

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

2013-2015 Biennial Budget Request Highlights



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<u>DIN Title</u>		<u>FY14</u>			<u>FY15</u>		
<u>Higher Expectations, Accountability and Quality</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Source</u>
Next Generation Assessments and ACT Suite Provide funding to school districts 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.	4000	\$1,872,800	2.0	GPR	\$9,619,700	2.0	GPR
Reading Assessment Provide funding to phase in the PALS reading assessment program by adding pupils in grades 4K through 2 over the biennium (as recommended by the Read to Lead Task Force). The reading assessment was first required for kindergarten pupils in the 2012-13 school year in 2011 Wisconsin Act 166.	4001	\$1,496,000		GPR	\$1,351,000		GPR
School Support Grants Provide funding for support efforts in schools meeting certain criteria on the School Report Card under the new school accountability system. Reading and/or math coaches for low performers; dissemination grants for high performers to show others best practices.	4002	\$114,900	2.0	GPR	\$10,149,000	2.0	GPR
Educator Effectiveness 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.	4003	\$6,864,600		GPR	\$6,719,300		GPR
Teacher Recruitment Scholarships Create the High Need Teacher Scholarship Program at the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) to address the immediate need to recruit and retain qualified, diverse teachers in shortage areas and higher poverty school districts.	4004	\$0			\$1,000,000		GPR
<u>Leveraging Technology to Improve Outcomes</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Source</u>
Statewide Student Information System (SSIS) Provide funding to continue to procure, implement, and support the SSIS as required by 2011 WI Act 32, the biennial budget bill. PR-S	5000	\$13,875,900 \$1,449,800	1.0 3.0	GPR PR-S	\$0 \$2,771,700	1.0 3.0	GPR PR-S

authority from per pupil fees charged to districts.

WISEdash/LDS

Provide funding to maintain and develop the department’s data warehouse and reporting system. Provide access to pupil data as pupils transition from early childhood programs through K-12 schools and into post-secondary institutions. Components include development of data models and warehouses to store and integrate student, school, and district information, reporting capabilities, integration of value-added growth data, integration of school report cards, and integration of P-20 National Student Clearinghouse data.

5001	\$4,434,300		GPR	\$4,434,300		GPR
	\$41,900	1.0	PR-S	\$41,900	1.0	PR-S
	-\$41,900	-1.0	FED	-\$41,900	-1.0	FED

WISElearn/Digital Learning

Provide funding to supply educators, pupils, and residents with a cost efficient and easily available forum to access high quality educational tools, content, training, and technological expertise. Funding will be used to implement a statewide digital learning portal to facilitate blended learning environments for educators and pupils. The portal will include a learning management system, curricular and professional development content repository, web-conferencing package, and collaboration space (WISElearn) and provide funding for regional technical support centers.

5002	\$1,450,000	1.2	GPR	\$2,510,000	1.2	GPR
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Fair Funding and School Finance

<u>DIN</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Source</u>
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Fair Funding for Our Future: School Finance Reform

General Equalization Aids—provide 3.75% and 5.4% annual increases in aid to school districts with the FY15 proposal including Fair Funding for Our Future which includes numerous provisions including minimum aid per pupil, weighting for poverty, and the reallocation of the School Levy Tax Credit and the First Dollar Credit currently at the Department of Revenue.
High Poverty Aid—since the Fair Funding proposal in FY15 will weight for poverty, eliminate the program and redirect the \$16.8 mn. in High Poverty Aid to general aid in that year.
Hold Harmless Aid—provide aid to the 5% of districts that would not do better under Fair Funding as compared to current law.
Revenue Limit—increase the per pupil revenue limit adjustment to \$225 per pupil in 2013-14 and \$230 per pupil in 2014-15. These figures represent a 2.2-2.4 percent increase in annual revenues for

6000	\$161,012,200		GPR	\$407,807,800		GPR
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the average school district.

Low Revenue Ceiling—phase-in an increase in the low-revenue ceiling at \$9,300 in FY14 and the \$9,600 in FY15.

Provide a statutory pathway to restore the state’s former two-thirds funding commitment by 2017.

- For the 2014-15 school year, 63 percent.
- For the 2015-16 school year, 64.2 percent.
- For the 2016-17 school year, 65.4 percent
- For the 2017-18 school year, two-thirds.

Supporting Parental Options

Provide funding to fully fund the Milwaukee/Racine Charter Schools Program (MRCSP) under s. 118.40 (2r), Wis. Stats. In addition, provide funding to continue to fund the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) under s. 119.23, Wis. Stats. and the Parental Choice Programs for Eligible School Districts in Racine Unified School District (RPCP) under s. 118.60, Wis. Stats. Include a change in the state’s share of funding for the choice programs from the current 61.6 percent to 70 percent of the annual cost of the programs in FY15.

Finally, modify the eligibility criteria for the Parental Choice Programs for Eligible School Districts under s. 118.60, Wis. Stats. to remove the reference to high poverty aid, while maintaining the requirement that at least 50 percent of the district’s enrollment is eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program.

Special Education Categorical Aid

Provide funding to maintain the estimated FY13 special education categorical aid reimbursement rate of 26.64 percent in FY14 and to increase the reimbursement rate to 28 percent in FY15.

High-Cost Special Education Categorical Aid

Provide funding to increase the estimated reimbursement rate of high-cost special education claims to 55.0 percent in FY14 and 52.3 percent in FY15.

Graduation Improvement Aid

Provide funding to establish a new categorical aid program focused on increasing graduation rates and reducing dropout rates in targeted school districts throughout Wisconsin.

Sparsity Aid

Provide funding to fully fund the sparsity aid categorical grant program at \$300/pupil. In addition, eliminate the free or reduced-

6001	\$28,107,600	GPR	\$60,154,800	GPR
6002	\$17,322,200	GPR	\$56,122,300	GPR
6003	\$1,500,000	GPR	\$1,500,000	GPR
6004	\$0	GPR	\$4,550,000	GPR
6005	\$3,300,500	GPR	\$3,300,500	GPR

<p>priced lunch criteria for districts to qualify for sparsity aid.</p> <p>School Breakfast Aid</p> <p>Provide funding to increase the state reimbursement rate for the School Breakfast Program from 9 to 10 cents for each breakfast served. In addition, provide for reimbursement in (2r) charter schools and the state residential schools.</p>	6006	\$701,700	GPR	\$996,200	GPR
<p>Bilingual-Bicultural Aid</p> <p>Provide funding to maintain the 8 percent state reimbursement rate for bilingual-bicultural education programs in FY14 and increase the reimbursement rate in FY15 to 12 percent.</p>	6007	\$178,000	GPR	\$4,606,200	GPR
<p>Expanded Bilingual-Bicultural Aid</p> <p>Provide funding to award up to \$100 per limited-English proficient (LEP) pupil to districts that have LEP populations below the statutory threshold and thus do not qualify for categorical aid under s. 115.97 (2), (3), and (4), Wis. Stats.</p>	6008	\$0	GPR	\$2,325,300	GPR
<p>Career & Technical Education Incentive Grants</p> <p>Provide funding to establish a new incentive program that encourages school districts to increase the number of pupils graduating high school with an industry recognized credential in key occupations designated as being in highest need of additional skilled workers. The program awards districts \$1,000 for each pupil who graduates from that district with a high need CTE certificate.</p>	6009	\$0	GPR	\$3,000,000	GPR
<p>Pupil Transportation Aid</p> <p>Increase in the reimbursement rate for pupils transported over 12 miles from \$220 to \$275 per pupil in both FY14 and FY15. No additional GPR funds are needed; the base appropriation is projected to be sufficient. In addition, provide funding to fund reimbursement of transportation costs to 2r charter schools.</p>	6010	\$212,000	GPR	\$212,000	GPR
<p>High-Cost Transportation Aid</p> <p>Provide funding to aid school districts whose per member transportation cost is more than 150 percent of the state average.</p>	6011	\$0	GPR	\$7,318,400	GPR
<p>STEM Education</p> <p>Provide funding for grant programs for school districts to enhance STEM course offerings and educational opportunities. In addition, create a new PR appropriation to receive gifts and grants from private citizens, businesses, and organizations intended to promote the department's STEM vision in Wisconsin.</p>	6012	\$70,400 \$0	1.0 GPR PR	\$1,091,800 \$0	1.0 GPR PR
<p>SAGE Reestimate</p> <p>Provide funding to fully fund SAGE grant program at \$2,250 per eligible pupil in FY15.</p>	6013	\$0	GPR	\$10,866,800	GPR

Delete One Time Appropriation Delete funding from this one-time appropriation that was created in 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, Section 9137 (3r) to implement a non-statutory provision in the act.	6014	-\$42,500,000		GPR	-\$42,500,000		GPR
<u>Agency Operations and Libraries</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Source</u>
Program Revenue Reestimates	7000	-\$3,699,600		PR	-\$3,712,400		PR
Federal Revenue Reestimates	7001	\$7,367,600		PR-F	\$2,367,600		PR-F
GED, Pub Sales to Continuing Appropriations Modify the GED and Publication Sales appropriations to 'continuing' to allow the department to more effectively utilize the revenues received for each program.	7002	\$0			\$0		
Convert School Lunch Handling to PR-F & Remove Act 32 Lapse Modify the school lunch handling appropriation to reflect the revenues as federal PR-F instead of PR. Reduce the lapse amount for the department in 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 as a result of including these federal revenues which are not lapsable.	7003	-\$1,475,000		Lapse	-\$1,475,000		Lapse
Repeal ARRA appropriations Repeal two appropriations that the department obtained for the receipt and disbursement of ARRA funds. At the end of FY14, the ARRA funds will be no longer be available.	7004	\$0			\$0		
Special Olympics Aid Restore aid that was removed in 2011 WI Act 32 to Special Olympics Wisconsin.	7005	\$7,500		GPR	\$7,500		GPR
Master Educators and National Teacher Certification Reestimate Provide funding for payments to teachers who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) or certified under the Wisconsin master educator assessment process. The appropriation is sum sufficient, requiring the department to make payments for as many teachers as are eligible in any fiscal year.	7006	\$212,100		GPR	\$479,800		GPR
Library System Aid Provide funding for public library system aid at a 13 percent index level. Current law under s. 43.24 (6), Wis. Stats., requires the department to include a 13 percent index level of funding for the public library systems in its biennial budget request.	7007	\$13,796,000		SEG	\$14,084,100		SEG
Newsline Provide funding to continue fully funding access to newspapers on	7008	\$0			\$400		SEG

a daily basis for people who cannot read print newspapers.					
Badgerlink Provide funding to maintain the current level of services through BadgerLink and increase funding for the contract with the Wisconsin Newspaper Association to replace funding that is no longer covered by the Wisconsin Historical Society.	7009	\$29,900	SEG	\$36,100	SEG
School Library Aids reestimate Provide funding from the Common School Fund for the purchase of library books, other instructional materials, computers, and related software.	7010	-\$5,000,000	SEG	-\$3,000,000	SEG
Library Service Contracts Provide funding to continue four contracts to supplement services provided by the Division for Libraries and Technology: the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL), Wisconsin Library Services (WiLS), the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL), and the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC).	7011	\$22,800	SEG	\$22,800	SEG
Retain Teacher Licensing Fee 10 Percent Lapse The ten percent of teacher licensing fees that is currently lapsed into the general fund will be retained by the department to fund ongoing costs and projects, incremental costs for the online licensing system, and the reallocated positions to support Educator Effectiveness.	7012	-\$349,000	GPR-E	-\$355,500	GPR-E

DPI's full 2013-15 biennial budget request can be found online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/files/pb/pdf/budreq1315.pdf>.