	656,519
Restricted Receipts	0.0	585,750	0.0	548,750
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	9,522,199	0.0	24,250,000
Total All Funds	125.0	29,679,290	125.0	44,925,138

Program Summary

Elementary and Secondary Education

School for the Deaf

Mission

The Mission of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf is to empower Deaf and hard of hearing students across Rhode Island—regardless of additional disabilities—to achieve academic excellence, personal growth, and lifelong success. Through direct instruction, family support, and statewide partnerships, RISD serves as a center of excellence in Deaf education, providing equitable access to learning from birth through age 22.

Description

The Rhode Island School for the Deaf (RISD) is the state’s only public, comprehensive educational program dedicated to Deaf and hard of hearing students, providing an accessible and free education. As a critical statewide resource, RISD ensures access to high-quality, language-rich instruction tailored to the unique needs of Deaf and hard of hearing learners—including those with multiple disabilities. Students benefit from a bilingual approach to education (American Sign Language and English), highly specialized staff, and individualized academic and support services.

RISD provides a full continuum of services, from early intervention through secondary transition, including academic instruction, speech and language services, audiological evaluations, counseling, family engagement, and outreach to school districts. The school also operates a statewide Hearing Screening and Audiology Center, providing vital services to both public and private schools. A comprehensive Transition Academy prepares older students for postsecondary education, vocational training, and independent living.

RISD’s commitment extends beyond the classroom—collaborating with families, school districts, healthcare providers, and community organizations to support every student’s success. Through modern facilities, specialized technology, and a dedicated interdisciplinary team, RISD ensures every student receives an equitable, inclusive, and high-impact education.

RISD operates as a state-funded education agency and is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Board of Education. The Board of Trustees oversees the school’s educational and operational direction, ensuring alignment with state mandates and the evolving needs of the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

Statutory History

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

Budget

Elementary and Secondary Education

School for the Deaf

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	9,872,577	10,452,939	10,278,768	11,068,756	11,830,395
Total Expenditures	9,872,577	10,452,939	10,278,768	11,068,756	11,830,395
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	7,723,251	7,789,237	8,011,949	8,046,480	8,247,425
Contract Professional Services	1,004,666	1,445,655	1,431,843	1,870,319	1,879,102
Operating Supplies and Expenses	810,865	1,165,383	694,033	1,111,014	1,662,925
Assistance and Grants	(66,997)	(3,512)	35,943	35,943	35,943
Subtotal: Operating	9,471,784	10,396,763	10,173,768	11,063,756	11,825,395
Capital Purchases and Equipment	423,841	56,176	105,000	5,000	5,000
Aid to Local Units of Government	(23,048)	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	400,793	56,176	105,000	5,000	5,000
Total Expenditures	9,872,577	10,452,939	10,278,768	11,068,756	11,830,395
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	8,329,118	8,201,954	8,809,938	8,829,611	9,039,339
Federal Funds	420,738	329,503	271,830	225,365	225,365
Restricted Receipts	871,866	1,771,215	1,097,000	1,602,000	1,597,000
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	220,200	150,267	100,000	411,780	968,691
Other Funds	30,654	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	9,872,577	10,452,939	10,278,768	11,068,756	11,830,395

Personnel

Elementary and Secondary Education

School for the Deaf

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT BUILDING AND GROUNDS OFFICER	0324 A	1.0	75,431	1.0	77,695
AUDIO TEST TECHNICIAN	0320 A	3.0	172,844	3.0	181,963
BUILDING AND GROUNDS OFFICER	0328 A	1.0	79,809	1.0	82,203
CLERK SECRETARY	0B16 A	1.0	55,928	1.0	57,606
FISCAL CLERK	0314 A	1.0	50,299	1.0	51,808
INFORMATION AIDE	0315 A	1.0	51,514	1.0	53,059
SENIOR JANITOR	0312 A	2.0	101,839	2.0	105,635
Subtotal Classified		10.0	587,664	10.0	609,969
Non-Classified					
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR	0001 A	1.0	110,000	1.0	113,300
ASST DIR/PROGRAM SERVICE	0001 A	1.0	162,676	1.0	167,500
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	0001 A	1.0	129,149	1.0	133,024
DIRECTOR	0001 A	1.0	162,130	1.0	166,993
EDUCATION SPECIALIST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	0001 A	1.0	106,859	1.0	110,065
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	0001 A	1.0	95,425	1.0	98,097
NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	0001 A	2.0	149,310	2.0	153,789
OUTREACH SLP	0001 A	4.0	244,655	4.0	251,695
SOCIAL WORKER	0001 A	1.0	97,238	1.0	100,155
SPECIAL ASSISTANT SPED MANAGER	0001 A	1.0	148,674	1.0	153,135
STAFF ASSISTANT	0001 A	2.0	164,800	2.0	169,744
STAFF ASSISTANT	0004 A	3.0	226,419	3.0	226,419
TEACHER	0001 A	23.0	1,807,099	23.0	1,859,697
TEACHER ASSISTANT	0001 A	6.0	272,989	6.0	280,669
TRANSITION COORDINATOR (RISD)	0001 A	1.0	79,310	1.0	81,689
UNCLASSIFIED	0001 A	2.0	230,864	2.0	237,789
Subtotal Non-Classified		51.0	4,187,597	51.0	4,303,760
Subtotal		61.0	4,775,261	61.0	4,913,729
Longevity Pay			6,857		7,063
Regular Wages			4,768,404		4,906,666
Total Salaries			4,785,898		4,924,366

Personnel

Elementary and Secondary Education

School for the Deaf

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		365,305		375,901
Health Benefits		1,047,074		1,120,830
Payroll Accrual		27,841		28,356
Retiree Health		155,196		151,343
Retirement		1,526,681		1,499,212
Subtotal		3,122,097		3,175,642
Total Salaries and Benefits	61.0	7,907,995	61.0	8,100,008
Cost Per FTE Position		129,639		132,787
Statewide Benefit Assessment		138,485		147,417
Payroll Costs	61.0	8,046,480	61.0	8,247,425
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		4,000		4,000
Legal Services		25,000		25,000
Medical Services		12,000		12,000
Other Contracts		104,167		112,950
Training and Educational Services		1,725,152		1,725,152
Subtotal		1,870,319		1,879,102
Total Personnel	61.0	9,916,799	61.0	10,126,527
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	61.0	8,213,647	61.0	8,423,375
Federal Funds	0.0	184,152	0.0	184,152
Restricted Receipts	0.0	1,519,000	0.0	1,519,000
Total All Funds	61.0	9,916,799	61.0	10,126,527

Program Summary

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

Elementary and Secondary Education

Metropolitan Career and Technical School

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Metropolitan Career & Tech Sch	10,802,511	12,781,808	13,216,926	15,188,274	14,919,329
Total Expenditures	10,802,511	12,781,808	13,216,926	15,188,274	14,919,329
Expenditures by Object					
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	250,000	2,221,348	250,000
Aid to Local Units of Government	10,802,511	12,781,808	12,966,926	12,966,926	14,669,329
Subtotal: Other	10,802,511	12,781,808	13,216,926	15,188,274	14,919,329
Total Expenditures	10,802,511	12,781,808	13,216,926	15,188,274	14,919,329
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	10,610,928	11,131,142	12,966,926	12,966,926	14,669,329
Federal Funds	(821,343)	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	1,012,926	1,650,666	250,000	2,221,348	250,000
Total Expenditures	10,802,511	12,781,808	13,216,926	15,188,274	14,919,329

Program Summary

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. The 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 is 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 includes the following components:

- A core instruction per pupil amount for every K12 student;
- A student success factor (40% weight) for every student whose family is at or below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of federal poverty guidelines (“poverty status”);
- A multilingual learner factor (20% weight) for every student in the three lowest English proficiency categories; this had been a separate categorical fund from FY 2017-2024 and was moved to a formula weight in FY 2025;
- A state/local share ratio dependent on district property values weighted for median family income and students’ poverty status; and
- Categorical funding outside of the distributed aid (core calculation) for high cost special education, career and technical education, early childhood programs, non-public and regional school district transportation, 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. RIGL § 16-7.2-1 through 16-7.2-10 refers to the calculation of the formula aid.

Budget

Elementary and Secondary Education

Education Aid

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Education Aid	1,392,267,204	1,329,923,836	1,311,183,289	1,320,852,191	1,342,369,480
Total Expenditures	1,392,267,204	1,329,923,836	1,311,183,289	1,320,852,191	1,342,369,480
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	99,020	23,929	174,369	189,054	193,649
Contract Professional Services	46,340,714	51,471,652	45,185,784	54,970,418	56,164,091
Operating Supplies and Expenses	973,386	558,222	339,894	648,188	648,188
Assistance and Grants	15,586,789	20,071,230	21,000,000	20,523,103	20,523,103
Subtotal: Operating	62,999,910	72,125,033	66,700,047	76,330,763	77,529,031
Aid to Local Units of Government	1,329,267,295	1,257,798,803	1,244,483,242	1,244,521,428	1,264,840,449
Subtotal: Other	1,329,267,295	1,257,798,803	1,244,483,242	1,244,521,428	1,264,840,449
Total Expenditures	1,392,267,204	1,329,923,836	1,311,183,289	1,320,852,191	1,342,369,480
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,145,117,769	1,217,257,972	1,272,230,353	1,272,268,539	1,292,587,560
Federal Funds	205,545,922	67,587,013	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	41,550,893	45,078,851	38,952,936	48,583,652	49,781,920
Other Funds	52,620	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	1,392,267,204	1,329,923,836	1,311,183,289	1,320,852,191	1,342,369,480

Personnel

Elementary and Secondary Education

Education Aid

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Regular Wages		115,950		119,429
Total Salaries		115,950		119,429
Benefits				
FICA		8,870		9,137
Health Benefits		20,592		21,966
Payroll Accrual		671		684
Retiree Health		3,768		3,678
Retirement		35,840		35,172
Subtotal		69,741		70,637
Total Salaries and Benefits	0.0	185,691	0.0	190,066
Cost Per FTE Position		0		
Statewide Benefit Assessment		3,363		3,583
Payroll Costs	0.0	189,054	0.0	193,649
Purchased Services				
Training and Educational Services		54,970,418		56,164,091
Subtotal		54,970,418		56,164,091
Total Personnel	0.0	55,159,472	0.0	56,357,740
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	0.0	7,223,508	0.0	7,223,508
Restricted Receipts	0.0	47,935,964	0.0	49,134,232
Total All Funds	0.0	55,159,472	0.0	56,357,740

Program Summary

Elementary and Secondary Education

Central Falls

Mission

The Central Falls School District is committed to radically changing the structures of our system to ensure all our students are offered a rigorous academic, career preparatory, and social emotional foundation that empowers them to self-advocate as they pursue and succeed in college and career opportunities. 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.

VISION

If we develop talent, build systems and raise expectations then we will deconstruct and rebuild the CFSD as a system which is equitable and drives towards excellence and empowerment. Then all students in CFSD will have access to schools that are rated 3, 4 or 5 stars according to the RIDE report card. That rating will represent our vision of providing learning communities where students participate in rigorous and joyful learning that leads to continuous growth and development of their goals and dreams.

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

Elementary and Secondary Education

Central Falls

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Central Falls School District	49,413,751	54,041,889	54,567,882	54,567,882	53,683,500
Total Expenditures	49,413,751	54,041,889	54,567,882	54,567,882	53,683,500
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Expenditures by Object					
Aid to Local Units of Government	49,413,751	54,041,889	54,567,882	54,567,882	53,683,500
Subtotal: Other	49,413,751	54,041,889	54,567,882	54,567,882	53,683,500
Total Expenditures	49,413,751	54,041,889	54,567,882	54,567,882	53,683,500
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Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	49,413,751	54,041,889	54,567,882	54,567,882	53,683,500
Total Expenditures	49,413,751	54,041,889	54,567,882	54,567,882	53,683,500

Program Summary

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 school 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 school safety and security, 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

Elementary and Secondary Education

School Construction Aid

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
School Housing Aid	104,162,966	106,198,555	119,887,755	119,887,755	102,869,291
Total Expenditures	104,162,966	106,198,555	119,887,755	119,887,755	102,869,291
Expenditures by Object					
Operating Supplies and Expenses	911,735	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	911,735	0	0	0	0
Aid to Local Units of Government	103,251,231	106,198,555	119,887,755	119,887,755	102,869,291
Subtotal: Other	103,251,231	106,198,555	119,887,755	119,887,755	102,869,291
Total Expenditures	104,162,966	106,198,555	119,887,755	119,887,755	102,869,291
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	104,162,966	106,198,555	119,887,755	119,887,755	102,869,291
Total Expenditures	104,162,966	106,198,555	119,887,755	119,887,755	102,869,291

Program Summary

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., districts, charter schools, or collaborative) share of the retirement contribution due each year. 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. Defined Benefit Plan. The state pays its contribution directly to ERSRI. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education receives monthly invoices from ERSRI. In FY2025, the adjusted actuarial contribution rate is 11.42%.

Defined Contribution Plan

The employer's share is set in R.I. General Laws § 36-10.3. At the end of each payroll period from July 1 to the following June 30, an employer must contribute to the members individuals account within three (3) business days, as follows:

- Members with fewer than ten (10) years of total service as of June 30, 2012 - 1% of members compensation.
- Members with ten (10) or more, but fewer than fifteen (15) years of total service as of June 30, 2012 - 1.25% (as of July 1, 2015) of members compensation.
- Members with fifteen (15) or more, but fewer than twenty (20) years of total service as of June 30, 2012 - 1.50% (as of July 1, 2015) of members compensation.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 16-16 refers to the Teachers' Retirement program.

R.I. General Laws § 36-10.3 refers to the teacher Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.

Budget

Elementary and Secondary Education

Teacher Retirement

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Teacher's Retirement	131,509,407	135,020,903	137,991,006	133,600,078	130,236,201
Total Expenditures	131,509,407	135,020,903	137,991,006	133,600,078	130,236,201
Expenditures by Object					
Assistance and Grants	126,824,742	131,795,370	132,486,300	128,602,240	125,139,906
Subtotal: Operating	126,824,742	131,795,370	132,486,300	128,602,240	125,139,906
Aid to Local Units of Government	4,684,665	3,225,533	5,504,706	4,997,838	5,096,295
Subtotal: Other	4,684,665	3,225,533	5,504,706	4,997,838	5,096,295
Total Expenditures	131,509,407	135,020,903	137,991,006	133,600,078	130,236,201
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	131,509,407	135,020,903	137,991,006	133,600,078	130,236,201
Total Expenditures	131,509,407	135,020,903	137,991,006	133,600,078	130,236,201