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Public Education

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY & BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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*The list of major funding initiatives does not include all items funded during the 2008 General Session. A comprehensive list is available upon request and will be included in the 2008-2009 Appropriations Report.*



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**BUDGET SUMMARY**

The public education budget represents the largest expenditure category in the state budget. During the 2008 General Session the Legislature increased appropriations supporting public education by approximately \$440 million. The Legislature appropriated nearly \$2.7 billion in state revenues to support the public education system, representing a 4.1 percent increase over the revised FY 2008 state appropriation.

**MAJOR FUNDING INITIATIVES**

**Minimum School Program**

- Weighted Pupil Unit - Legislators increased the Value of the WPU by 2.4% - from \$2,514 to \$2,577 for a total cost exceeding \$59 million.
- Educator Salary Adjustments - increased compensation for qualifying educators by \$1,700, for a total cost of \$57.5 million. Legislators also fully funded the compensation adjustments provided in FY 2008 with an additional \$42 million. Total compensation increase to educators over FY 2008 & FY 2009 is approximately \$4,200.
- Student Enrollment Growth - the projected growth in students was fully funded with over \$34 million for the 12,880 projected new students in Fall 2008.
- Accelerated Learning Programs - \$600,000 for the International Baccalaureate Program and a high-ability student achievement program.
- Charter Schools - altered the Local Replacement Formula to require school districts to participate in funding charter school students for a savings of \$1.1 million to the state. Provided \$100 per student to charter schools for administrative costs and \$1,427 in per student Local Replacement Funding.
- Reimbursement for Teachers - \$10 million for teacher expenditures on classroom supplies and materials.
- Special Educators - \$2.9 million to extend the number of working days for special education teachers.
- USTAR Centers - \$6.9 million for a grant program to extend the school year for math and science teachers.
- Differentiated Pay for Teachers - \$4.6 million to provide additional compensation for math and science teachers that meet defined education-level qualifications.
- English Language Learners - \$5 million for ELL-Family Literacy Centers and \$3 million for ELL software licenses.
- Pupil Transportation - \$3 million to support transporting students to and from school in the districts.
- Capital Outlay Equalization - passed legislation to partially equalize school district capital outlay revenue and increased the state Capital Outlay Foundation and Enrollment Growth programs by \$15 million.

**Education Agencies**

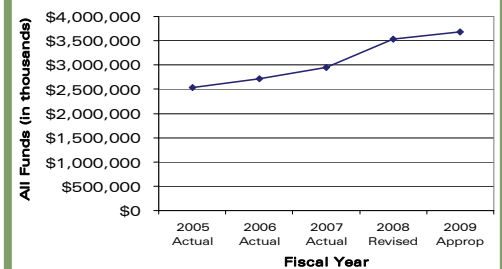
- Early Childhood Program - \$3.5 million to support home-based pre-school education programs using technology.
- Students Education Programs - \$600,000 for Financial & Economic Literacy and the Pro-Start Culinary Program.
- Carson Smith Scholarships - \$2 million for additional optional private school scholarships for special education students.
- Utah Schools for Deaf and Blind - \$404,800 teacher salary base, step & lane increases, \$264,800 for a lease extension, and \$505,200 for the Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center (USIMAC).
- Regional Service Centers - \$83,400 to provide a one-time contract increase in FY 2009.
- Sound Beginnings - \$300,000 to assist infants and young children with hearing loss succeed as they enter public school.
- Art Education - \$200,000 for the Utah Museum of Fine Arts and other POPS providers. \$15,820,000 for the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program - for grants to increase fine art education programs in the public schools.
- Science Education - \$400,000 for Utah Science Center and an increase in statewide outreach services by iSEE providers.

**Total Budget**

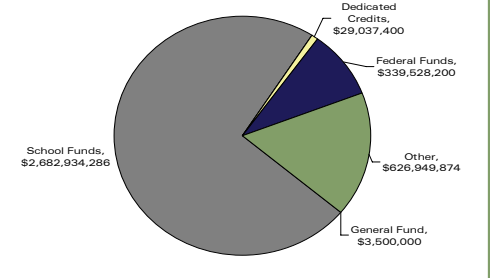
FY 2007 Actual	\$2,954,099,125
State Funds	\$2,127,285,045
FY 2008 Revised	\$3,534,619,829
State Funds	\$2,580,025,308
FY 2009 Appropriated	\$3,681,949,760
State Funds	\$2,686,434,286

Percent Change FY07/FY08 Rev	19.7%
State Fund Increase/(Decrease)	21.3%
Percent Change FY08 Rev/FY09	4.2%
State Fund Increase/(Decrease)	4.1%

**Public Education Budget History**



**Public Education FY 2009 Funding Mix**



**FY 2009 Budget Detail**

- Minimum School Program - \$3,089,131,060
- School Building Program - \$42,288,900
- State Office of Education - \$273,532,000
- Educator Licensing - \$1,465,900
- Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind - \$30,135,300
- USDB Institutional Council - \$611,000
- State Charter School Board - \$6,423,500
- Child Nutrition Programs - \$129,228,300
- Fine Arts Outreach (POPS) - \$3,189,600
- Science Outreach (iSEE) - \$2,089,400
- Education Contracts - \$3,854,800
- Growth in Student Population Restricted Account - \$100,000,000

NOTE: All figures represented in this summary are preliminary. Final appropriation figures, including gubernatorial vetoes, will be reflected in the 2008-2009 Appropriations Report. 3/20/2008 1:48:57 PM