

## News Release

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### DPI distributes \$1.8 billion to Wisconsin schools

*Funding streams provide additional support to students*

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction announced today that in June, the agency distributed a total of \$1.8 billion to schools across the state to support mental health programs in public schools, special education students, transportation costs, and other categorical state aids.

General state aids, including Equalization Aids, is the state's main public K-12 funding program, accounting for \$1.6 billion of the funding. A portion of that, \$110 million, was withheld from districts for their residents enrolled in participating private choice schools and new independent charter schools. Special education aids totaled \$117.1 million, transportation aid allocations equaled \$14.6 million, and other categorical state aids such as Achievement Gap Reduction and Aid for School Mental Health Programs amounted to \$53.1 million.

Among the funding for special education is \$9.4 million in High Cost Special Education Aid. The DPI approved 163 claims submitted by districts and other eligible agencies in Wisconsin for serving 1,394 public school students whose needs were particularly significant and costly. Agencies apply for partial reimbursement of costs for individual students in the prior year, where those costs are in excess of \$30,000 per student and not covered by other state and federal special education funding. For more information about the High Cost Special Education Aid, [visit the DPI's website](#).

Transportation aid included funding for High Cost Pupil Transportation Aid, totaling \$13.5 million. The aid program provides additional funding to Wisconsin school districts that have higher per pupil transportation costs when compared to the statewide average. For more information about the High Cost Pupil Transportation Aid program, [visit the DPI's website](#).

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**NOTE:** A table of specific amounts by type of aid follows this news release. This news release is available electronically at <https://dpi.wi.gov/news/releases/2020/dpi-distributes-funds-to-wisconsin-schools>.

**Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction | School Financial Services**  
**Summary of June 2020 Payments of State School Aids**  
 June 30, 2020

	<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>Percentage of</u>		<u>Who was paid? (note at bottom)</u>	
		<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>		
<b>General State Aids</b>					
Equalization	\$1,474,155,012	90.5%	81.3%	394	Districts
Integration Transfer ("Chapter 220")	\$43,013,031	2.6%	2.4%	25	Districts
Special Adjustment	\$1,725,764	0.1%	0.1%	38	Districts
<b>Aid Withholdings from Districts</b>					
Wisconsin/Racine Parental Choice Programs	\$94,292,502	5.8%	5.2%	275	Districts to Choice Schools
Special Needs Scholarship Program	\$13,075,485	0.8%	0.7%	115	Districts to Choice Schools
New Independent Charter Schools	\$2,640,329	0.2%	0.1%	13	Districts to ICS
<b>Total General State Aids</b>	<b>\$1,628,902,123</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>89.8%</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>Districts</b>
<b>Special Education Aids</b>					
Special Education & School-Age Parents	\$98,633,006	84.2%	5.4%	456	Districts, ICS, CESAs, CCDEBs
High Cost Special Education	\$9,353,798	8.0%	0.5%	163	Districts, ICS, CCDEBs
CCDEB	\$4,067,300	3.5%	0.2%	3	CCDEBs
Transition Incentive Grants	\$3,327,000	2.8%	0.2%	292	Districts, ICS
Supplemental Special Education	\$1,750,000	1.5%	0.1%	12	Districts
<b>Total Special Education Aids</b>	<b>\$117,131,104</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>Districts, ICS, CESAs, CCDEBs</b>
<b>Transportation Aids</b>					
High Cost Transportation	\$13,483,743	92.1%	0.7%	158	Districts
Pupil Transportation	\$1,124,936	7.7%	0.1%	416	Districts, ICS
Transportation Over Ice	\$35,000	0.2%	0.0%	1	District
<b>Total Transportation Aids</b>	<b>\$14,643,679</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>Districts, ICS</b>
<b>Other Categorical State Aids</b>					
Achievement Gap Reduction	\$35,743,977	67.3%	2.0%	197	Districts
School Mental Health Programs	\$6,000,000	11.3%	0.3%	87	Districts, ICS, Choice Schools
State Tuition	\$5,340,862	10.1%	0.3%	20	Districts
School Performance Incentive Grants	\$3,690,600	7.0%	0.2%	39	Districts, ICS, Choice Schools
MPS Summer School Program	\$1,400,000	2.6%	0.1%	1	District
4-Year-Old Kindergarten Grants	\$618,000	1.2%	0.0%	2	Districts
Sparsity Aid	\$147,174	0.3%	0.0%	1	District
SAGE Debt Service	\$133,700	0.3%	0.0%	8	Districts
<b>Total Other Categorical State Aids</b>	<b>\$53,074,313</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>Districts, ICS, Choice Schools</b>
<b>Grand Total June State Aid Payments</b>	<b>\$1,813,751,219</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>Districts, ICS, CESAs, CCDEBs, Choice Schools</b>

Note: The number shown with totals under "Who was paid?" will not equal the numbers for individual aid programs, because in general entities are eligible for multiple programs in the same category.

CESAs are Wisconsin's 12 regional Cooperative Educational Service Agencies.

CCDEBs are the County Children with Disabilities Education Boards in Brown, Calumet, Marathon, and Walworth Counties.

ICS are the public charter schools authorized by independent non-district entities.

Choice Schools are private schools participating in one or more of Wisconsin's four Parental Choice Programs.

Detailed data are available at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid/overview>.