Preliminary Initial Allotments for Independent Public Schools

July 23, 2025



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G.S. 143C-5-4(a)

"The General Assembly shall enact the Current Operations Appropriations Act by June 15 of odd-numbered years and by June 30 of even-numbered years in which a Current Operations Appropriations Act is enacted."

G.S. 143C-5-4(b)

"If a fiscal year begins for which no Current Operations Appropriations Act... has become law...

The Director of the Budget may continue to allocate funds from all funds for expenditures ... at a level not to exceed the level of those funds in the recurring certified budget for the prior fiscal year."



Operating under a Continuation Budget

- No increase in recurring funding
- No funding from the prior year that was nonrecurring
- Any budget passed by the General Assembly is likely to be retroactive to the start of the fiscal year (July 1)

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NC House and Senate Budget Proposals

- Senate Bill 257
- Senate version passed April 16, 2025
- House version passed May 22, 2025

NC DPI Analysis

Under "What's New" on our website:

Legislative Updates

- SB257 Senate Budget 🗇
- Comparison File ☐ May 22, 2025
- Senate Budget Summary 🗗 April 25, 2025

Comparison File



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Technical Adjustments - \$104 Million

Item	Amount	Description
Average Salary Adjustment	\$9,202,754	Based on the actual observed average salary from the previous year, in this case 2025 5 th pay period
Non-ADM Adjustments	\$26,336,581	Includes transportation, testing, and other statewide allotments not driven directly by ADM
Average Daily Membership (ADM) Adjustment	\$35,364,287	For increases in ADM experienced between FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 (best 1 of 2)
Exceptional Children and LEP Headcounts	\$20,589,306	For the December 2025 headcount increases that were under the cap of each respective formula



Technical Adjustments – Growth (PRC 0094)

Base	Senate	House
\$97,818,500	+\$3,984,491	+\$0

- Request based on projections
- If the growth amount is short, \$97.8 M will be prorated between growing units
- Because the \$97.8 M is in the base, it can be allotted after Best 1 of 2 regardless of whether a budget has passed at that point in time

Technical Adjustments – Low Wealth (PRC 0031)

Senate	House
• \$12,755,696	• \$0
• Based on FY 2025-26 formula	 Would freeze funding at the FY
• Sec. 7.10 would require DPI to	2024-25 level
study a way to stabilize	
allotments under the formula	

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Reductions in Both Budgets

Item	Amount	Note
NCASBO	\$2,225,000	Eliminates the finance officer mentor program
Plasma Games	\$1,800,000	Would eliminate the Plasma Games grant program
Mobile Coding Grant Program	\$800,000	Eliminates the grant program
Schools that Lead	\$350,000	Eliminates the partnership

Reductions – Senate Budget Proposal

Item	Amount	Note
AP and IB Test Fees	\$15,800,000	New policy would be that the State would cover fees for economically disadvantaged students. Other students would have to pay directly or the unit would have to cover the cost.
Child and Family Support Teams (PRCs 0042 and 0043)	\$13,917,965	The program would end and the nurse positions would be redistributed to PRC 007 across the State.
Masters of School Administration Internship	\$6,236,038	The Senate proposes removing both the funding and the legal requirement for these internships.
Central Office Allotment (PRC 0002)	\$5,524,010	The Senate would take a 5% cut to PRC 002.

Reductions – House Budget Proposal

Item	Amount	Note
Low Wealth/Small County Recruitment Bonus (PRC 0062)	\$2,000,000	Would leave \$2,300,000 in the program. The Senate proposal would decrease the local matching requirement.
Transportation* (PRC 0056)	\$28,290,095	In the second year of the biennium (FY 2026-27) would reduce the 10% buffer in efficiency ratings to about 6%.

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Salaries

- Under the continuation budget, salaries are flat and teachers and other school personnel do not receive a step increase
- All personnel on a salary schedule have received a bump
- Salary schedules in LicSal have been updated so that no one received a step increase
- Need to check personnel who were not entitled to a step bump

Senate Salary Package

- Average state increase of 1.25% in FY 2025-26
- Teacher schedule increases from 1.25% to 5.14%
 - Greatest increase at Step 25 (5.14%)
 - Otherwise, generally larger increases on Step 1- Step 15 (average of 3.1%)

House Salary Package

- Average state increase of 2.5% in FY 2025-26
- Teacher salary increases from 2.06% to 17.68%
 - Greatest increase on Step 1
 - Average increase is about 6.5%
- Reinstates Master's Pay for teachers



New Funding in Both Budgets

Item	Amount	Notes
Middle Grades Literacy	\$10,000,000 in House \$1,670,000 in Senate	Would expand professional development in the science of reading to middle school
Diagnostic Reading Assessments Gr. 4 & 5	\$2,357,308	DIBELS reading assessments in 4 th and 5 th grade

New Funding in Senate Budget

Item	Amount	Notes
Teacher Supplemental Assistance (PRC 071)	\$30,000,000	Would allow Buncombe County, Asheville City, Durham County, Forsyth County, Guilford County, and New Hanover County to receive funds
Advanced Teaching Roles Salary Supplements	\$16,200,000	Without additional funds for the salary supplements, the amounts will be prorated between participating districts
Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHSs)	\$1,110,000	Provides funds for Dare Early College, Rockingham County CTE Innovation High School, Hawthorne Academy of Health Science, Martin Innovative Early College of Health Sciences, and Moore County CIHS
Artificial Intelligence Academic Support Grant	\$5,000,000	A new grant program for using AI in the classroom
Competency Based Grant Program	\$5,300,000	A new grant program for competency-based education programs



New Funding in House Budget

Item	Amount	Notes
Exceptional Children (PRC 032)	\$10,600,000	Would raise the cap from 13% to 13.25%
Responsible Fatherhood Grants to nonprofits	\$3,000,000	New grant program for nonprofits supporting fathers
CTE Modernization and Expansion	\$2,000,000	Additional funds for the grant program to purchase a digital CTE platform
After School Robotics	\$1,000,000	Additional funds for the expiring robotics program
Agriculture Technology Grants	\$1,000,000	A new grant program for agricultural technology
Speech and Debate Grant Program	\$500,000	New grant program for competitive speech and debate teams



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Mini-budgets

Before leaving for vacation on June 26th, both chambers passed a minibudget.

Senate (HB 125)	House (HB 192)
Included technical adjustments of \$104,248,624	Technical adjustments of \$104,248,624
Additional growth funds of \$3,984,491	No additional growth funding
Teachers and other personnel can receive a step increase, but no additional raises	Includes statewide salary raise of 2.5% and teacher raises of 2.06% to 17.68% (including reinstating Master's pay)
	Includes cuts to NCASBO and Plasma Games



Takeaways

- State operating on a continuing resolution basically last year's funding with some items removed
- Both the House and Senate budget proposals contained significant cuts in funding for public schools
- Without a State budget, there is no pay increase for teachers and other school personnel – essentially everyone is paid the same as last year

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Key Elements of Budget Build

Long Sheet

- Helps project the continuation needs for the PSUs for students (ADM changes) and Salary/Benefit estimates.
- Uses 5th Pay Period Average Salaries and a 1% Sheet.
- Includes Technical Adjustments for increases in ADM, average salary, and other changes

Short Sheet

- Also known as the Charter & Lab School (IPS) Reserve
- Estimated calculations for the cost of funding the charter schools from applicable PRC items (creates the budget for IPSs).
- These amounts will adjust the starting budget for the LEA allotments so changes in the ADM trends affect the starting budget amounts.



Key Elements of Budget Build

ADM – Average Daily Membership

• The sum of the number of days in membership for all students in an individual public-school unit, divided by the number of school days in the term.

Allotted ADM

 The higher of the previous year actual first two months average daily membership by grade by school, totaled by public school unit.

APM – Allotment Policy Manual

- The Allotment Policy provides the basics on how the various PRCs are allocated.
- It includes formulas, governing legislation, special provisions, etc.

Key Elements of Budget Build

Planning Allotment

- The calculated allocation of state and federal funds to LEAs based on the base budget information for budgeting purposes.
- The State Planning Allotment utilizes current budgets and benefit rates along with 5th pay period LEA-average salaries.
- This year, planning allotments included technical adjustments. Next year they will NOT include those adjustments.

Initial Allotment

- This is the PSU budget or Authority to Draw (ATD) for each PRC.
- Special situations may require a Preliminary Initial Allotment which could be supplied in multiple revisions throughout the fiscal year.
 - State Initial the goal is to allot the Initial within 10 days of July 1 or of the Budget passing, whichever is sooner
 - Federal Initial most are allotted in September/October but some, such as PRC 017 could be as early as July or August



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Independent Public School (IPS) Funding

- When allotting funds to charter schools, regional schools, and lab schools the
 Department will allot any funds for which independent public-school units are entitled
 to a per pupil share (base) through PRC 0036 Charter Schools and PRC 0038 –
 "Z" Schools (regional and lab schools).
- Any funding with restricted uses (e.g., compensation bonuses) or for which an
 independent school must apply directly to the Department in order to receive (e.g.,
 grants) will be allotted to the independent public schools through the originating
 PRC, unless explicitly noted.
 - Independent public-school units will not be permitted to transfer these funds into PRCs 0036 or 0038 and must ensure that the funds are utilized for their intended purposes.
- Initial Allotments After LEA Initial Allotments are processed, existing charter and lab schools receive 100% of their base allotment. New charters and labs receive 50% of their allotment based on their projected ADM and the remaining installment is adjusted (trued-up) per the actual higher ADM of month 1 and 2.



FY 2025-26 Base Funding

- IPS Base Funding is based on preliminary initial allotments for LEAs
- Any proration due to the late State budget is the same for IPS units
- If legislation becomes law that appropriates additional funds or ends the uncertainty about funds in question, IPSs will receive a per-pupil share of additional base allotments

FY 2025-26 Preliminary Initial Allotments

- Represent a FLOOR based on the budget we have now
 - Do not include technical adjustments \$104 M
 - Do not include items that were cut in the Senate or House budget proposals
- All allotments were calculated based on the formulas including the technical adjustments. If an allotment was short because there was no new budget, the preliminary initial allotment was prorated.
- If legislation becomes law that appropriates additional funds or ends the uncertainty about funds in question, we will allot additional amounts within 10 days.

Initial Allotments (Base):

- PRC 0001 Classroom Teachers
- PRC 0002 Central Office Administration
- PRC 0003 Noninstructional Support
- PRC 0004 Program Enhancement Teachers
- PRC 0005 School Building Administration
- PRC 0006 School Health Support
- PRC 0007 Instructional Support
- PRC 0009 Non-Contributory Employee Benefits
- PRC 0013 Career Technical Education Positions
- PRC 0014 Career Technical Education Support
- PRC 0019 Small County Supplemental Funding

- PRC 0024 Disadvantaged Student Supp. Funding
- PRC 0027 Teacher Assistants
- PRC 0031 Low Wealth County Supp. Funding
- PRC 0034 Academically and Intellectually Gifted
- PRC 0056 Transportation
- PRC 0061 Instructional Supplies
- PRC 0069 At Risk Students
- PRC 0071 Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation
- PRC 0131 Textbooks

Categorical Allotments (Non-Base):

- PRC 0012 Drivers Training
- PRC 0015 School Technology

- PRC 0032 Children with Disabilities
- PRC 0054 Limited English Proficiency



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PRC 0009: Non-Contributory Employee Benefits include:

- State Social Security
- State Retirement
- Longevity
- Annual Leave
- Short-term Disability
- Workers Compensation
- Unemployment



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"Kitchen Sink" Allotments & Grants:

- Specialty Schools (HS Reform)
- Treatment Centers
- Burroughs Wellcome
- Teachers and Educators on Loan
- Teacher of the Year (and past TOY)
- Special Small Schools
- Geographically Isolated
- Child & Family Support Teams
- Cooperative Innovative High Schools
- State grants and any remaining special provision state allotments.



Dollars Per ADM

- LEA's State
 Planning/Initial Allotments
 divided by the allotted
 ADM for that LEA.
- The Independent Public Schools (Charter and Lab Schools) receive an amount equal to the state funded dollars per ADM for the LEA in which the public-school unit is located.

State Planning/Initial Allotments for dollars per ADM include the following allocations:

- PRC 0001 Classroom Teachers
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- PRC 0003 Noninstructional Support
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 The Independent Public Schools (Charter and Lab Schools) receive an amount equal to the state funded dollars per ADM for the LEA in which the public-school unit is located. Dollars per ADM (\$/ADM) Sample: LEA 000

FY26 Base Allotment = \$1,000,000

FY26 Allotted ADM for LEA 000 = **200**

FY26 \$/ADM (allotted) = 1,000,000 / 200 = **\$5,000**

FY26 Unallotted \$/ADM = \$50

(Total PRC 009 Non-Contributory Employee Benefits / Total Allotted ADM for the State)

LEA 000's \$/ADM = \$5,050

Therefore, the Charter and Lab Schools located within LEA 000's area will receive a Base funding of \$5,050 per ADM.

IPS Base Funding Determination

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FY26 **Unallotted** \$/ADM **= \$50**(Total PRC 009 Non-Contributory Employee Benefits / Total Allotted ADM for the State)

LEA 000's \$/ADM = \$5,050

- When allotting funds to charter and lab schools, the Department will allot any funds for which independent publicschool units are entitled to a per pupil share (aka dollars per ADM) which comprises the base funding.
- Base funding is allotted in:
 - PRC 0036 (Charters)
 - PRC 0038 (Labs)

Therefore, the Charter and Lab Schools located within LEA 000's area will receive a Base funding of \$5,050 per ADM. Reminder, the allotted ADM is the higher ADM of month 1 and 2 from the previous year.



LEA & IPS Growth Funding

Dollars per ADM (\$/ADM) Sample: LEA 000

FY26 Base Allotment = \$1,000,000

FY26 Allotted ADM for LEA 000 = **200**

FY26 \$/ADM (allotted) = 1,000,000 / 200 = **\$5,000**

FY26 **Unallotted** \$/ADM = **\$50**

(Total PRC 009 Non-Contributory Employee Benefits / Total Allotted ADM for the State)

LEA 000's \$/ADM = \$5,050

Therefore, the Charter and Lab Schools located within LEA 000's area will receive a Base funding of \$5,050 per ADM.

In FY 2025-26, growth funding will be allocated based on the per-pupil amount that has been allotted by November 1, 2025.

- Growth funding is based on Higher ADM of 1st and 2nd Month of the current year and disbursed around November or December.
 - PSUs that decline in ADM (from Allotted ADM to current year B1of2) are held harmless; no base funding is reduced.
 - Those that have an increase in ADM are provided growth funding of Dollars per ADM X the increase in ADM
 - Sample: LEA 000 grew by 10 ADM and therefore would receive (10 X \$5,050) \$50,500 in their respective PRC.
 - Growth funding is allotted in:
 - PRC 0094 (LEAs)
 - PRC 0036 (CS)
 - PRC 0037 (RSD)
 - PRC 0038 (Labs)



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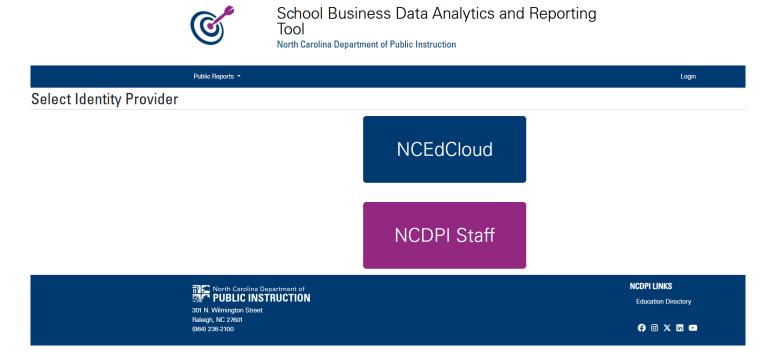
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What is the Allotment System?

- The "Allotment System" is an Apex-Oracle platform used by DPI to create the funding to be distributed to the PSUs by each PRC (program) based on the approved/legislated formulas.
- The system then posts that data through various other DPI systems (CCIP, Cash, etc.) to reflect the Allotment for each PSU.
- The Allotment is the Budget or Authority to Spend for each Program.
- The Allotment system does not reflect any expenditure data.

Allotment Information in DART

- The landing place for SBS financial reports.
 - There are public reports in DART; however, for detailed information specific to a Public-School Unit, access must be requested (select NCEdCloud).





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Allotment Resources

Allotment Section of FBS Website

- Allotments Funding Public School Units | NC DPI
- PRC policies, provisions, and guidance: Allotment Policy Manual

"What's New" Section of FBS Website:

- What's New Financial and Business Services | NC DPI
- Allotment System (for PSUs)
 - Site-specific data requires access permission in the Allotment System
 - There is a public site that provides general information.
- School Business Data Analytics & Reporting Tool (DART)
 - Site-specific data requires access permission in <u>SBS DART</u>
 - There is a public site that provides general information.

The School Business Newsletter

• Includes updates from the Allotment Section regarding upcoming state and federal allotments and transfer deadlines. We strongly suggest subscribing if you have yet to do so.



Best Contact Methods

General Allotment Email

- Allotments@dpi.nc.gov
- Provides multiple Analysts access to your inquiry, update, or request.

Staff Direct Email

 If you email Analysts directly, please copy the manager so we can ensure you are getting timely and appropriate responses.

Via Phone

- For urgency and/or clarity, a phone call may sometimes be required.
- If needed, please leave a detailed voicemail so that we may follow up effectively and efficiently.



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