

SEE Summary of the Final 2021 E-12 Education Finance and Policy Omnibus bill

Finance

1. \$463 million in basic formula increases of 2.45% for 2021-22 and 2% for 2022-23 (on-going funding).
2. \$46.5 million to preserve 4000 voluntary pre-kindergarten seats (funding for two years).
3. \$19.7 million to increase the number of teachers of color and American Indians through the following programs.
 - a. \$10 million for Grow Your Own grants for districts to recruit and support school staff working on a teaching degree (on-going funding).
 - b. \$4.5 million for Teachers of Color Mentoring and Retention Incentive Grants (on-going funding).
 - c. \$3 million for the Sanneh Foundation which supports at-risk African American male students. Sanneh has proven success at encouraging interested students to pursue a teaching degree by providing mentoring and resources (one-time funding).
 - d. \$750,000 for the Black Men Teach program (one-time funding).
 - e. \$500,000 for a statewide teacher recruitment and marketing campaign (on-going funding).
 - f. \$400,000 for Come Teach in Minnesota hiring bonuses (on-going).
 - g. \$280,000 for American Indian Teacher Preparation Grants (on-going funding).
 - h. \$250,000 for schools to provide an Introduction to Teaching course with dual high school and college credit (on-going funding).
4. \$10.4 million to reduce the special education cross subsidy, defined as the unfunded cost of providing mandated services (next year only).
5. \$4.5 million to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for defending and mediating lawsuits. (one-time)
6. \$4 million to provide \$2 million per year to reduce the English learners (EL) cross-subsidy (ends after four years).
7. \$4 million for inflationary increases to the operating budgets for MDE, Minnesota State Academies, Perpich Center for the Arts, and the Professional Educators Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) (one-time).
8. \$3 million for LETRS grants to train elementary teachers in science-based proven literacy practices. (one-time).
9. \$1.75 million for staff training in non-exclusionary discipline practices to reduce suspensions and other out of classroom discipline practices. (one-time)
10. \$1.5 million for Girls in Action, which encourages and supports girls of color (one-time funding).
11. \$1 million for a digital well-being grant to provide resources to prevent the detrimental impact of social media on young people (one-time funding).
12. \$1 million for Math Corps tutors (one-time funding).
13. \$375 million for Minnesota Youth Council, an association of students from across the state that advise legislators on student issues (one-time).
14. \$300,000 for specific children's museums statewide (one-time funding).
15. \$265,000 for suicide prevention training grants for teachers and staff (one-time funding).
16. \$150,000 for Minnesota Civics Education Coalition (one-time funding).
17. \$75 million as aid and grants for the Governor's summer learning program as part of the agreement with leadership using federal Covid relief funds.
18. \$70 million for expanding broadband in greater Minnesota (one-time). In the Jobs and Economic Development bill (one-time)
19. \$3 million to establish the Aspiring Teachers of Color Scholarship program. In the Higher Education bill (one-time).

Policy

1. Delays the implementation of all revised academic standards until June 1, 2023, while allowing MDE to continue reviewing and revising academic standards.
2. Requires schools providing instruction on the prevention of suicide or self-harm to use the resources provided by MDE or other evidence-based instruction.
3. Requires schools to have a seizure action plan if serving a student with a seizure disorder and prescribed seizure medication.
4. Requires schools to work with special education students and their families to assess what special education services and supports are necessary to address any lack of progress due to Covid.
5. Requires schools to have a policy relating to absences from school for religious observance.

6. Extends the time to 90 days for districts receiving a grant for Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) programming to adopt a detailed plan.
7. Requires schools to adopt a respectful school lunch policy.
8. Requires a school to notify staff, students, and parents if it receives a notice of environmental hazards.
9. Prohibits a child in preK or kindergarten from using a technology device like a smartphone or tablet unless engaged with a teacher or other students. Does not apply to students with disabilities.
10. Requires schools that are awarded a state-funded grant to describe, measure, and report on how it aligns with its World Best WorkForce plan and federal student accountability systems.
11. Requires a school district to annually report its compensatory revenue expenditures by functional uses in addition to accounting categories.
12. Requires MDE and the Department of Health to streamline reimbursement for behavioral health services for special education children whose families are enrolled in Medical Assistance.
13. Requires charter schools to comply with the corporal punishment statute.
14. Limits the length of a corrective plan MDE can impose on a charter school authorizer and modifies how the authorizer can resolve the corrective action plan.