

State Education Funding: A Look at the Details

[To see your district/CTC specific numbers use this link](#). The PDE landing page has links to BEF, SEF, Ready to Learn, and CTC subsidy funding data for the proposed budget (2026-27) and for the current year.

BEF—Governor Shapiro's proposed 2026-27 fiscal year budget includes \$8,312,444,000 for the Basic Education Funding (BEF) appropriation. This amount is a \$50 million (0.61%) increase over the 2025-26. The BEF increase is essentially a break even funding level for schools. The student weighted component of the funding will provide an additional \$375 million. Use the link above to see the combined BEF and student weighted funds by district. The increases range from a low of 1% to a high of 12% with a median of 4%.

SEF—The proposed 2026-27 fiscal year budget includes \$1,576,815,000 for the Special Education (SEF) appropriation. This amount is a \$50 million increase (3.27%) over the current year. Six districts will see a cut in their current year funding level. The maximum increase is 10.5%.

RTL Block Grant—The budget proposal includes \$1,948,481,000 for the Ready to Learn Block Grant, which is a \$565 million increase (40.84%) over the 2025-26 fiscal year appropriation. The proposed budget includes:

- \$1,383,402,000 for Ready to Learn Block Grant Foundation
- \$526,440,000 to provide an additional adequacy investment for K-12 education
- \$6,437,000 to provide an additional minimum adequacy supplement for K-12 education
- \$32,202,000 to provide an additional tax equity supplement for K-12 education

The RTL Block Grant combines the Adequacy and Tax Equity Supplements and adds the funding to the base from last year. Combined, the median increase is 37% per district. Thirty three districts will see increases of 50% or more.

Only 18 districts will not receive Adequacy Supplement payments. The other 482 district will share about \$533 million. The minimum funding is \$50,000. Fifty districts will receive Tax Equity Supplement funding totaling \$32.2 million.

The House Democratic Appropriations Committee has provided an estimate of the potential reduction of cyber charter tuition payments by districts. [Use this link to see the last column of this spreadsheet for your numbers.](#)