

NEVADA LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REPORT

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

Fiscal Years
2017-18 and 2018-19



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According to the Department of Education, the hold harmless provision for eligible school districts and charter schools increased the state's responsibility by \$13.7 million for the 2015-17 biennium compared to the hold harmless costs of \$26.7 million for the 2013-15 biennium. Due to the uncertainty of projected enrollments, the cost of the hold harmless provision is not budgeted in the DSA.

Positions and Salaries

To determine the number of employees needed to accommodate increased enrollment, actual student-employee ratios for each major job classification were calculated in the FY 2016 base year. Position counts for each year of the 2017-19 biennium were computed by maintaining the same student-employee ratio in each job classification. The approved budget anticipates that an additional 873 and 273 licensed, instructional personnel will be needed in FY 2018 and FY 2019, respectively, to maintain the FY 2016 average of 21.8 student-to-teacher ratio. The increased number of teaching positions in FY 2018 reflects the transition of the categorical FDK program into the Nevada Plan funding formula beginning in FY 2018.

In addition to the actual expenditures in FY 2016, the adjusted base budget for the DSA includes "roll-up" costs of 2.0 percent each year to cover merit increases for attaining additional education and for additional years of service. Inclusive of the approved transfer of the FDK program into the Nevada Plan funding formula, the cost of the 2.0 percent roll up is approximately \$164.8 million over the 2017-19 biennium. The Governor did not recommend, nor did the Legislature approve, cost-of-living salary adjustments (COLAs) for school district and charter school employees for the 2017-19 biennium.

Average teacher salaries are impacted by the number of teachers who leave service, the number of new teachers hired, the number of teachers who are no longer eligible for merit adjustments, and collective bargaining agreements. The following table provides the actual and projected statewide average teacher salaries and benefits, inclusive of the 2.0 percent roll up, for FY 2016 through FY 2019:

Statewide Average Teacher Salaries and Benefits

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Projected	FY 2018 Leg App.	FY 2019 Leg App.
Average Salary	\$ 54,942	\$ 56,041	\$ 57,162	\$ 58,305
% Change Salaries		2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Benefits	\$ 22,483	\$ 22,794	\$ 23,364	\$ 23,974
Total	\$ 77,425	\$ 78,835	\$ 80,526	\$ 82,279

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	2017-2018 ACTUAL	2018-2019 WORK PROGRAM	2019-2020 AGENCY REQUEST	2019-2020 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2020-2021 AGENCY REQUEST	2020-2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STATE MATCH	588,732	588,732	588,732	588,732	588,732	588,732
SPECIAL EDUCATION	185,470,562	198,319,875	204,892,633	198,320,200	208,990,486	198,320,406
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES EXCEEDING 13 %	1,200,003	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION	128,541	128,541	128,541	128,541	128,541	128,541
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,617,520,370	1,559,834,690	1,412,879,209	1,336,158,023	1,413,719,860	1,231,621,804

MAINTENANCE

M101 AGENCY SPECIFIC INFLATION

This request funds the cost of the 2% "roll-up" each year to cover merit increases for attaining additional education and additional years of service.

	2017-2018 ACTUAL	2018-2019 WORK PROGRAM	2019-2020 AGENCY REQUEST	2019-2020 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2020-2021 AGENCY REQUEST	2020-2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
RESOURCES:						
APPROPRIATION CONTROL	0	0	11,061,188	58,508,870	21,579,078	118,187,915
TOTAL RESOURCES:	0	0	11,061,188	58,508,870	21,579,078	118,187,915
EXPENDITURES:						
DSA BASIC SUPPORT AID TO SCHOOLS	0	0	11,061,188	51,924,200	21,579,078	104,890,679
CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION AID TO SCHOOLS	0	0	0	2,788,092	0	5,631,946
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0	0	0	3,796,578	0	7,665,290
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	0	0	11,061,188	58,508,870	21,579,078	118,187,915

M200 DEMOGRAPHICS/CASELOAD CHANGES

This request funds the costs associated with student enrollment growth.

	2017-2018 ACTUAL	2018-2019 WORK PROGRAM	2019-2020 AGENCY REQUEST	2019-2020 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2020-2021 AGENCY REQUEST	2020-2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
RESOURCES:						
APPROPRIATION CONTROL	0	0	45,370,221	44,793,494	81,175,795	81,656,798
TOTAL RESOURCES:	0	0	45,370,221	44,793,494	81,175,795	81,656,798
EXPENDITURES:						
DSA BASIC SUPPORT AID TO SCHOOLS	0	0	38,304,597	41,214,652	75,231,864	74,641,538
CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION AID TO SCHOOLS	0	0	1,596,876	881,067	3,122,700	1,786,019
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0	0	5,468,748	2,697,775	2,821,231	5,229,241