

**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Appropriation Bill No. 02**

		<u>FY 2025 FINAL</u>	<u>FY 2026 Governor Recommended</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Budget</b>	General Revenue	\$ 3,992,986,991	\$ 4,437,650,850	\$ 444,663,859	11.1%
	Federal	2,400,192,506	2,386,438,786	(13,753,720)	(0.6%)
	Other	2,342,399,716	2,185,763,846	\$ (156,635,870)	(6.7%)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,735,579,213</b>	<b>\$ 9,009,853,482</b>	<b>\$ 274,274,269</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>FTE</b>	General Revenue	818.39	818.39	0.00	0.0%
	Federal	999.36	998.86	(0.50)	(0.1%)
	Other	24.75	24.75	0.00	0.0%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,842.50</b>	<b>1,842.00</b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Does not include \$280,910,018 recommended in Appropriation Bill 14 (2025). See the Supplemental section of the Missouri budget for details regarding the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education supplemental appropriations.

For more detailed budget information, see the Department Requests with Governor's Recommendations at [oa.mo.gov/budget-information/2026-budget-information](http://oa.mo.gov/budget-information/2026-budget-information).

**Fiscal Year 2026 recommendations include funds for the following items:**

1. \$715,005,406 for New Decision Items from the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level, including \$464,232,416 general revenue.
  - \$200,000,000 for the foundation formula.
  - \$150,000,000 for the foundation formula to replace other funds.
  - \$85,189,996 federal funds for full authorization payments for the childcare subsidy program.
  - \$54,760,946 federal funds for the child care subsidy program.
  - \$26,786,892 federal funds for distributions to the Special Education Program under IDEA Part B grants.
  - \$21,512,625 federal funds for prospective payments to providers in the child care subsidy program.
  - \$20,792,763 for Early Childhood Special Education programs.
  - \$20,000,000 for career centers. This includes \$15,000,000 in one-time funding to support capital and equipment upgrades and \$5,000,000 in ongoing core funding.
  - \$17,943,229 for the First Steps program, including \$16,625,143 general revenue.
  - \$15,532,183 federal funds for vocational rehabilitation.
  - \$15,208,835 to fully fund school districts' transportation costs for students.
  - \$15,000,000 for the Small Schools Grant Program, pursuant to SB 727 (2024).
  - \$14,705,004 for the High Need Fund.
  - \$10,000,000 federal funds for childcare innovation grants.
  - \$7,000,000 transferred to the Charter School Revolving Capital Improvement Fund to support charter school capital improvements.
  - \$6,700,000 federal funds for the Comprehensive Literacy State Development program.
  - \$6,097,126 federal funds for effective instruction programming under Title II.
  - \$4,680,494 for pay plan, including \$1,855,437 general revenue.
  - \$3,344,106 federal funds for disability determination services.
  - \$3,059,962 for performance based assessments, including \$700,000 general revenue.
  - \$3,000,000 federal funds for the Missouri School for the Severely Disabled.
  - \$2,701,460 federal funds for vocational education distribution to schools under Perkins V.
  - \$1,849,907 federal funds for a statewide longitudinal data system.
  - \$1,599,174 for childcare quality initiatives.
  - \$1,553,523 federal funds for adult education and literacy.
  - \$1,272,760 federal funds for Independent Living Centers.
  - \$1,000,000 for career advisement.
  - \$1,000,000 for the Star Academy program.
  - \$700,000 federal funds for early childhood educator scholarships
  - \$639,278 federal funds for the Early Childhood Comprehensive System.
  - \$500,000 federal funds for the Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority grant.
  - \$345,234 for pay plan to support federal and other funds.
  - \$263,934 federal funds for language acquisition programming under Title III.
  - \$200,000 Assistive Technology Trust Fund for assistive devices for dementia patients and their families.
  - \$65,975 federal funds for the Missouri Healthy Schools program.

**Fiscal Year 2026 recommendations include reductions from the Fiscal Year 2025 core appropriation levels for the following items:**

1. (\$387,332,878) and (0.50) staff core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level, including (\$11,775,000) general revenue.
  - (\$150,000,000) for Foundation Formula Other Funds.
  - (\$149,331,531) for Child Care Discretionary.
  - (\$49,561,122) for Child Care Subsidy Discretionary.
  - (\$10,751,886) for ESSER II.
  - (\$6,000,000) for St. Louis Police Foundation Childcare Program.
  - (\$5,199,824) for Child Care Subsidy Children's Division Discretionary.
  - (\$5,100,000) for Imagination Library.
  - (\$2,525,000) for Grow Your Own.
  - (\$2,500,000) for Reading Literacy Program (St. Louis).
  - (\$2,000,000) for Workforce Diploma.
  - (\$1,300,000) for Skills Evaluation Tool.
  - (\$1,160,156) for CRRSA.
  - (\$986,867) for Home Visiting.
  - (\$525,000) for Character Education Initiatives.
  - (\$350,000) for Feminine Hygiene Products.
  - (\$41,492) and (0.50) staff for Office Of Childhood Administration.

**Fiscal Year 2026 recommendations include \$53,398,259 in one-time reductions, including \$7,793,557 general revenue.**

	FY 2024 EXPENDITURE	FY 2025 APPROPRIATION	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2026 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
<b>Division of Financial and Administrative Services</b>				
Financial and Administrative Services	\$ 6,084,053	\$ 6,036,871	\$ 6,036,871	\$ 6,332,777
School District Bond Program	423,619	492,000	492,000	492,000
Federal Grants and Donations	4,010,401	6,050,642	6,050,642	6,050,683
Early Grade Reading Assessments	388,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Educator Recruitment and Retention	17,403,881	33,421,374	39,197,008	33,421,374
Skills and Competency Programs	1,574,323	3,110,999	1,911,000	611,000
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	734,369,500	741,158,128	714,246,086	714,249,886
School Nutrition Services	355,822,067	379,081,549	353,176,846	353,180,410
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,120,075,845</b>	<b>\$ 1,169,751,563</b>	<b>\$ 1,121,510,453</b>	<b>\$ 1,114,738,130</b>
General Revenue Fund	25,889,389	42,221,478	47,997,112	41,095,729
Federal Fund	1,093,200,418	1,125,838,086	1,073,021,341	1,073,150,401
Other Fund	986,038	1,691,999	492,000	492,000
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	FY 2024 EXPENDITURE	FY 2025 APPROPRIATION	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2026 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
<b>Public School Aid</b>				
Foundation - Formula	\$ 3,607,083,176	\$ 3,785,430,822	\$ 4,282,736,000	\$ 3,985,430,822
Foundation - Small Schools Program	15,000,000	15,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000
Foundation - Transportation	347,297,933	361,366,614	376,575,449	376,575,449
Foundation - Career Education	50,070,590	52,070,590	52,070,590	52,070,590
Teacher Career Ladder	32,444,790	69,325,050	69,325,050	69,325,050
Expanded Pre-Kindergarten	733,830	81,915,431	81,915,431	81,915,431
School District Trust Fund	1,273,740,000	1,306,961,000	1,306,961,000	1,306,961,000
Virtual Education	273,872	589,778	589,778	589,778
Critical Needs	575,401	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Grow Your Own	2,182,760	2,525,000	2,525,000	0
STEM Awareness Program	269,175	370,000	370,000	370,000
Computer Science Education Transfer	436,500	450,000	450,000	450,000
Other Public School Aid	1,985,279	5,209,743	5,409,743	3,811,361
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,332,093,305</b>	<b>\$ 5,682,214,028</b>	<b>\$ 6,209,928,041</b>	<b>\$ 5,908,499,481</b>
General Revenue Fund	3,332,976,751	3,451,097,099	3,978,811,112	3,829,907,552
Federal Fund	249,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Other Fund	1,998,867,554	2,229,116,929	2,229,116,929	2,076,591,929
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	FY 2024 EXPENDITURE	FY 2025 APPROPRIATION	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2026 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
<b>Division Of Learning Services</b>				
Excellence in Education Fund	\$ 1,930,223	\$ 3,250,164	\$ 3,250,164	\$ 3,285,311
Dyslexia Programs	582,019	600,020	600,020	600,020
Title I Academic Standards and Assessments	262,763,846	279,251,695	279,251,695	279,251,695
Homeless and Comprehensive School Health	4,692,355	12,107,773	12,107,773	12,107,773
Stephen M. Ferman Memorial for Gifted Education	9,027	9,027	9,027	9,027
Scholars and Fine Arts Academies	824,500	850,000	850,000	850,000
School Safety Grants	48,345,138	0	0	0
Community Enrichment Programs	9,502,385	15,919,336	9,319,336	9,320,384
Career and Technical Center Expansion	24,509,895	0	0	0
Career Technology - Maintenance and Repair	5,335,000	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000
Career Centers	0	0	0	20,000,000
Performance Based Assessment	14,698,553	18,023,505	21,083,467	21,083,467
Pathways for Instructionally Embedded Assessment	87,105	767,585	767,585	767,585
Title II Improve Teacher Quality	34,616,190	28,903,291	35,000,417	35,000,417
Title V, Part B - Rural and Low-Income Schools	2,933,193	3,225,567	3,225,567	3,225,567
Title III, Part A - Language Acquisition	5,363,443	4,627,860	4,891,794	4,891,794
Title IV, Part A - Student Support/Academic Enrichment	19,322,962	24,840,341	24,840,341	24,840,341
Character Education Initiatives	436,500	525,000	525,000	0
School Turnaround Act	472,876	975,000	975,000	975,000
Teacher Of The Year	22,234	40,000	40,000	40,000
Project Extended Impact	866,678	3,316,380	3,316,380	3,316,380
Early Childhood Special Education	218,374,095	216,881,267	237,674,030	237,674,030
Parents as Teachers	29,111,229	29,117,175	29,117,175	29,117,175
Home Visiting	9,978,565	15,049,875	14,063,008	14,063,008
Literacy Development Programs	10,411,871	18,950,431	35,807,874	17,906,874
Early Child Comprehensive System	195,757	255,600	894,878	894,878
School Age Afterschool Program	18,076,264	21,927,583	21,927,583	21,927,583
Child Care Quality Initiatives	21,348,901	43,636,610	45,235,784	55,235,784
Child Care Subsidy and Initiatives	538,663,204	409,099,363	344,957,828	366,470,453
Office Of Childhood Administration	10,456,613	15,508,805	15,467,313	15,993,996
Vocational Rehabilitation	127,812,298	119,506,461	139,655,510	141,930,456
Career Education	43,708,997	45,575,639	49,830,622	47,830,622
Special Education	372,757,726	354,308,774	379,095,666	393,450,670
Missouri Healthy Schools	283,148	283,148	349,123	349,123
Comprehensive School Health	91,257	100,000	100,000	100,000
Missouri Project Aware	1,141,511	1,706,933	1,706,933	1,706,933
Missouri Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission	102,328	122,000	122,000	122,000
Care To Learn	2,425,000	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Teacher Recruitment and Retention	800,000	800,000	4,398,000	800,000
Missouri Propane Gas Association	0	1,000,000	0	0
Division of Learning Services	12,247,559	14,985,968	16,835,875	17,338,046
Career Education	0	5,500,000	6,000,000	4,000,000
Star Academy	0	0	0	1,000,000
Early Childhood Coordination	11,227,830	17,319,713	17,319,713	18,019,713
First Steps	70,492,131	69,712,710	88,627,643	87,655,939
Tutoring and Civic Education	640,500	850,000	500,000	500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,937,660,906</b>	<b>\$ 1,809,930,599</b>	<b>\$ 1,857,740,124</b>	<b>\$ 1,901,652,044</b>
General Revenue Fund	499,299,309	446,403,673	624,522,389	505,376,227
Federal Fund	1,349,324,038	1,263,088,384	1,135,979,193	1,299,002,128
Other Fund	89,037,559	100,438,542	97,238,542	97,273,689
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	FY 2024 EXPENDITURE	FY 2025 APPROPRIATION	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2026 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
<b>Board Operated Schools</b>				
Board Operated Schools	\$ 58,245,464	\$ 61,719,655	\$ 64,719,655	\$ 66,017,463
School For Deaf Trust Fund	1,350	49,500	49,500	49,500
School For Blind Trust Fund	33,135	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Handicapped Children's Trust Fund	0	200,000	200,000	200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 58,279,949</b>	<b>\$ 63,469,155</b>	<b>\$ 66,469,155</b>	<b>\$ 67,766,963</b>
General Revenue Fund	49,880,440	51,911,745	51,911,745	53,199,732
Federal Fund	6,923,024	7,931,555	10,931,555	10,941,376
Other Fund	1,476,485	3,625,855	3,625,855	3,625,855
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	FY 2024 EXPENDITURE	FY 2025 APPROPRIATION	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2026 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
<b>Charter Public School Commission</b>				
Missouri Charter Public School Commission	\$ 2,012,793	\$ 3,860,036	\$ 3,860,036	\$ 3,885,131
Charter Public School Revolving Trf	0	0	0	7,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,012,793</b>	<b>\$ 3,860,036</b>	<b>\$ 3,860,036</b>	<b>\$ 10,885,131</b>
General Revenue Fund	0	0	0	7,000,000
Federal Fund	0	500,000	500,000	500,000
Other Fund	2,012,793	3,360,036	3,360,036	3,385,131
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	FY 2024 EXPENDITURE	FY 2025 APPROPRIATION	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2026 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
<b>Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>				
Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	\$ 915,261	\$ 1,767,076	\$ 1,467,076	\$ 1,486,118
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 915,261	\$ 1,767,076	\$ 1,467,076	\$ 1,486,118
General Revenue Fund	808,329	1,352,996	1,052,996	1,071,610
Other Fund	106,931	414,080	414,080	414,508
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	FY 2024 EXPENDITURE	FY 2025 APPROPRIATION	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2026 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
<b>Missouri Assistive Technology Council</b>				
Missouri Assistive Technology Council	\$ 2,983,773	\$ 4,586,756	\$ 4,786,756	\$ 4,825,615
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 2,983,773	\$ 4,586,756	\$ 4,786,756	\$ 4,825,615
Federal Fund	562,158	834,481	834,481	844,881
Other Fund	2,421,615	3,752,275	3,952,275	3,980,734
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00