

2025-2027 BIENNIAL BUDGET

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The Governor's budget was not included in this comparison due to limited budget details available, limiting our ability to provide a detailed comparison between budgets. This stemmed from the transition between administrations during the 2025 Legislative Session. You can read Governor Ferguson's budget priorities [here](#).

	House Proposed All amounts are per biennium unless noted	Senate Proposed All amounts are per biennium unless noted
Early Learning		
	Net -\$216 million	Net -\$301 million
	Increases to funding include:	Increases to funding include:
Childcare and Early Learning Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECEAP rate increase (5% in 2026 and 5% in 2027) Converting 250 ECEAP slots from part-day to full-day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECEAP rate increase (10%) Additional 1,200 full-day ECEAP slots Rate enhancements to Family Childcare providers
Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate enhancements to Family Childcare providers 	
	Decreases to funding include:	Decreases to funding include (SB 5752):
Working Connections Child Care (WCCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminating 2,350 part-day ECEAP slots Eliminating Early ECEAP funding Delaying Fair Start for Kids Act (FSK) commitments, like expansion of ECEAP and WCCC, as well as WCCC rate increases Changing WCCC co-payment structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminating 3,245 part-day ECEAP slots Eliminating Early ECEAP funding Delaying FSK Act commitments, like expansion of ECEAP and WCCC, as well as WCCC rate increases Changing WCCC co-payment structure
Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Program	+\$15 million To increase the funding formula for ESIT (HB 1357)	+\$48 million To increase the funding formula for ESIT (SB 5263)
Transition to Kindergarten	-\$77 million To cap enrollment levels at 2024-25 levels and stop investments in program growth (HB 2012)	-\$75 million To cap enrollment levels at 2024-25 levels and stop investments in program growth (SB 5769)

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K-12: Funding		
Special Education Funding	+\$185 million To increase special education funding and fund a pilot program to implement school-wide inclusive practices (HB 1357)	+\$968 million To increase funding for special education, including removal of the funded enrollment cap (SB 5263)
Other K-12 Education Funding	No Changes	+\$175 million To increase funding for school materials, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC), such as insurance, utilities, and educational materials (SB 5192)
Local Effort Assistance (LEA) (Additional state funding provided to districts that can raise fewer local levy funds due to lower property wealth)	+\$217 million Increases per student LEA funding levels by a total of \$500 over the next two years (HB 2049)	No Changes
Charter Public School Enrichment Funding (Charter public schools are unable to access enrichment levy funds of up to \$3,249 per student in 2025)	No Changes Continues the current funding level of \$1,500 per student for charter public schools in 2025-26 to address their inability to access levy resources totaling \$7.7 million in funding	No Funding Provided
K-12: Student Supports		
Inclusionary Practices Technical Assistance Network Project (IPTN) (Provides professional development to support teachers in adopting and implementing inclusionary practices & includes funding pilot projects to end the use of isolation in schools and reduce the use of restraint)	A permanent funding stream is established in HB 1357 to continue the work of the IPTN	A permanent funding stream is established in SB 5263 to continue the work of the IPTN

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K-12: Student Supports (continued)		
Reduce Restraint and Eliminate Isolation (Supports schools in implementing evidence-based practices that minimize the use of restraint and eliminate the use of isolation in classrooms)	+\$4 million To continue support of <u>Reducing Restraint & Eliminating Isolation (RREI) Project</u> demonstration and pilot sites	No Funding Provided
Homeless Student Stability Program (A grant program to increase districts' capacity to identify and support students experiencing homelessness)	-\$3.8 million To continue the program in a reduced capacity	-\$3.8 million To continue the program in a reduced capacity
Learning Assistance Program (LAP) for High-Poverty Schools (LAP provides additional funding to support the academic and well-being needs of students in high-poverty schools)	No Changes	No Changes
Mental and Behavioral Health	No Changes	+\$1.8 million To expand behavioral health regional services grants to support school districts with the least access to services
Social Workers in Schools	No Changes	-\$1.3 Million Funding that supported the coordination of social worker associates in schools and for supervisors working with local mental health agencies and schools
Student Food Security	+\$17.9 million To fund reimbursements for schools participating in the Community Eligibility Provision	+\$17.9 million To fund reimbursements for schools participating in the Community Eligibility Provision

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K-12: Special Education		
Extending Eligibility for Special Education Services (Due to a 2024 court ruling , Washington state was required to extend eligibility for special education services until a student turns 22)	No Changes	+\$7.8 million To extend eligibility for special education services through the school year a student turns 22 (SB 5253)
K-12: Other Program Areas		
Addressing Discrimination in Schools	+\$100,000 For the Washington state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to ensure compliance with anti-discrimination and gender-inclusive school requirements and policies (HB 1296)	+\$160,000 To add protected classes to nondiscrimination provisions that impact public schools (SB 5123)
Compliance with State Education Laws	+\$642,000 To provide resources to OSPI's Office of Equity and Civil Rights to investigate discrimination complaints	+\$771,000 To establish a complaint process to address willful noncompliance with state education laws (SB 5179)
Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO works to reduce the opportunity gap by supporting families, students, educators, and communities in understanding the public K-12 education system and resolving concerns collaboratively)	-\$1.4 million Reduces funding reflecting currently vacant positions	-\$1.4 million Reduces funding reflecting currently vacant positions
Youth Development (Including mentoring, afterschool, summer school, and expanded learning programs. Budget impacts include non-OSPI programs)	-\$16.5 million In reduced program funding	-\$14.7 million In reduced program funding

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K-12: Other Program Areas (continued)		
Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST) (A mentoring program that supports first and second-year teachers)	No Changes	-\$11.5 million In reduced program funding
Career Connected Learning	-\$8.4 million Reduced funding for coordination and program funding	-\$4.6 million Reduced funding for coordination and program funding
Student Aid Outreach and Completion Initiative	-\$850,000 Eliminates funding for the Initiative	+\$520,000 To expand the pilot to include participating community and technical colleges located in North Central Educational Service District
Persistently Low-Achieving Schools (The program that supports the creation and operation of a differentiated system of school improvement activities, as well as the operation of the Required Action District program)	No Changes	-\$29 million To eliminate the program providing support to schools designated as needing the most improvement
K-12 Grant Programs (Schools and districts can receive a variety of grants that fund training, student supports and services, and adoption of new practices)	-\$138 Million By eliminating all existing K-12 grant and pass-through programs starting in July 2025	-\$49 Million By eliminating all existing K-12 grant programs starting in July 2026
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)	-\$1.8 Million A budget cut to OSPI base funding. OSPI will determine how to implement this funding reduction	-\$4.3 Million A 6% budget cut to the agency. OSPI will determine how to implement this funding reduction

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Educational Service Districts (ESD) (ESDs aid in providing professional development, technical assistance, and other services to support the public school system)	-\$1.8 Million Reduces funding for travel-related expenses. ESDs will determine how to adjust to the reduced funding	-\$8.6 Million Reduces staffing and administrative funding. ESDs will determine how to adjust to the reduced funding
Higher Education		
Higher Education Tuition (The maximum tuition increase for public universities in 2025-26 under current law is expected to be 3.3%)	Makes no changes Allows for tuition increases of up to 3.3% for 2025-26	Allows for tuition increases of up to 8.3% for 2025-26
State Higher Education Funding	-\$73 Million Funding is reduced by 2% for all institutions and the state suspends inflation adjustments	-\$40 Million Funding is reduced by 1% for all institutions
Washington College Grant (WCG) (Only includes the impact of policy changes to the WCG program from current law)	+\$22 million Increases award amounts for students up to 60% of the median family income	-\$8 million Makes temporary increases to some award amounts in 2025-26 and reduces award amounts for students above 55% of the median family income starting in 2026-27
Bridge Grants (Can be used to help cover the cost of books and other higher education expenses beyond tuition and fees for WCG recipients)	-\$55 million Eliminates Bridge Grants	-\$28 million Eliminates Bridge Grants starting in 2026-27

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Higher Education (continued)		
College Bound Scholarship	-\$7.5 million Reduces <u>College Bound</u> award amounts for the next two years	-\$9 million Requires <u>College Bound</u> recipients to use scholarship funds within six years and reduces the award amounts
Career Technical Education (CTE) Dual Credit	+\$616,000 To extend a pilot program to increase CTE dual credit participation and credit attainment (<u>HB 1273</u>)	No Funding Provided
New Revenue		
New Revenue Proposals to Address State Budget Shortfall Each budget proposal assumes these new revenue proposals will pass. These projected amounts were already used to calculate the proposed level of services included in these proposals (Includes new revenue over the 4-year budget outlook)	+\$16 Billion Through a <u>series of new revenue proposals</u>	+\$17 Billion Through a <u>series of new revenue proposals</u>

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