

2021-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET

SUMMARY



This biennial budget ([Senate Bill 5092](#)) is especially complicated given the recently passed federal legislation, ARPA, which directed billions of federal funding to Washington state that has been included. Though these funds are substantial and allowed many additional programs to be supported or created, these funds are a one-time infusion of funding from the federal government. This means many of these newly funded programmatic areas may not be funded in future budget cycles, unless the state finds another way to fund these programs. All amounts are per biennium, unless noted.

Early Childhood Education	
<p>Expanding access to the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and Working Connections Child Care (WCCC)</p> <p>(Federal and State funding allocated through the Fair Start for Kids Act and/or other investments)</p>	<p>ECEAP: Increases the subsidy rate by 10% and adds 500 new slots in the 2021-22 school year and 750 new slots in the 22-23 school year</p> <p>WCCC: Increases income eligibility from 200% FPL (approx. 50% of SMI) to 60% SMI, increases the subsidy rate to 85% of market rate, and restructures and temporarily caps copayments</p> <p>FPL = Federal Poverty Line SMI = State Median Income</p>
<p>Emergency Assistance for Child Care</p> <p>(Federal funding)</p>	<p>+\$400 million</p> <p>For child care stabilization grants</p>
K-12: Response to COVID-19 Pandemic	
<p>Response to Lost Instructional Time</p> <p>(Federal and State funding)</p> <p><i>Does not include \$1.7 billion in recent federal funding to districts</i></p>	<p>+\$237.1 million</p> <p>One-time funding to support impacts of lost instructional time, including summer enrichment and after school activities</p>

2021-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET

SUMMARY



K-12: Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (continued)	
<p>School District Budget Stabilization for the 2020-21 School Year</p> <p><i>Includes funds from current and upcoming biennium</i></p>	<p>+\$126.7 million</p> <p>To address reduced student enrollment in school districts for the 2020-21 school year</p> <p>+\$151 million</p> <p>One-time increase in funding to support student transportation for the 2020-21 school year</p> <p>+\$16.2 million</p> <p>One-time funding to ensure districts receive at least \$500 per student in COVID-19 relief funding when combined with federal funding</p> <p>+\$14.2 million</p> <p>To reimburse school districts for providing nutrition services during the pandemic</p>
<p>Digital Divide</p>	<p>+\$47.5 million</p> <p>To expand connectivity for K-12 students and to support students and districts in acquiring and supporting the use of learning devices (House Bill 1365)</p>
K-12: Student Supports	
<p>Language Access</p>	<p>+\$592,000</p> <p>To continue the work of the Language Access Workgroup and provide technical assistance to districts aligned with the 2020 workgroup report</p>
<p>Learning Assistance Program (LAP)</p>	<p>+\$275,000</p> <p>Provides increased flexibility for districts, enables more community partnerships, and supports implementation of the WA Integrated Student Supports Protocol (House Bill 1208)</p>

2021-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET

SUMMARY



K-12: Student Supports (Continued)	
Institutional Education	+\$4.5 million To support differentiated instruction including support for student Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs), providing educational advocates at institutions with more than 40 students, and to support implementation of House Bill 1295
Guidance Counseling	+\$51.6 million To increase access to guidance counseling support in high-poverty elementary, middle, and high schools starting in 2022-23
Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) (A framework that uses targeted behavioral, social emotional, and academic services to support students)	+\$760,000 To support district implementation of MTSS
Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness	+\$12 million To support students experiencing homelessness to attend school and participate in school activities, including providing wraparound supports
Inclusive Practices Pilot Project	+\$12 million To continue supporting schools and districts in the adoption of inclusive practices
K-12: Special Education	
Special Education Funding (Federal funding)	+\$52.7 million To support special education

2021-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET

SUMMARY



K-12: Special Education (continued)	
Transition Services	+\$24 million Extending eligibility for transition services of students turning 21 during the last two school years and not graduating with a regular diploma
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)	+\$75,000 To hire a special education parent and family liaison
K-12: Other Program Areas	
School Lunches	+\$8.9 million Expanding the elimination of student co-pays for the reduced-price lunch program from the current K-3 to K-12
Supporting Paraeducators	+\$14.8 million To provide two days of professional development per year and to create online training in community, family, and student engagement
Climate Science Education	+\$600,000 To develop open access climate science educational curriculum for use in teacher prep programs
School Nurses and Regional Safety Centers	+\$16.9 million Funding for the School Nurse Corps to support small school districts and increase staffing at regional safety centers

2021-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET

SUMMARY



Higher Education	
Guided Pathways	<p style="text-align: center;">+\$15.9 million</p> <p>To support programs designed to improve student success with redesigned academic programs and expanded academic advising and student services</p>
Advance Equity at Public Higher Education Institutions	<p style="text-align: center;">+\$5.1 million</p> <p>To provide funding to support diversity, equity, and inclusion work (Senate Bill 5227)</p>
Passport to Careers	<p style="text-align: center;">+\$12.1 million</p> <p>Provide grants, mentorship, and student support services to college students or apprentices who have experienced foster care or homelessness</p>
Emergency Assistance Grants	<p style="text-align: center;">+\$8 million</p> <p>To provide monetary aid to students at community and technical colleges who experience unforeseen situations that impact their ability to attend class</p>
New Revenue	
Capital Gains Tax	<p style="text-align: center;">Up to +\$500 million per year</p> <p>In the Education Legacy Trust Account to fund education and early learning in Washington, per Senate Bill 5096</p>