



Executive Budget Proposal Summary

February 10, 2025

Presentation to the Board of Regents

School Aid Overview

Increase in Aid, year-over-year (in millions)

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Executive Proposal
Foundation Aid	1,668.29	1,464.30
Expense Based Aids	246.09	225.34
Career and Tech Ed	107.58	4.51
New Prek	25.00	-
Total	2,046.95	1,694.14
Non-School Aid FAPE22	18.00	-
College in High School	-	12.20

Foundation Aid Updates



Better reflect student poverty (matches the Regents state aid proposal)

Move from 2000 Poverty to 3-year average of current poverty rates

Replaced free- and reduced meal counts with 'economically disadvantaged' measure



Minor improvements to the state sharing ratio

Increase the maximum state share from 91% to 93%

Positive adjustment to one of the sharing ratio options

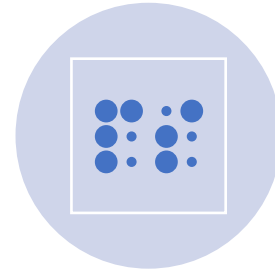


Minimum 2% increase for all districts

Capital Projects



Education Building and Annex: \$23.4 million



School for the Blind: \$4.47 million



School for the Deaf: \$2.994 million



Nation Schools: \$20.099 million

P12: Other Appropriation Changes

Does not continue funding
for state appointed monitors
and fiscal consultant

Elimination of funds for
NYSESLAT updates

Residential School Maintenance Cost Shift

- Makes permanent the elimination of the 18.424% State share of maintenance costs for students who are placed in residential schools by local Committees on Special Education outside of NYC (previously funded in the OCFS budget).
- Increasing the school district's share of costs from 38.424% to 56.848%, at an estimated \$22 million annual cost to school districts.

P12: Universal Free School Meals



Required for all schools in national school meal programs



Schools must adopt Community Eligibility Provision if eligible



State will reimburse difference between federal/state rates

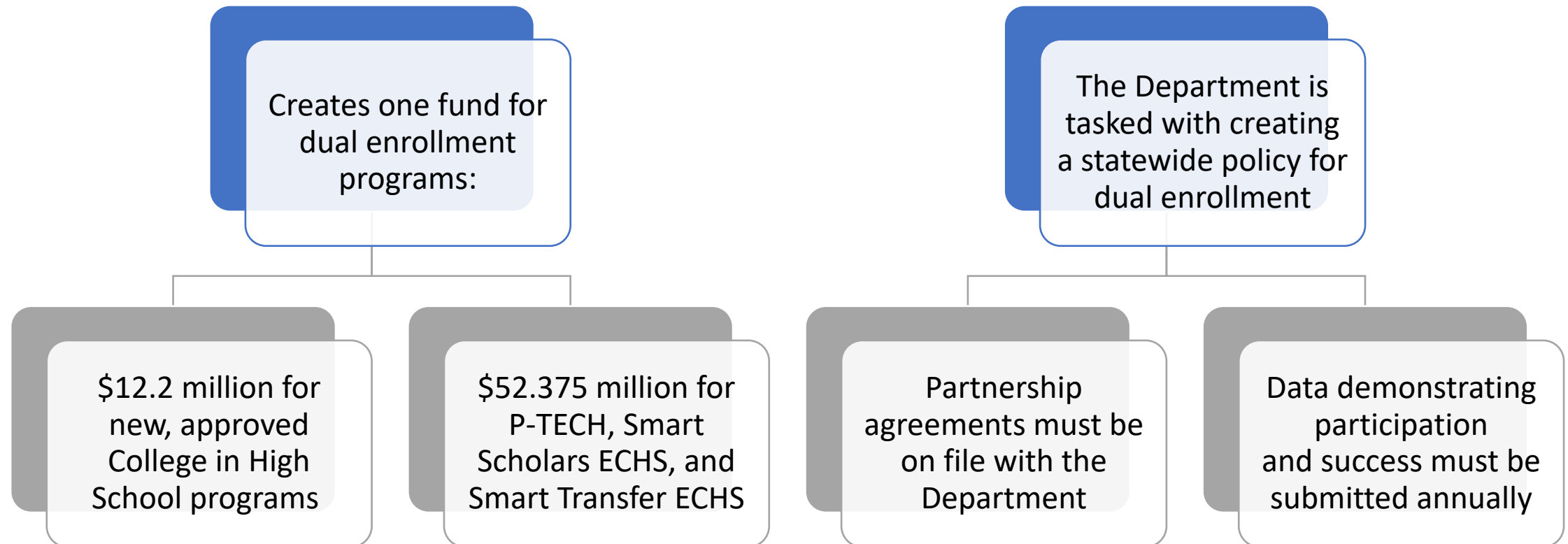


Required minimum of three Direct Certification matches per year

P12: Cell Phone Policy Requirements

- Districts and charter schools must adopt written policy by August 1, 2025
- Prohibits internet-enabled devices during school day
- Exceptions allowed for:
 - Educational purposes
 - Healthcare management
 - Emergencies
 - Translation services
 - IEP/504 requirements
- Policy must include
 - parent contact methods
 - device storage solutions

P12: College in High School Opportunity Fund



Statewide: Cybersecurity Measures

- New reporting requirements for districts and BOCES:
 - 72-hour notification for incidents
 - 24-hour notification when ransom payments are made
 - 30-day detailed report for ransom payments
- Annual cybersecurity training required for state and municipal employees starting January 2026

ACCES

- **Improved Monitoring of Proprietary Schools to Prevent Closures & Illegal Schools that Disrupt Students' Lives:** Two Options: Option 1- Two General Fund Supported FTEs- \$181,268; or Option 2- Funding Transfer from Tuition Reimbursement Account – would support up to 7 FTEs. Not included in the Executive Budget.
- **ACCES Appropriate Changes/State Finance Law Amendments-** Updating appropriation budget language as well as allow for payments to colleges for vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to be exempt from prior approval by the Comptroller when contracting for services above a certain amount. Colleges refusing to sign these contracts or creating delays in the process are causing delays in or denial of critical services to adults with disabilities. Not included in the Executive Budget.

Higher Education: Opportunity Programs

- Reductions to Higher Education Opportunity Programs:
 - HEOP: \$2.14 million reduction
 - STEP: \$954,000 reduction
 - CSTEP: \$723,000 reduction
 - Liberty Partnership: \$1.11 million reduction
- Part-Time TAP: Consolidates 3 part-time TAP programs into a universal program that would expand eligibility criteria and reduce the number of credits per semester in which recipients must be enrolled from 6 to 3 credits.

Higher Education: New York Opportunity Promise Scholarship

Eligible Students may be awarded for up to 10 semesters

- Age 25-55
- Enrolled in a SUNY or CUNY community college
- Students must complete at least 6 credits per semester
- Approved programs for associate's degree in a high demand field, including nursing and teacher shortage areas

Awards up to SUNY resident tuition rate (currently \$5,400)

- May be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and supplies
- Awarded after all other state and federal financial aid

Professions: Proposed Changes

- Transfer of oversight and licensing of physicians, physician assistants, and specialist assistants to DOH
- Nurse Licensure Compact
- Expanded scope for Physician Assistants
 - Independent practice after 8,000 hours
 - Removal of supervision ratio limits
 - Can serve as school health directors
- New authorizations for:
 - Medication Aides (routine medications in residential care facilities)
 - Medical assistants (immunizations)
 - Pharmacists (nicotine dependence)
 - Pharmacy technicians (vaccine administration)
 - Dental hygienists (expanded procedures and collaborative practice)

Cultural Education

Library Construction Aid: \$10 million reduction

DASNY services approved for public library finance and construction

NYS Summer School for the Arts: no funding

New annual report on usage, budget, staffing, assets, and functions

No increase to the recording fee or separate appropriation