

# 2021 Act 58 (2021-23 Biennial Budget) Changes to Current Law for K-12 Schools

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## School District Revenue Limits

- No per pupil adjustment in FY22 or in FY23.
- No increase to the low revenue ceiling adjustment in FY22 or in FY23.

## General Equalization Aid for School Districts

- Increase funding by \$110,000,000 GPR in FY22 and \$298,000,000 in GPR FY22.
- Eliminate the delayed general aid payment to school districts (occurred in July) so as to distribute 100 percent of school districts' general aid entitlement during the school year.
- Eliminate the reduction to general aid payments associated with independent charter schools authorized by "legacy" authorizers (City of Milwaukee, UW–Milwaukee, and UW–Parkside).

## Categorical Aids

Per Pupil Aid – Maintain funding at \$742 per pupil for FY22 and FY23 and eliminate the *Supplemental per Pupil Aid* appropriation (\$2.5 million annually, provided approximately \$3 per pupil to school districts).

Special Education Categorical Aid – Increase funding for by \$17,815,600 GPR in FY22 and \$67,613,800 GPR in FY23, to reimburse estimated eligible costs at 28.2 percent in FY22 and 30 percent in FY23.

High-Cost Special Education Aid – Increase funding for by \$1,752,200 GPR in FY22 and \$2,085,400 GPR in FY23, to reimburse estimated eligible costs at 40 percent in FY22 and in FY23, under current law eligibility criteria (i.e., 90 percent of aidable costs are eligible for state aid).

Pupil Transportation Aid – Increase the amount paid for pupils transported 12 miles or more, from \$365 to \$375; eliminate the proration of summer school transportation aid.

High-Cost Pupil Transportation Aid – Lower the threshold for aid eligibility from 145 to 140 percent of the statewide average transportation cost per member; increase funding by \$6,356,200 GPR in FY22 and in FY23 to fully fund estimated aid eligibility.

Sparsity Aid – Increase funding by \$3,148,500 GPR in FY22 and \$3,169,900 in FY23 to fully fund the estimated aid eligibility for school districts that meet the sparsity criteria (fewer than 10 members per square mile), under *two tiers of aid*: \$400/member for sparse districts up to 745 members; and \$100/member for sparse districts that have 746 to 1,000 members (*the second tier of aid is new under Act 58*).

Mental Health Categorical Aid – Increase funding for by \$6,000,000 GPR in FY22 and in FY23, doubling base funding; no changes to current law structure (i.e., reimbursement for costs of school social workers only).

School-Based Mental Health Services Grant – Increase funding for the program by \$3,500,000 GPR in FY22 and in FY23 to support more schools in connecting youth to mental health services.

Grants to Support Gifted and Talented Pupils – Increase funding by \$237,500 GPR in FY22 and in FY23 (doubling base funding) for grants to support programs for gifted and talented pupils.

School Library Aids Reestimate – Increase funding by \$1,700,000 SEG in FY22 and \$4,700,000 SEG in FY23.

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### Private School Parental Choice, Independent Charter Schools, the Special Needs Scholarship Program, and Open Enrollment Transfer Payments

Per Pupil Payments (adjustments based on current law method of indexing per pupil adjustments to the change in the revenue limit per pupil adjustment amount and the per pupil change in appropriations for categorical aids to K-12 schools).

	Per Pupil Payment		
	FY21 Base	FY22	FY23
Private School Choice (K-8)	\$8,300	\$8,336	\$8,399
Private School Choice (9-12)	\$8,946	\$8,982	\$9,045
Independent Charter Schools	\$9,165	\$9,201	\$9,264
Special Needs Voucher	\$12,977	\$13,013	\$13,076
Open Enrollment	\$8,125	\$8,161	\$8,224
Open Enrollment - Special Education	\$12,977	\$13,013	\$13,076