

2023-2025 STATE BUDGET

Establishing Strong Foundations of Learning



Focus on Literacy Gov. Evers' budget creates a two-pronged approach to improve reading outcomes for Wisconsin students. One effort focuses on evidence-based literacy instructional practices for students in 5K through 12th grade, and a second focuses on early reading instructional transitions from 4K through first grade. Through a \$20 million investment, school districts will implement comprehensive educator training programs focused on literacy.



Growing Computer Science Education With an increase in opportunities and careers in the computer science field, Gov. Evers' budget provides \$10 million to help school districts increase computer science offerings. In addition, the budget requires schools to offer at least one computer science class and creates a Computer Science Education Task Force to discuss new, emerging ways to educate students in the subject.



Emphasis on Personal Financial Literacy Gov. Evers' budget provides \$5 million to public school districts and independent charter schools to implement or expand personal financial literacy curriculum and programming.



Expanding Access to Driver Education Gov. Evers' budget provides \$6.5 million to public school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative education service agencies and private driver education providers that serve economically disadvantaged students.



Grants for Out-of-School Time Programs Through a \$20 million investment, the budget offers grant opportunities to out-of-school time programs that provide activities, learning support, and supervision or coaching to students in grades kindergarten through 12 before and/or after school.



Increasing Support of Bilingual Students Gov. Evers' budget provides more than \$22 million to support Wisconsin's bilingual learners. Through a funding increase to the categorical aid program, the state's support to districts increases reimbursement rates to 15 percent in FY24 and 20 percent in FY25.

