

2026 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

SUMMARY



The 2026 supplemental budget makes adjustments to the 2025-27 biennial budget and impacts funding for the remainder of the biennium, which ends in June of 2027. The amounts below are in addition to funds that have already been appropriated in the 2025-27 budget. In the [final budget agreement](#), all amounts are per biennium unless noted.

Early Childhood Education	
Working Connections Child Care (WCCC)	<p>-\$152 million</p> <p>Decreases to WCCC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elimination of enhanced regional rates in four counties- Makes changes to attendance-based provider reimbursements
Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) Expansion	<p>+10,000 ECEAP Slots</p> <p>Funded by private contributions through Senate Bill 5872</p>
Childcare Reimbursement Rate Study	<p>Not Included</p>
Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Program	<p>No Changes</p>
Transition to Kindergarten	<p>-\$25 million</p> <p>Limits funding for Transition to Kindergarten to what is specified in the operating budget (Senate Bill 6260)</p>

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K-12: Funding	
<p>The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)</p>	<p>-\$695,000</p> <p>Reduces funding for statewide programs at OSPI by 6%</p>
<p>Local Effort Assistance (LEA)</p> <p>(Additional state funding provided to districts that can raise fewer local levy funds due to lower property wealth)</p>	<p>-\$27 million</p> <p>Eliminates a temporary increase in per-student LEA funding for eligible districts that was provided in the 2025-2027 operating budget</p>
<p>Charter Public School Enrichment Funding</p> <p>(Charter public schools cannot access enrichment levy funds, which can total up to \$3,838 per student. To help offset this gap, the legislature provides \$1,500 per student in supplemental funding)</p>	<p>No Funding Provided</p>
K-12: Student Supports	
<p>Homeless Student Stability Program</p> <p>(A grant program to increase districts' capacity to identify and support students experiencing homelessness)</p>	<p>+\$1.2 million</p> <p>Continues current funding levels for the 2026-27 school year</p>

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K-12: Student Supports (continued)	
<p>Reducing Restraint and Eliminating Isolation</p> <p>(Supports schools in implementing evidence-based practices that minimize the use of restraint and eliminate the use of isolation in classrooms)</p>	<p>+\$400,000</p> <p>To expand the number of demonstration sites participating in the Reducing Restraint & Eliminating Isolation (RREI) Project</p>
<p>Youth Behavioral Health</p> <p>(The Washington Thriving strategic plan includes a 10-plus-year roadmap to build infrastructure, fill gaps and iterate, scale statewide, and provide continuous improvement in youth behavioral health)</p>	<p>\$0</p> <p>Sets the Washington Thriving strategic plan as the framework for the state and leverages private funds to help coordinate implementation (House Bill 2429)</p>
<p>School Based Health Care Services Program</p> <p>(Reimburses schools for Medicaid covered services for Medicaid eligible students. Eligible services must be included as part of a student's IEP or Individualized Family Service Plan)</p>	<p>No Changes</p> <p>Proposed cuts were not included in final budget</p>

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<p>Artificial Intelligence, Student Discipline, and Surveillance in Public Schools</p>	<p>Did not Pass</p> <p>Would have placed prohibitions on the use of automated decision systems, facial recognition services and other school surveillance technology, or biometric data to make certain decisions (Senate Bill 5956)</p>
<p>Graduation Success Program</p> <p>(Provides students in foster care with education advocates who help keep them on track to graduate high school)</p>	<p>+\$3.5 million</p> <p>Restores partial funding in 2026-27 to support foster youth that was defunded in the 2025-26 school year</p>
<p>Ninth Grade Success</p> <p>(Provides support and coaching for teachers to improve early identification of students who are struggling to pass their classes so that those students stay on track to graduate)</p>	<p>\$1.5 million</p> <p>To continue current funding levels for the 2026-27 school year</p>
<p>Dual Language Grants</p> <p>(In dual language programs, students in PreK-12 learn content, language and literacy in English and a partner language)</p>	<p>\$1.25 million</p> <p>Provides a reduced funding level for Tribal and dual-language programs in 2026-27</p>

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Student Food Security	<p>No Additional Funding</p> <p>(Language in Senate Bill 6346 – Tax on Millionaires includes intent to provide access to free breakfast and lunch for all K-12 students)</p>
<p>High School and Beyond Plan</p> <p>(The High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) is a process for students, parents, and teachers to guide students through high school and think about their future)</p>	<p>+\$1.8 million</p> <p>To enhance district support in providing students a common online platform for the HSBP process</p>
K-12: Special Education	
Individualized Education Program (IEP) Transition Plans	<p>+\$164,000</p> <p>To ensure that the online systems for IEPs and High School and Beyond Plans are integrated (Senate Bill 5969)</p>
Special Education Community Complaints	<p>+\$16,000</p> <p>To extend the number of years OSPI is required to maintain an online records related to special education community complaints from 5 years to 20 years (Senate Bill 6268)</p>
K-12: Other Program Areas	
Educator Professional Development	<p>No Changes</p>
Running Start	<p>-\$7 million</p> <p>Reduces Running Start per-student funding levels. Reduction lasts for only two years if Senate Bill 6346 remains in effect (Senate Bill 6260)</p>

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K-12: Other Program Areas (continued)	
<p>Student Mobile Devices</p>	<p>+\$72,000</p> <p>For OSPI to report on policies and procedures adopted by public schools for limiting student use of mobile devices during instructional hours (Senate Bill 5346)</p>
<p>Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST)</p> <p>(A mentoring program that supports first and second-year teachers)</p>	<p>-\$2.3 million</p> <p>Eliminates funding for second year teacher supports</p>
Higher Education	
<p>State Higher Education Funding</p>	<p>-\$5.4 million</p> <p>Reductions to higher education funding, including two- and four- year institutions</p>
<p>Addressing the Reduction in State Financial Aid for Private Four-Year Not-for-Profit Institutions</p> <p>(Legislation passed in 2025 (SB 5785) reduced award amounts from state based financial aid programs starting in the 2026-27 academic year)</p>	<p>No Changes</p>

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New Revenue	
Net New Revenue for the 2025 – 2027 Biennium	+\$36 million
Net New Revenue for the 2027 – 2029 Biennium	+\$2.2 Billion Establishing a tax on millionaires (Senate Bill 6346)