

Education Budget: Funding for K-12 Special Programs

Program	Year Started	FY 2022 Budget	Notes	Recent Report/Presentation
External Programs				
Teach for America	1997	\$6,000,000	Grant to a non-profit that places non-traditionally prepared teachers in economically disadvantaged schools.	Due yearly January 1
Communities in Schools	1997	\$2,446,750, plus \$70,000 NR for Cape Fear	Grant to a dropout-prevention program that provides summer learning opportunities and performance learning centers.	Presentation to JELOC in March 2014
NC Association of School Business Officers (NCASBO)	2021	\$2,225,000	Contract between DPI and NCASBO to provide technical and strategic assistance to public school units on using financial resources.	
12th-Grade Transition Pilot	2021	\$1,500,000 NR	Authorizes a contract between DPI and MyScholar LLC to create a platform that helps students and parents prepare for 12th-grade transition to high-demand careers.	
Economics and Financial Literacy	2019	\$1,063,000 NR	A partnership with the North Carolina Council on Economic Education to provide professional development for teachers teaching economic and financial literacy courses.	
Beginnings for Parents	2001	\$1,004,216	To assist parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing as well as deaf parents with hearing children and the professionals serving them from birth through age 21 by providing information and support to empower them as informed decision makers.	PED Program Inventory

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Life Changing Experiences	2017*	\$500,000 NR	A contract with the Children and Parent Resource Group, Inc. to provide a pilot program of 3D and interactive multimedia experiences to discourage teenagers from engaging in dangerous activities.	Due March 1, 2022
Muddy Sneakers	2016*	\$500,000 NR	A directed grant to provide experiential field instruction in science to 5th graders.	
NC STEM Network	2017*	\$500,000 NR	A partnership with the North Carolina Eastern Alliance Corporation to expand STEM education programs from 10 to 29 counties.	
Schools that Lead	2018	\$350,000	A pilot contract with Schools that Lead, Inc. to provide professional development to teachers and administrators to help at-risk students.	External and Internal Reports; 3-year external report received in 2021
Troops to Teachers	1994	\$149,996	Provides tuition assistance to veterans who are pursuing licensure as a teacher in return for a three-year teaching commitment.	2013 Report
Roanoke Ecological Science Camp Program	2021	\$50,000 NR	A directed grant to the Vanguard Educational Institute to provide hand-on educational experiences in ecology on Roanoke Island during the summer.	

*Program has not been funded continuously.

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State-Run Programs				
Excellent Public Schools Act	2013	\$66,536,607 plus \$6,500,000 NR in FY 2021-22 and \$5,500,000 NR in FY 2022-23	Funding to improve literacy, specifically in grades K-3, including summer reading camps and other literacy interventions.	Annually by December 15th
Test Bonuses	2017	\$37,800,000	Teachers are given a bonus based on the number of their students who score proficient/passing/well on AP, IB, CTE, and some EOG tests. This bonus was not given in Jan of 2021 due to testing disruptions in Spring 2020 as a result of the pandemic. The money was instead used to give an across-the-board bonus to all teachers and instructional support of \$350.	Annually by March 15th
School Connectivity	2006	\$36,554,912	Provide internet and classroom wifi to all schools in the state, work with the Federal e-rate program.	Annually by Jan. 15th
Virtual Charter Schools Pilot	2014	Funded out of SPSF as other charters, last year \$32,905,746	Authorizes two virtual, public charter schools to operate statewide. Both schools currently enroll students from K-12. Enrollment limits were increased in the 2020-21 school year as part of COVID response.	Next Report due Nov. 15, 2022

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Cooperative and Innovative High Schools (CIHS) and Regional Schools	2004	\$28,400,000	High schools created with an LEA and a college or university that target at-risk students. Students generally can earn college credits for their courses.	Annually by March 15th
School Resource Officers (SROs)	2013 (expanded in 2018 and 2019)	\$18,000,000	The State provides a grant for LEAs to employ additional SROs in elementary and middle schools.	Annually by March 1
AP Test Fees	2014	\$9,331,184	The State covers all Advanced Placement (AP) test fees for students enrolled in an AP course.	Annually by December 15th
CTE Test Fees	2010	\$7,802,243	For students who take Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, the State covers testing costs necessary in order to receive official credentials from professional organizations.	Annually by March 15th

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Digital Learning Grants	2016	\$3,815,156	Grant program between DPI and the Friday Institute to provide grants to LEAs that are starting innovative projects in using technology.	State Board Presentation
Advanced Teaching Roles/Teacher Comp Models	2016	\$3,540,000	A program that allows highly effective teachers to earn additional pay by mentoring beginning teachers or taking responsibility for additional students. Designed to create opportunities for advancement in teaching and to help with teacher retention.	Annually by Oct. 15th
Private Residential Treatment Facilities	2014	\$3,200,000	Money is transferred to DHHS to provide services for students who have been placed in private residential treatment facilities for psychiatric services.	Annually by Jan. 15th
School Breakfast	2011	\$2,017,761	Covers the out-of-pocket cost for all students eligible for reduced-priced meals for school breakfasts.	Presentation to the House Select Committee on Childhood Obesity
IB Test Fees	2014	\$1,500,000	The State covers International Baccalaureate (IB) test fees for students enrolled in the IB program.	Annually by Dec. 15th

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Computer Science	2018	\$1,073,125 plus \$2,500,000 NR in FY 2021-22	To create NC computer science standards and increase the teaching of computer science in NC public schools, especially to female and minority students.	Dashboard
Coding & Mobile App Grant	2017	\$800,000	Provides grants to schools to offer coding and application development courses with real-world business projects.	Annually by Sept. 15th
School Bus Stop-arm Cameras	2009	\$690,000	Equips school buses with video cameras in order to prosecute drivers who do not stop when a school bus stop-arm is extended.	Pilot Report
Career and College Ready Graduates	2015	\$546,500	A program between DPI and the NC Community College System that aims to ensure all graduating seniors are prepared for community college courses and provides remedial services to those who need them.	Annually by March 15th
Innovative School District (ISD)	2016	\$434,173 supplemental (also receive ADM funding)	Created as a non-geographic school district to work with consistently low-performing schools to develop innovative models in order to improve performance. Although many schools were eligible to join in the school year, the district has only one school. The 2021 Appropriations Act phases out the ISD.	Annually by Jan. 15th

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TAs to Teachers	2016	\$300,815, plus \$575,000 NR	Reimburses tuition in teacher preparation programs for current teaching assistants that are pursuing licensure as a teacher.	Annually by Sept. 1st
Feminine Hygiene Products	2021	\$250,000 NR	A one-year pilot program to provide public school units with grants for feminine hygiene products for students.	Due March 15, 2022
TeachNC	2021 (taken over from nonprofit)	\$100,000 R/\$880,000NR	Online platform designed to help prospective teachers earn a teaching credential and find employment in NC public schools.	Annually by March 15
Even Start Family Literacy	1988	\$78,567	Collaboration between LEAs and nonprofits to support families from birth to age 7. Provides family-based services and early childhood education. Supported also by federal funds.	Overview of Early Childhood Programs