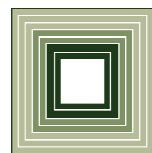


# **North Carolina Virtual Public Schools Budgetary Information**

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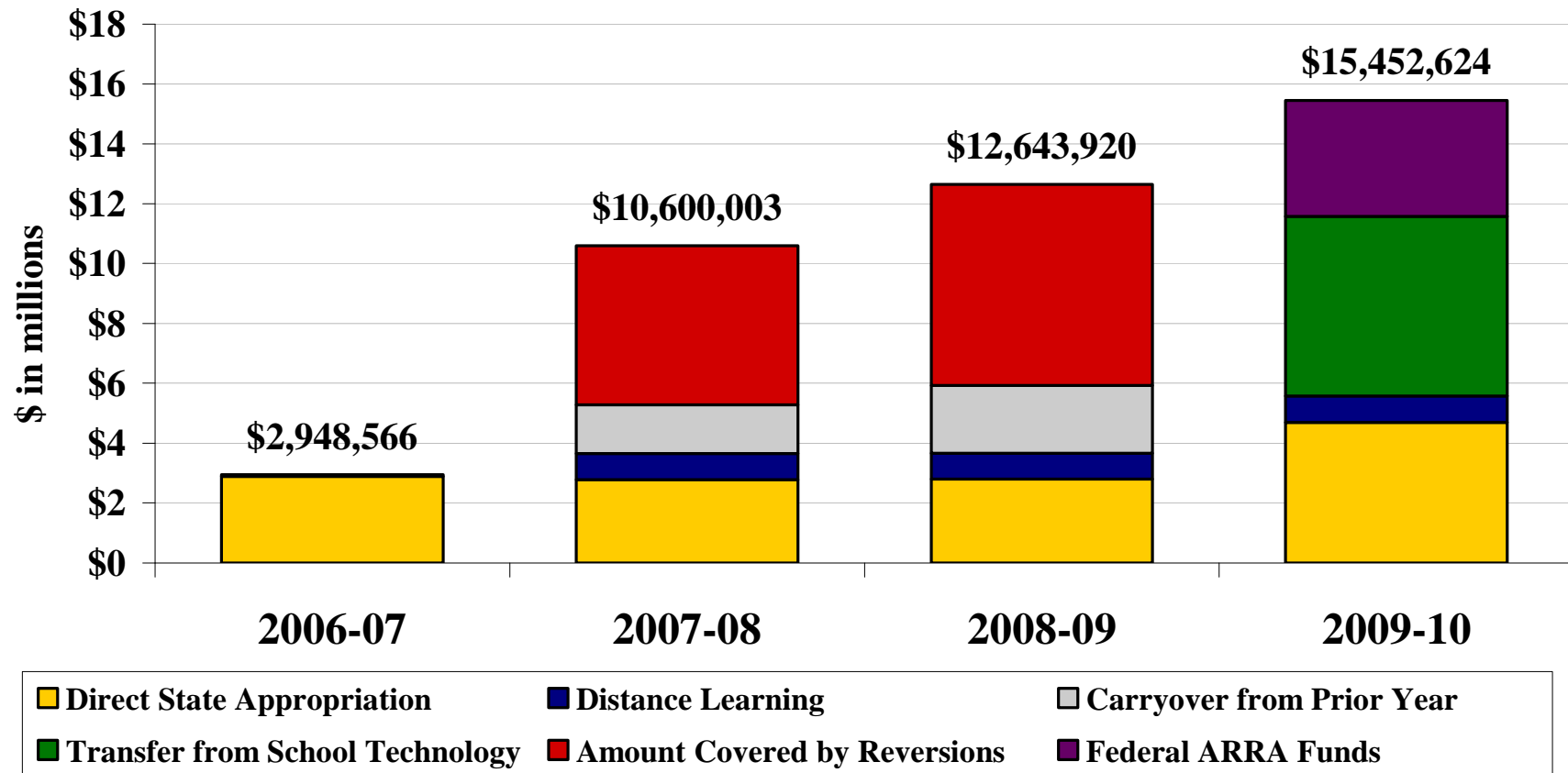
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# Funding History

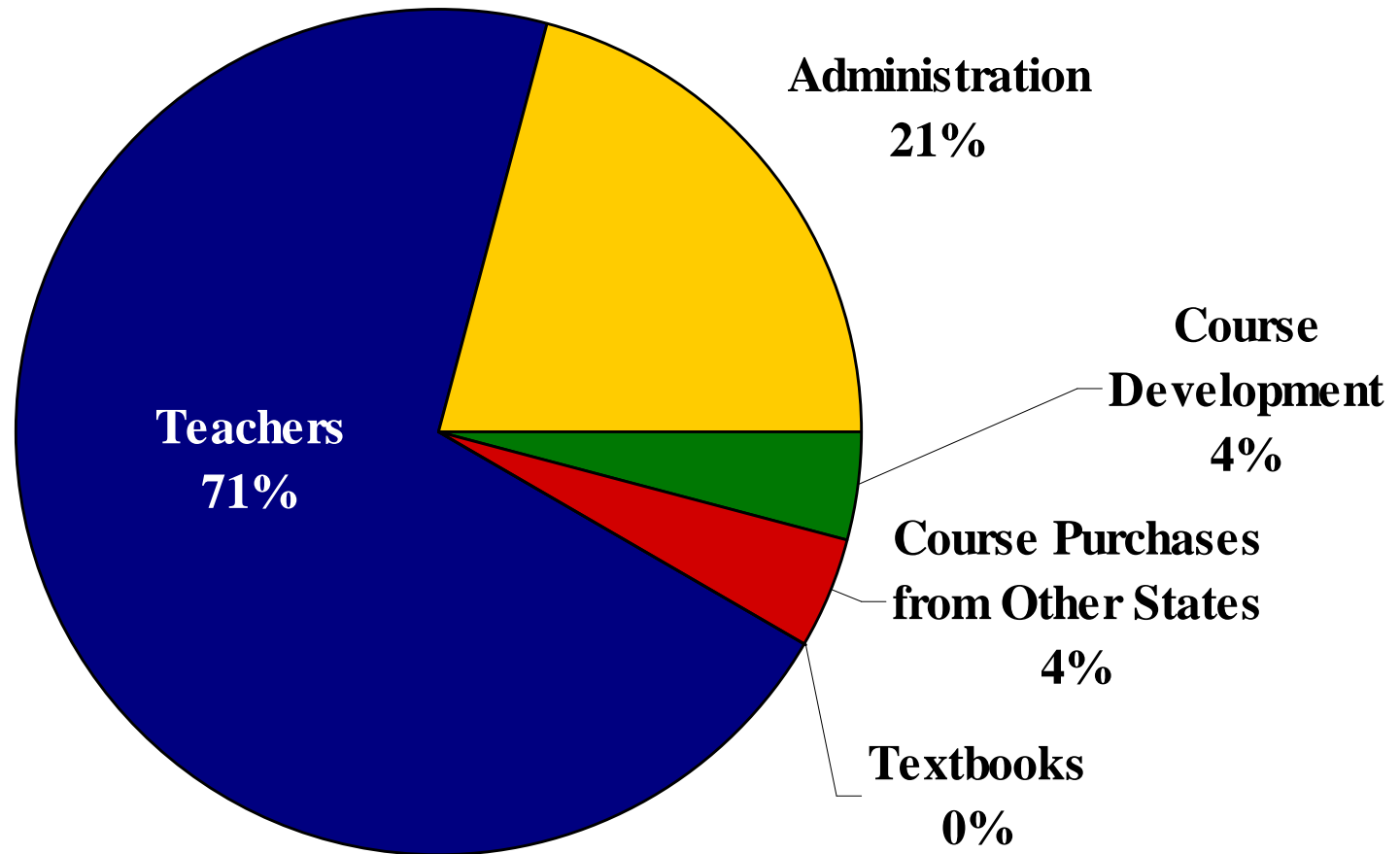
## NCVPS - Historic Sources of Funding



	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Classes Provided	673	682	3,282
Number of Teachers	346	434	933
Number of Students	16,579	16,493	36,468

# NCVPS Expenditures

**NCVPS Expenditures 08-09**  
(total \$10,137,491)



# Teacher Pay & Course Limits

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- Per student pay rates
  - \$200 per student for summer courses/credit recovery
  - \$350 per student for semester or block courses
  - \$400 per student for year-long courses
  - Each class limited to 30 students
- Course limits (waivers allowed)
  - Full-time teachers – 2 courses per fiscal year
  - Part-time (contract) teachers – 8 courses per fiscal year
- Salary cannot exceed \$85,000 per year without a waiver
- Payment via two checks: 1 after drop/add, 1 after course completion

# NCVPS Access/Tuition

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- NCVPS courses are provided at no charge for public school students
- 2009 Budget directed State Board to report its policy for nonpublic school students
  - Dec 2009: SBE made decision to begin charging tuition to nonpublic school students taking NCVPS courses
  - March 2010: State Board discusses 5 options
    - Semester course tuitions ranging from \$375 to \$450
  - Decision expected at April 2010 State Board meeting regarding tuition rates

# Issues for 2010 Session

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## Implementing a Formula

- GA required that SBE present a funding formula:
  - Realize savings that accrue since VPS students are not in a face-to-face classroom
  - Create a sustainable funding source as enrollment continues to grow
- SBE proposal:
  - Project number of courses in future years
  - Multiply by \$247 (marginal cost per course)
- GA will consider SBE proposal, among other options

# Issues for 2010 Session

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## Expansion to K-8

- Currently, NCVPS limited to high school courses
- Governor's 2009 Budget recommended expanding into lower grades
- 2010 Session, General Assembly will likely continue to weigh costs and benefits of expanding offerings to lower grade levels