

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

**2013-2015 Executive Biennial Budget Request Highlights
Submitted by Governor Walker
2013 Assembly Bill 40**



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This document summarizes Governor Walker's biennial budget bill (2013 Assembly Bill 40) as it relates to K-12 education. Proposals are organized according to the following major budget themes:

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		Dollars	Source	FTE	Dollars	Source	FTE
General School Aids							
General Equalization Aids Increase general equalization aid by 1 percent each year.	7500	\$42,936,600	GPR	0.00	\$86,302,500	GPR	0.00
Consolidation Aid Extend the length of time during which consolidated school districts receive additional equalization aid after consolidation by two years. Set the formula factor increase at 10 percent in the sixth year and 5 percent in the seventh year. Set the guaranteed percentage of pre-consolidation aid at 66 percent in the sixth year and 33 percent in the seventh year.	7519	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Home-Based Educational Programs Allow nonresident school districts providing classes to nonresident pupils under the home-based educational program provision to count the pupil for equalization aid purposes as 0.25 FTE for each course the pupil attends.	7509	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Revenue Limits							
Provide no increase for current revenue limits on school districts.							
Categorical Aids							
School Performance Incentive Program Provide funding for a performance-based categorical aid and incentive program through which schools may receive awards based on school report card ratings published by the department. Award school districts through three separate appropriations. Provide \$24,000,000 GPR to high performing schools, \$30,000,000 GPR to schools that show significant improvement, and \$10,000,000 GPR to schools in need of assistance to improve performance.	7501	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$64,000,000	GPR	0.00
Per Pupil Adjustment Aid Delete the one-time appropriation for per pupil adjustment aid created in 2011 Wisconsin Act 32.	6014	(\$42,500,000)	GPR	0.00	(\$42,500,000)	GPR	0.00
Pupil Transportation Aid Reimbursement Rate Increase the pupil transportation rate for pupils transported over 12 miles from \$220 to \$275 to assist districts in funding high-cost transportation services; funded within the base level.	6010	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
School Library Aids reestimate Decreases expenditure authority for School Library Aids based on reestimates of interest earnings from the common school fund.	7010	(\$5,000,000)	SEG-O	0.00	(\$3,000,000)	SEG-O	0.00

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Choice, Charter and Open Enrollment							
Milwaukee Parental Choice Program Reestimate and Per Pupil Payment Increase Increase the payment rates for pupils in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program in FY15 to \$7,050 for pupils in K through 8 and \$7,856 for pupils in grades 9 through 12.	7511	\$13,528,200	GPR	0.00	\$43,523,200	GPR	0.00
Parental Choice Program for Eligible School Districts Expansion, Reestimate and Per Pupil Payment Increase Increase the payment rates for pupils in the Parental Choice Program for Eligible School Districts in FY15 to \$7,050 for pupils in K through 8 and \$7,856 for pupils in grades 9 through 12 and expand the program to additional districts starting in FY14.	7511	\$4,831,500	GPR	0.00	\$11,169,000	GPR	0.00
Alternative Pupil Count Date for Choice Schools Require the department to use an alternate count date if a private school participating in a parental choice program will be closed for a regularly scheduled holiday on the third Friday in September. The department will set the alternate count date no earlier than the day after school resumes at the school.	7520	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Independent Charter School Per Pupil Payment Increase payments for pupils attending independent charter schools. The payment is set at \$7,852 per pupil in FY14 and \$7,931 per pupil in FY15, a 1 percent increase in payment each year.	7510	\$5,354,700	GPR	0.00	\$17,930,600	GPR	0.00
Charter School Oversight Board Establish a Charter School Oversight Board, which would have responsibility for approving new independent charter school authorizers. Specific requirements (such as performance frameworks or measures, correction action plans, and plans for replication of successful schools) would apply to charter school authorizers and contracts between charter school governing boards and charter school authorizers.	7516	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Special Needs Scholarship Program Allow a special needs child to attend the school of his or her choice including a public school located outside his or her district of residence, a charter school or a private school. The scholarship amount will be the lesser of the cost of the pupil's education or the statewide cost per pupil plus the per pupil amount appropriated for special education aid in the previous year.	7504	\$6,946,000	GPR	0.00	\$13,903,500	GPR	0.00

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<p>Course Options - part time open enrollment</p> <p>Expand part-time open enrollment to create broader course options by: (a) permitting pupils in any grade to participate; and (b) permitting attendance under the program at any University of Wisconsin institution, technical college, nonprofit institution of higher education, tribal college, charter school, or other educational provider approved by the department.</p>	7512	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
<p>Flexibilities for Instrumentality Charter Schools</p> <p>Increase flexibility for charter schools under contract with a school board by: (a) requiring that instrumentality charter contracts specify a per pupil payment commensurate with the school district's average per pupil costs; (b) granting the school operator sole discretion over budget, curriculum, professional development, and personnel (except where health and safety are concerned); and (c) prohibiting a school board from imposing on a charter school any requirement from which a charter school would otherwise be exempt.</p>	7514	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
<p>Proficiency-Based Charter School Teaching License</p> <p>Create a proficiency-based charter school teaching license under which any person who has a bachelor's degree and can demonstrate proficiency in a subject may receive a license to teach that subject in a charter school.</p>	7513	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
<p>Home-Based Educational Programs</p> <p>Permit pupils of any grade level enrolled in a home-based educational program to attend up to two classes at any public school in the state. Allow nonresident school districts providing classes to nonresident pupils under this provision to count the pupil for equalization aid purposes as 0.25 FTE for each course the pupil attends.</p>	7509	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Assessment and Accountability							
<p>Student Assessments and ACT Suite</p> <p>Provide funding to implement ACT Suite and Next Generation Assessments; (1) fully fund WKCE in FY14, (2) implement SMARTER/Balanced and Dynamic Learning assessments in FY15, (3) replace Science and Social Studies portions of WKCE in FY15, and (4) administer ACT Suite, comprised of EXPLORE, PLAN, ACT, and WorkKeys in FY15.</p> <p>Provide the authority for the State Superintendent to adopt or approve assessments for the 9th and 11th grades. Require schools to administer the assessments approved by the State Superintendent in the 9th and 11th grades.</p>	4000	\$1,872,800	GPR	2.00	\$9,619,700	GPR	2.00

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School Report Cards Require the department to annually publish school and school district report cards. The reports will measure performance and pupil achievement; growth in pupil achievement in reading and mathematics; college and career readiness; and progress in closing gaps in pupil achievement for certain categories of pupils. Require that reports place schools and school districts into one of five performance categories and that the department publish reports for independent charter schools and schools participating in a parental choice program upon availability of data through the student information system or other system.	7506	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Early Reading Screening Provide funding for the expansion of the early reading assessment program to pupils in four-year old kindergarten, first grade and second grade.	4001	\$1,496,000	GPR	0.00	\$1,351,000	GPR	0.00
Leveraging Technology							
Digital Learning Portal Provide funding to implement a statewide digital learning portal to facilitate blended learning environments for educators and pupils.	5002	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$1,450,000	GPR	1.19
Statewide Student Information System Provide funding to continue to procure, implement, and support the SSIS as required by 2011 WI Act 32, the biennial budget bill. PR-S authority from per pupil fees charged to districts. Require independent (2r) charter schools and private schools participating in a parental choice program to participate in the statewide student information system.	5000	\$13,875,900	GPR	1.00	\$0	GPR	1.00
		\$1,449,800	PR-O	1.00	\$2,771,700	PR-O	1.00
		\$140,700	PR-S	2.00	\$183,500	PR-S	2.00
WISEdash Provide funding to maintain and develop the department's data warehouse and reporting system.	5001	\$3,313,100	GPR	0.00	\$3,313,100	GPR	0.00
		(\$49,100)	PR-F	-1.00	(\$49,100)	PR-F	-1.00
		\$3,619,100	PR-S	1.00	\$3,619,100	PR-S	1.00
Library Services							
BadgerLink Provide an increase in funding for BadgerLink.	7009	\$29,900	SEG-O	0.00	\$36,100	SEG-O	0.00
Library Services Contracts Provide an increase in funding for library service contracts with the Milwaukee Public Library, Wisconsin Library Services, the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library, and the Cooperative Children's Book Center.	7011	\$22,700	SEG-O	0.00	\$22,700	SEG-O	0.00
Newsline for the Blind Provide an increase in funding for Newsline for the Blind.	7008	\$0	SEG-O	0.00	\$400	SEG-O	0.00

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Educator Effectiveness System							
Educator Effectiveness System	4003	\$6,864,600	GPR	0.00	\$6,719,300	GPR	0.00
Provide funding to develop and implement the state's new EE system to evaluate principals and teachers as mandated by s. 115.415, Wis. Stats.		\$4,309,500	PR-O	0.00	\$4,309,500	PR-O	0.00
Teacher Licensing							
Teaching Experience	7518	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Require the department to count teaching experience gained under an emergency teaching license for specific assignments as experience for purposes of an equivalency teaching license or an administrator license.							
National Teacher Certification/Master Educators Reestimate	7006	\$212,100	GPR	0.00	\$479,800	GPR	0.00
Require any person who receives a master educator grant from the department to achieve an educator effectiveness rating of "effective" or "highly effective". Provide additional funding for teachers who receive a master educator licenses from the Department or certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.	7008						
Professional development for online teachers	7507	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Repeal the requirement that online teachers have an additional 30 hours of professional development in online learning and prohibit the department from imposing any such professional development requirements.							
School District Operations							
Digital Learning	7507	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Prohibit the department from requiring instructors be physically present in the classroom during the delivery of class content or collaborative instruction							
Academic and Career Planning	7503	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$1,100,000	GPR	0.00
Require all schools to provide academic and career planning services to pupils in grades 6 to 12 by the 2017-18 school year Provide funding to purchase and implement a software program to support academic, career, and learning planning as well as training school district staff that will provide advising services to pupils. This software program will be available to all state school districts.							

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Administration and Other Funding							
Teach For America Provide funding to support recruitment of recent graduates for temporary teaching positions in low-income or urban school districts.	7502	\$500,000	GPR	0.00	\$500,000	GPR	0.00
Special Olympics Aid Provide additional funding for Special Olympics Aid.	7005	\$7,500	GPR	0.00	\$7,500	GPR	0.00
Digital Learning Require the department to promote digital learning.	7507	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Program Revenue Reestimates Program revenue reestimates result in decreased funding.	7000	(\$3,748,300)	PR-O	0.00	(\$3,718,300)	PR-O	0.00
		\$48,700	PR-S	0.00	\$5,900	PR-S	0.00
Federal Program Reestimates Federal revenue reestimates result in increased funding.	7001	\$7,367,600	PR-F	0.00	\$2,367,600	PR-F	0.00
Convert Appropriations from Annual to Continuing Designate the publications and general educational development, and high school graduation equivalency appropriations as continuing, all monies received appropriations instead of annual appropriations.	7002	\$0	PR-O	0.00	\$0	PR-O	0.00
Repeal Obsolete Appropriations Repeal obsolete appropriations: federal aids; state allocations and federal aid: economic stimulus.	7004	(\$5,000,000)	PR-F	0.00	\$0	PR-F	0.00
Permanent GPR Reductions Reduce funding to create additional efficiencies and balance the budget.	3500	(\$217,700)	GPR	0.00	(\$217,700)	GPR	0.00
Fuel and Utilities Reestimate Reduce the fuel and utilities budget for expected changes in prices to reflect statistically normal weather conditions.	8001	(\$29,300)	GPR	0.00	(\$8,900)	GPR	0.00
Debt Service Reestimate Adjust agency base budget to reflect a re-estimate of debt service on authorized bonds.	8002	\$161,100	GPR	0.00	\$156,600	GPR	0.00
Standard Budget Adjustments Adjust agency base budget for turnover reduction, removal of non-continuing elements from the base, full funding of continuing salaries and fringe benefits, overtime, night and weekend differential pay, and full funding of lease and directed moves costs.	3000	(\$721,300)	GPR	0.00	(\$686,000)	GPR	0.00
		\$1,137,500	PR-F	-6.80	\$848,600	PR-F	-12.80
		(\$27,900)	PR-O	0.00	(\$27,900)	PR-O	0.00
		(\$79,800)	PR-S	0.00	(\$79,800)	PR-S	0.00

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Fair Funding for our Future: School Finance Reform	6000	\$161,012,200	GPR	0.00	\$413,002,900	GPR	0.00
Supporting parental Options	6001	\$28,107,600	GPR	0.00	\$60,154,800	GPR	0.00
Special Education Categorical Aid	6002	\$17,322,200	GPR	0.00	\$56,122,300	GPR	0.00
High-Cost Special Education Categorical Aid	6003	\$1,500,000	GPR	0.00	\$1,500,000	GPR	0.00
Improving Graduation Rates	6004	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$4,550,000	GPR	0.00
Sparsity Aid	6005	\$3,300,500	GPR	0.00	\$3,300,500	GPR	0.00
School Breakfast Grants	6006	\$701,700	GPR	0.00	\$996,200	GPR	0.00
Bilingual-Bicultural Education Aids	6007	\$178,000	GPR	0.00	\$4,606,200	GPR	0.00
Expanded Bilingual-Bicultural Education Aids	6008	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$2,325,300	GPR	0.00
Career and Technical Education Incentive Grants	6009	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$3,000,000	GPR	0.00
High Cost Pupil Transportation Aid	6011	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$7,318,400	GPR	0.00
STEM Education	6012	\$70,400	GPR	1.00	\$1,091,800	GPR	1.00
SAGE Reestimate	3013	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$10,866,800	GPR	0.00
School Support Grants	4002	\$114,900	GPR	2.00	\$10,149,000	GPR	2.00
Teacher Recruitment Scholarships	4004	\$0	GPR	0.00	\$0	GPR	0.00
Library System Aid	7007	\$13,796,000	SEG-O	0.00	\$14,084,100	SEG-O	0.00
Appropriation Fund Source Change and Lapse Reduction		\$0	PR-O	0.00	\$0	PR-O	0.00
Retain Teacher Licensing Fee 10 Percent Lapse	7012	\$0	PR-O	0.00	\$0	PR-O	0.00