

The background features a large, faint, circular seal of the State Education Department of the University of the State of New York. The seal contains the text "THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK" and "THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK" around the perimeter. In the center, there is a crest with an eagle holding a globe, flanked by two figures, and a banner below with the word "EXCELSIOR". The year "1784" is also visible at the bottom of the seal.

Regents Priorities and the Enacted Budget

2024-2025

Enacted Budget Presentation

Board of Regents Meeting
May 2024

2024-2025 Budget Environment

- Board of Regents provided a streamlined list of targeted asks
- Governor and Legislature supported most of the Regents requests

School Aid Increase

Total of \$35.7 billion in General Support for Public Schools

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Executive Proposal	Enacted Budget
Foundation Aid	\$1.27 billion	\$507 million	\$934 million
Expense-Based Aids	\$359 million	\$318 million	\$336 million
Total	\$1.6 billion	\$825 million	\$1.3 billion
Unallocated Supplemental Assistance Grants	\$0	\$100 million	\$0

School Aid

- **Included**
 - Fully fund expense-based aids
 - Operating Reorganization Aid Enhancement (2023-2024 Regents Request)
- **Not Included**
 - Growth Aid for districts with large enrollment increases
 - Foundation Aid enhancements
 - Enhanced CTE funding through BOCES and Special Services Aids
 - Early College Program and Formula
- **Other Provisions**
 - Preserve save harmless
 - Inflation factor at 2.8%
 - Maximum state share to 91%
 - Environmental Bond Act funds cover local share of zero emission bus costs

Capital Needs

- **Not Included**
 - \$19.1 million for department buildings (\$3.4 million provided)
 - \$188.7 million for state owned schools, including nation schools (\$27.6 million provided)
- **Other Provisions**
 - Capital funding for 4201 State Supported Schools for the Blind and Deaf (\$30 million) was included.

Supporting Department Operations

Regent Priorities Included:

- NYS Learning Standards Staff (4 literacy associate, 1 health)
- Zero Emission Bus Staff (3 staff)
- Funds to extend federally funded positions through the extended liquidation period
- Charter School Office funding to maintain staffing levels
- ITS Organizational Capacity (\$3.2 million) for 11 staff plus funds for licensing costs
- Statewide Longitudinal Data System – 5 staff
- Office of Professions Modernization – continued appropriation authority

P-12 Initiatives

Regents Priorities Included:

- NYSESLAT Update (\$4 million)
- Exam Translations (\$500,000)
- Consolidation of three Prekindergarten Expansion Grants
- Corrected Prekindergarten conflicting supplant language
- Tuition Rate Setting Study (\$1.4 million request funded for two additional years)

Regents Priorities Not Included:

- Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education funds (\$954,190)
- Statewide hybrid high school for students in Juvenile Justice settings
- Hold harmless for special ed programs with adults occupying student placements
- Tuition rate growth factor for special ed programs in statute
- Gather agencies to recommend approaches to expanding residential opportunities
- Enhanced Aid to support student with disabilities until age 22 (FAPE)

P-12 Initiatives Cont.

Other Provisions:

- Additional funds for My Brother's Keeper (\$10 million increase)
- Holocaust educational materials (\$500,000)
- Financial Literacy educational materials (\$400,000)
- New Round of P-TECH and Early College High Schools (\$20 million)
- Funding for Monitors & Rochester Fiscal Consultant
- NYSUT and Learning Trust to deliver training to educators on evidence-based instructional practices (\$10 million)

P-12 Initiatives Cont.

Other Provisions:

- Additional funding for STEM programming (\$2.5 million increase)
- Increases for Mandated Services Aid and Comprehensive Attendance Policy reimbursement (\$46.1 million increase)
- Academic Improvement Services (\$500,000 increase)
- Health and Safety Equipment Projects (\$25 million increase)
- New nonpublic arts program grants (\$5 million)

P-12 Initiatives Cont.

Other Provisions:

- NYSED to issue statewide instructional best practices on teaching reading for Pre-K through Grade 3, on or before January 1, 2025, and each district must verify alignment of such
- Department directed to conduct a study of Pre-K funding and recommend modifications- due December 1, 2024
- Ensures school food authorities participating in both the NY Farm to School (30%) Program and Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) State Subsidy receive the full NY Farm to School Program subsidy amount for all lunches served
- Dissolves the Smart Schools Review Board and makes the Department the sole party in the review of and approval or rejection decisions of any remaining Smart Schools Investment Plan proposals.

Higher Education

Regents Priorities Included:

- Opportunity Programs increased slightly (\$1.7 million across 4 programs)

Regents Priorities Not included:

- Teach.org Recruitment Pipeline (\$1.2 million for year one, \$3.7 million over three years)
- Higher Education enhanced supports and services for students with disabilities (held flat at \$4 million)

Other Provisions:

- Bundy Aid - universities are only eligible if their total endowment is less than \$750 million and pro-rates apportionments to appropriation levels
- TAP - eligibility income threshold raised, minimum award increased, and tuition credit extended

ACCES

Regents Priorities Included:

- Federal appropriation increase for Social Security Account
- Updated appropriation language for Adult Literacy Education

Cultural Education

- **Regents Priorities Included**
 - NOVELny (\$3 million)
 - Library Aid (\$4.2 million increase)
 - Library Construction Aid (\$44 million of \$45 million requested)
 - Summer School for the Arts (\$1.2 million of \$2 million requested)
 - Increase for Talking Book and Braille Library Materials (\$235,000 increase)
- **Regents Priorities Not Included**
 - Cultural Education Stabilization \$10 fee or appropriation (\$17 million)
- **Other Provisions**
 - Capital for the cultural education center (\$10 million)
 - Imagination Library Program matching grants (\$500,000)

Professions

Other Provisions:

- Does not authorize New York to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the Nurse Licensure Compact
- No changes to scope of practice for Physician Assistants, Registered Professional Nurses, Medical Assistants, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Pharmacists
- No change to Emergency Medical Services

Other Provisions: Mayoral Control in NYC

- Two-year extension
- New member on Board of Education to serve as chair
- City must receive an audit to demonstrate compliance with:
 - Maintenance of Effort requirement
 - Foundation aid increases do not supplant local funds

Other Provisions: Federal Student Aid Forms

- Each school district must ensure all high school seniors have completed either the FAFSA, New York State DREAM Act application, or submitted a waiver
- Districts must report annually the total number of students under each category beginning July 1, 2025
- Districts must notify each high school senior about scholarships and aid available at least twice a year
- Students will not be penalized or punished if they do not fulfill the requirements of this law, and it will not affect a student's ability to graduate.



Thank you