

Summary of K-12 Budget

2nd year of the 2023-25 Biennium Budget

2024-25

2024-25 is in the second year of the 2023-25 biennium. The Appropriations Bill [SL2023-134](#) provided the 2 year budget and this summary may be used in conjunction with the Summary of the 2023-24 Budget and Budget Comparison posted on [the FBS website budget page](#).

Other bills impacting K-12 education effective July 1, 2024:

[SL 2024-39](#) Public School legislative increases and modifying the supplant clause of PRC071

[SL 2024-1](#) Technical Corrections

[SL 2023-10](#) Schools for Deaf and Blind (Section 5 Re: transition is repealed by SL 2024-57)

[SL 2023-133](#) High School Athletics

[SL 2024-31](#) Cooperative Innovative High Schools in Wake County

[SL 2024-42](#) Select charter schools election to the State Health Plan

[SL 2024-57](#) Various

[SL 2024-40](#) permitted nonrecurring appropriations from FY2024 to not revert until December 31, 2024.

In addition, SL 2024-51 and SL 2024-53 were enacted in response to Hurricane Helene. Information can be found on the [FBS web page](#).

The following is a high level summary the second year of the budget, noting the increase/decrease in recurring appropriations and items funded with nonrecurring funds in 2024 and/or 2025. This is intended as a reference guide, refer to the session law document for details.

SALARY – (SL 2024-39)

Teachers and Instructional Support (SL 2024-39)

- Step increase for all + increase to the step
- Range of increase including step - \$820 to \$2,890 / 1.55% to 7.05%

Assistant Principals (SL 2024-39)

Step increase plus schedule increase consistent with the teacher schedule. Increases follows the teacher salary increases.

Principals (SL 2024-39)

Increase 3%

Effective January 1, 2025 salary is determined by

- Growth based on best of 3 years (2022, 2023 and 2024)
- ADM for the school includes Pre-K.

SL2024-1 Section 2.9 clarifies the dates for ADM and growth scores

Noncertified & Central Office (SL 2024-39)

Increase 3.00%

1.7B Salary Supplements – PRC071 (SL 2024-39)

Modifies supplanting language

- Changes the supplant factor for 2024-25 allocation as the lesser of the ratio calculated using the 2020-21 data and using the 2021-22 data.
- Adds to the nonsupplant enforcement an ability for the LEA to remedy the deficiency.

BENEFITS (SL 2023-134 Section 39)	Retirement	Health
	24.04%	\$8,095

ALLOTMENTS (All section references pertain to SL 2023-134 unless otherwise stated)

7.27 #57 School Health Allotment PRC 006 **\$10,000,000 (R)**

In 2023-24, the allotment was funded with \$10m nonrecurring ARPA Temporary Savings funding. In 2024-25, the \$10m nonrecurring funds were replaced with \$10m recurring general fund appropriations.
The funding source change has no impact to the allotment.

4.4 #60 Instructional Supplies – PRC061

Decrease in the dollars per ADM due to the \$10m nonrecurring Indian Gaming funding in 2023-24 that was not continued or replaced in 2024-25.
Impact from prior year \$10,000,000 reduction in total appropriation. Allocation per ADM is reduced from \$38.07 to \$30.96.

7.62 At Risk – PRC069

DPI is required to reduce the At Risk allotment by \$7m for each year for the grant program referred to as ELISS (PRC052). This budget adjustment is the same for fiscal year 2024 and 2025.

7.58 #62 Eliminate Student Copay for Reduced-Price Meals

Decrease in total funding due to the \$3m nonrecurring in 2023-24 that was not repeated in 2024-25. See SL2024-40 section 1 re: nonrecurring funds.

SL2024-57 3J.11 Cooperative Innovative High Schools (PRC055)

Approves two new Cooperative Innovative High Schools (Dare Early College High School and Rockingham County CTE Innovation High School) effective 2024-25

GRANTS (All section references pertain to SL 2023-134 unless otherwise stated)

7.53 #89 Special Needs Pilot Program- New \$975,000 (NR)

DPI shall contract with Amplio Learning Technologies to create a pilot program for a special education digital intervention software in Alamance, Catawba and Nash County Schools
Funding for the grant program continues at the same level. Program is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$975K.

SL2024-1 Section 7.53

Rewrites SL2023-134 Section 7.53

SL2024-57 Section 3J.13

Amends SL2023-134 Section 7.53 Removes Alamance, Catawba and Nash County Schools. Replaces with Cabarrus, Union and Vance County Schools

7.22 #71 STEM Grants

Grants to PSUs to engage in experiential STEM education programs. Funded with \$1m nonrecurring funds in 2023-24. Not continued in 2024-25.

7.55 #66 CTE Modernization and Expansion Grant- PRC023 \$2,000,000(NR)

Grant program for modernization of CTE programming, materials, training and professional development for courses in grades 6-12. Funding for the grant program continues at the same level. Program is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$2m.

7.40 and 7.15(8) NBPTS Participation Fee Grant Program (New State PRC) \$1,000,000(R)

Continues the grant program per G.S 115C-296.2A for the reimbursement for fees for NBPTS.

This continues a program currently funded by ESSER funds (PRC198) and provides \$1m general fund recurring appropriation in a new State PRC.

7.36 #58 School Safety Grants – PRC040 \$35,000,000 (NR)

Funding for the grant program continues at the same level. Program is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$35m.

2022-23 funds appropriated in SL2021-180 shall not revert and shall remain available until June 30, 2025.

SL2024-57 Section 3J.12 Adjustments to the AI School Safety Pilot Program

Amends SL2023-134 section 7.36(h) New Hanover County Schools and Davidson County Schools only

The participating public school units shall contract with the same vendor for the Pilot Program. The vendor shall be determined by the first public school unit to enter into a contract for a school safety solution. These funds shall not be transferred with the Center for Safer Schools (see below)

7.57 #75 Enhanced School Bus Stop Arm Grants

Grant program to PSUs to add, upgrade or replace mechanical stop signals on school buses. Funded with \$370,758 nonrecurring funds in 2023-24. Not continued in 2024-25.

7.59 #102 CEP Meal Program Incentive \$5,800,000 (R)

Program to expand public school participation in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) PSUs are eligible to be implemented in 2024-25. \$500,000 was funded in 2023-24 on a recurring basis for systems and software for the program. \$6.3 total funded in 2024-25 to implement the program. Report January 1, 2025.

7.62 #104 SparkNC Pilot High-Tech Learning Accelerator Credit \$3,000,000 (NR)

Select PSUs may partner with SparkNC to develop a nontraditional, student driven pathway through which students may select and complete modular learning experiences that , when aggregated, will provide a competency-based equivalency to a traditional elective course credit. ~~18 LEAs are noted in the law as being permitted to participate in the program.~~(amended see below) Funding for the grant program continues at the same level. Program is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$3m.

SL2024-57 Section 3J.13Amends SL2023-134 Section 7.60 All PSUs are eligible to participate. The funds for 2024-25 shall be allocated as a directed grant to SparkNC. Funds shall not revert until the end of 2025-26

7.69 #87 Plasma Games Grant Program \$1,800,000(R)

DPI shall create a grant program for PSUs to apply for funds to contract with Plasma Games for the use of educational software to be used for STEM and CTE. Program was funded with \$3m nonrecurring ARPA Temporary Savings funds in 2023-24 – these funds do not revert. In 2024-25, the program is funded with \$1.8m recurring general appropriations. SL2024-1 Section 2.8F Modifies the application timeline

#70 Healthcare Promotion Grant \$1,000,000 (NR)

Funding for the grant program continues at the same level. Program is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring ARPA Temporary Savings funding of \$1m. Funds do not revert.

7.15 Remaining ESSER funds for Various Programs with General Fund impact

#85 Contract with JFL Enterprises Inc. for Failure Free Reading

Funded with \$1.7m of nonrecurring General Funds in 2023-24. Not continued in 2024-25.

#84 Contract with Liminex Inc d/b/a GoGuardian \$2,200,000 (R)

Contract with Gaggle.Net, Inc. \$2,100,000 (R)

Funded with \$100K of recurring General Funds (and \$4.3m in ESSER PRC193) in 2023-24. An additional \$4.3m of recurring funds were appropriated in 2024-25 (total \$4.4m).

#86 Contract with Betabox \$2,000,000 (NR)

Funded with \$1m of nonrecurring General Funds and \$1m of ESSER III in 2023-24. Funded with \$2m nonrecurring funds in 2024-25 (total \$2m in both years).

SL2024-40 Section 2(a)(5) State Fiscal Recovery Funds

Reduces the amount by \$3,327,585 as it was not needed

DPI OTHER (All section references pertain to SL 2023-134 unless otherwise stated)

#95 Computer Science Professional Development \$500,000(NR)

NEW in 2024-25, to provide computer science training to K-12 teachers.

#97 ST Math \$300,000(NR)

New in 2024-25 for DPI to contract with International MIND Educational Institute Inc. for the ST Math to improve students math proficiency.

7.48 #85 12th Grade Transition Program – Scholarpath \$2,500,000 (NR)

Funds to contract with Scholarpath to create a program to help students and parents to prepare for 12th grade. Funding for the grant program continues at the same level. Program is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$2.5m.

7.52 Leadership Dashboard and Learning Recovery/SAS \$550,000 (NR)

#93 DPI to contract with SAS for learning Recovery analysis, student projections to pre-pandemic expected performance and web reporting. Funding for the grant program continues at the same level. Program is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$550K.

#90 Center for Safer Schools

To conduct school safety awareness campaign and continue contracts to conduct threat assessment team development. Funded in 2023-24 with \$900K nonrecurring funds. No funding in 2024-25. FY2024 funds carryforward until Dec 31, 2024.

SL2024-57 3J.17 Transfer Center for Safer Schools to SBI

Transfer Center for Safer Schools from DPI to SBI. effective December 12, 2024. Removed from G.S.115C and added to G.S.143B-1209.59.

All positions under the Center for Safer Schools shall transfer, plus position number 600009394.

Disbursement. – The Executive Director of the Center for Safer Schools may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Public Instruction to disburse grants awarded.

#98 Charter School Assistant Director (1FTE) \$28,444 (R)

Funded with \$101,938(R) in 2023-24. Additional \$28,444(R) provided in 2024-25 to provide budgeted salary and benefits for full 12 months at \$130,382.

#101 Governor Morehead School Maintenance \$1,395,547(R)

Funds for GMS to maintain the campus. DHHS personnel currently maintain the campus and DHHS will also transfer 16 maintenance positions.

SL2024-59 Section 2A.1 Legal Fees for NC School For the Deaf \$120,000(R)

PASS THROUGH (All section references pertain to SL 2023-134 unless otherwise stated)

7.70 #105 NC Education Corp Reporting \$3,000,000(NR)

Initially funded with ESSER funds. \$3m General Fund nonrecurring appropriation in 2024-25 to continue program as a directed grant.

7.28 #106 Communities in Schools \$1,000,000(NR)

CIS was funded \$1m with ESSER III. In 2024-25, \$1m in nonrecurring General Fund appropriation is provided for a total appropriation of \$3.5m.

7.37 #94 Life Changing Experiences School Program \$500,000 (NR)

DPI to contract with Children and Parent Resources Group.

Program is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$500K.

#109 Clarence Henderson Education Foundation

Directed grant funded with \$350K of nonrecurring General Funds in 2023-24. Not continued in 2024-25.

#110 Masonboro Island Explorer Program \$100,000 (NR)

Directed grant is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$100K.

#108 Muddy Sneakers **\$500,000 (NR)**
Directed grant is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$500K.

#111 Best Buddies International Inc **\$100,000 (NR)**
Directed grant is funded in both fiscal year 2024 and 2025 with nonrecurring funding of \$100K.

OTHER POLICY ITEMS (All section references pertain to SL 2023-134 unless otherwise stated)

7.20 DPI Funding in Arrears

DPI shall implement a funding model based on prior year ADM.

7.82 Opportunity Scholarship Financial Impact Report/Reinvestment in Public Schools

DPI shall report on the cumulative difference in the current school year between the scholarship grant award amount for each prior public school attendee enrolled in a non public school and the average State per pupil allocation .

Due April 1, 2025.

SL2024-57 3J.10 Charter Schools Appeals Changes

Modifies G.S. 115C-218.9 related to appeals for charter schools

SL2024-57 3J.15 Principal Licensure Portfolio Waiver

SBE shall waive the portfolio requirements for an administrator license for any individual who meets the requirements stated.

SL2024-57 3J.16 Advanced Teaching Roles

Codified by adding Article 20A in G.S.115C-301.1.

SL2023-10 and SL2024-57 3J.1 to 9 Independence of School for Deaf and Blind

G.S.115C-150.11 Modifies language related to the independence for the Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and other items related to these schools.

DPI shall include schools employees in coverage for professional liability, workers compensation, property and liability policies and will enter in to a MOU to facilitate the purchase of other insurance.

Funding. – In addition to appropriations directed solely to the schools for the deaf and blind, the schools shall be eligible to

- (i) receive the benefit of any regional or statewide systems of support provided by the Department of Public Instruction to all public school units and
- (ii) apply for any grants available to all public school units.

The schools for the deaf and blind shall not be eligible to receive funding allotments for local school administrative units unless otherwise directed by the General Assembly. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Department of Public Instruction shall not remit money to the Pay Plan Reserve prior to distributing funds to the schools for any automatic step increases authorized by law.

SL 2024-57 repeals SL2023-10 Section 5

Adds: DPI shall administratively house the schools. DPI shall provide administrative support in matters related to finance, human resources and procurement including for information technology and capital for the fiscal year 2024-25.

Dept of Administration shall study the costs and positions needed for support for the schools and report by May 1, 2025.

DPI shall designate a liaison for the school

NC School For the Deaf - recurring funds for administrative and legal **\$120,000(R)**

No money report.

SL2024-1 Section 2.4 Reinstates the reporting requirement for transportation reserve fund for homeless and foster children

Report due by March of each year

SL2024-42 Charter schools participating in the State Health Plan

Alpha Academy, NC Leadership Academy, Durham Charter, United Community

Permits charters operated by a private nonprofit to elect to participate – with requirements

SL224-31 CIHS and substitution of Higher Education Partner

Applies to the Wake County Public Schools Wake Young Men’s Leadership Academy and Wake Young Women’s Leadership Academy, and allows a substitution of a IHE partner without penalty (related to the St Augustine’s status)

SL2023-133 Part XVII High School Athletics

SL2024-51 Hurricane Helene and Tropic Storm Relief

SL2024-53

See Separate summaries