# **Budget and Allotments**

July 22, 2025

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## Federal Budget Update

Historically, the federal government provides a Grant Award Notification (GAN) for federal grants on July 1st. This releases 50% of the funds for the federal fiscal year that begins on October 1st.



## **No Grant Award**

On June 30th, NC DPI (and every other State Education Agency) received the following message about several expected GANs:

Given the change in Administrations, the Department is reviewing the FY 2025 funding for the [Title I-C, II-A, III-A, IV-A, IV-B] grant program(s), and decisions have not yet been made concerning submissions and awards for this upcoming academic year. Accordingly, the Department will not be issuing Grant Award Notifications obligating funds for these programs on July 1 prior to completing that review. The Department remains committed to ensuring taxpayer resources are spent in accordance with the President's priorities and the Department's statutory responsibilities.



## **Affected PRCs**

- Title I-C (PRC 0051) Migrant Education Program
- Title II (PRC 0103) Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III (PRC 0104) English Language Acquisition
- Title IV-A (PRC 0108) Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
- Title IV-B (PRC 0110) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers\*



## At this time...

- Planning allotments for these grants have been pulled.
- Prior grant years (GY 24 and GY 25) have not been affected.
   We have posted these beginning balances and cash is available in the cash app.
- There has NOT been a change in federal law. As far as DPI knows, both DPI and the PSUs are still responsible for providing these services under federal law.
- We do not know when or if these funds will be released
- The NC Superintendent of Public Instruction and NC Attorney General joined with 23 other states in a lawsuit filed July 14

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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
- <u>Senate Budget Summary</u> → April 25, 2025

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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 <sup>th</sup> 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	<ul> <li>Would freeze funding at the FY</li> </ul>
• 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 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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**

- Federal funds for PRCs 051, 103, 104, 108, and 110 are frozen with no known end date
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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### **Initial Allotments (Base):**

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- 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:

- ciude:
  - 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:

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# **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 Dollars per ADM

#### Dollars Per ADM

 LEA's State 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. 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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- 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.



# 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

# **LEA & IPS Growth Funding**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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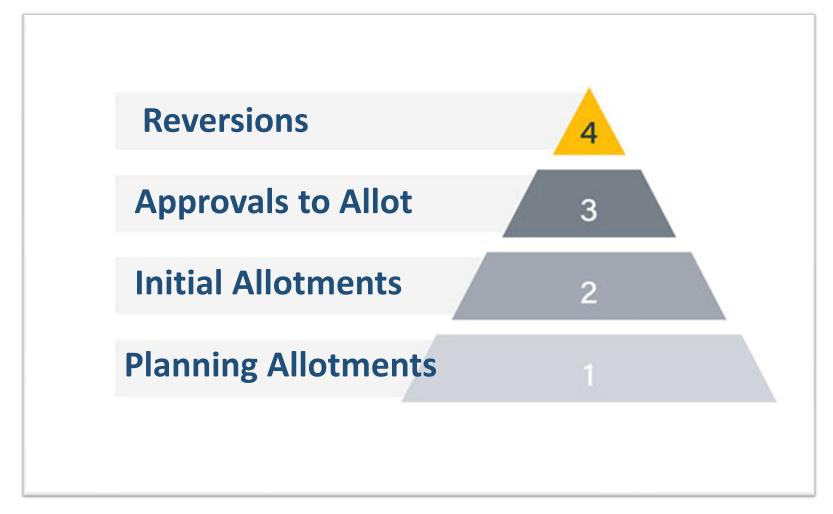
# Federal Funding Workflow



- The Main Players:
  - USDE US Department of Education (aka USED)
  - NCDPI Federal PRC Administrators
    - **OFP** Office of Federal Programs
    - EC Office of Exceptional Children
    - CTE Office of Career and Technical Education
  - Budget Control
    - AFS Agency Finance Services
  - Distribution of Funding
    - SBS Allotment Section
  - Monitoring & Compliance
    - Federal Program Administrators and SBS Compliance Section



# **Key Elements of Federal Funding**



# **Planning Allotments**



### State Aid Budget

- The state aid amount is the portion of the grant award slated for PSU allocation per formula; the starting budget for allotments.
  - Awards amounts are usually preliminary or the same budget as the preceding year.
- Starting budgets for Planning calculations are usually determined by the administrator and/or AFS and provided to Allotments to begin calculations.

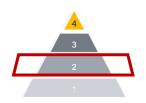
### Allotted ADM

 Unless otherwise stated in the formula, the Allotted ADM for the grant year is used for calculations.

### Head Count

- December EC Head Counts are used for IDEA grants.
- October EL Headcounts are used for ELA grants.

# **Initial Allotments**



### State Aid Budget

 Final Grant Award amounts are now available to States and often a new State Aid Amount (starting budget for allocations) is determined.

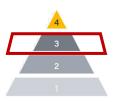
### Allotted ADM & HC

 Allotted ADM & HC remain the same as planning unless an approved LEA adjustment is applied. IPSs that have closed since the Planning calculations are also removed before Initial is calculated.

### Data Elements

- Several other data elements usually remain unchanged from Planning; such as:
  - Census Poverty Data
  - Free Lunch Counts
  - Other demographic and valuation data

# **Approval/Allotment Submissions**



### Initial Allocation Determination

 For the majority of OFP, EC, and CTE federal PRCs, Initial Allocations are calculated but not released through allotments until an approval to allot has been received by Allotments from the administrating office.

### Allotments after Approval

- Once approval is received, the actual allotment will usually be processed between 3 and 10 business days.
  - Current workload of Allotments, clarification/validity of the approval, and special federal-related circumstances can unexpectedly delay processing of the allotment.

### Non-Initial Federal PRCs

 Not all the federal PRCs are calculated by Allotments (and thus not part of the Federal Initial Process). These allocation are instead, determined by the administrating office and provided to Allotments for processing via the allotment system.



# Reversions



### Notice

• 45-day notification is provided to PSUs with information regarding estimated balances that are at risk of reversion during the upcoming immediate reversion process.

### Immediate Reversion

 Funds not obligated by the end of the period of performance (usually September 30<sup>th</sup>) are reverted in the Allotment System.

### Obligation/ Encumbrance

- An obligation may be defined as a binding commitment for the use of Federal grant funds.
- An encumbrance is the accounting transaction to indicate that obligation or commitment.

### Liquidation Period

 The 90-day period, after the end of the period of performance, when the Uniform Guidance allows for grant recipients to liquidate all financial obligations in a federal PRC.

#### Final Reversion

 After the liquidation period has ended (recently extended to the end of January for most grants) any remaining balances are reverted in the Allotment System.

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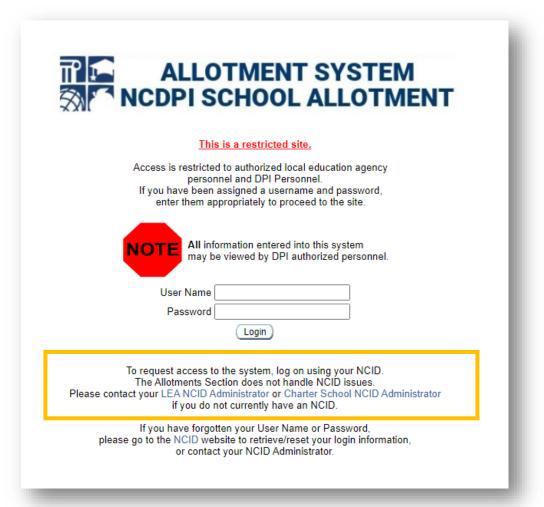


# What is the Allotment System?

- 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.

# The PSU Allotment Site

- To get to your specific PSU information you must have an ID & Password.
  - Request access (with your NCID).
  - It is recommended that more than 1 person at the PSU have access to the PSU site within the allotment system.

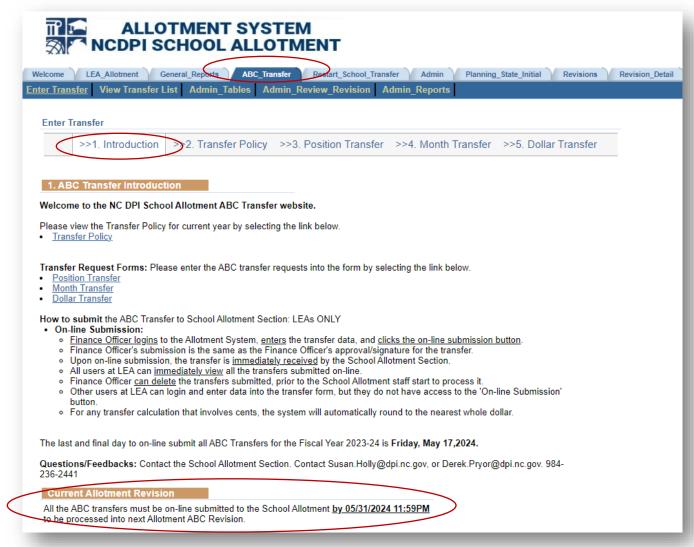




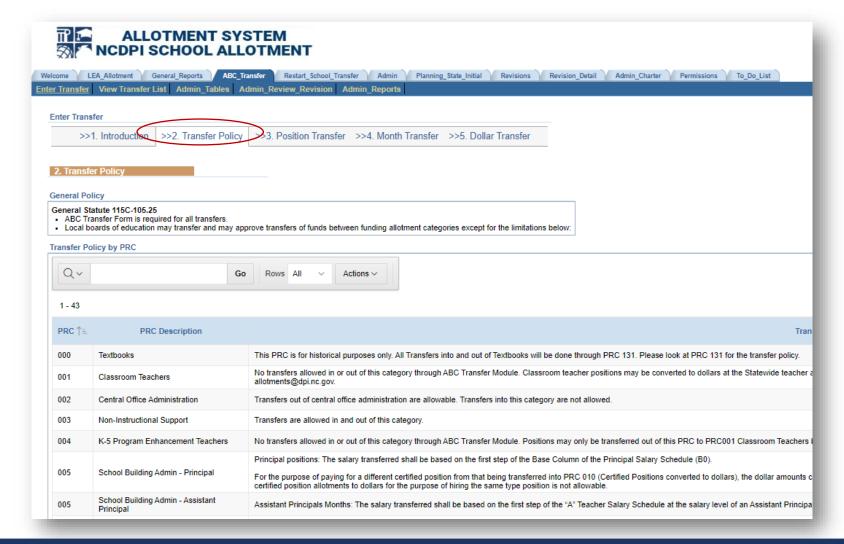
# The PSU Allotment Site – ABC

The LEA must be logged in to submit ABC Transfers

**Transfers** 

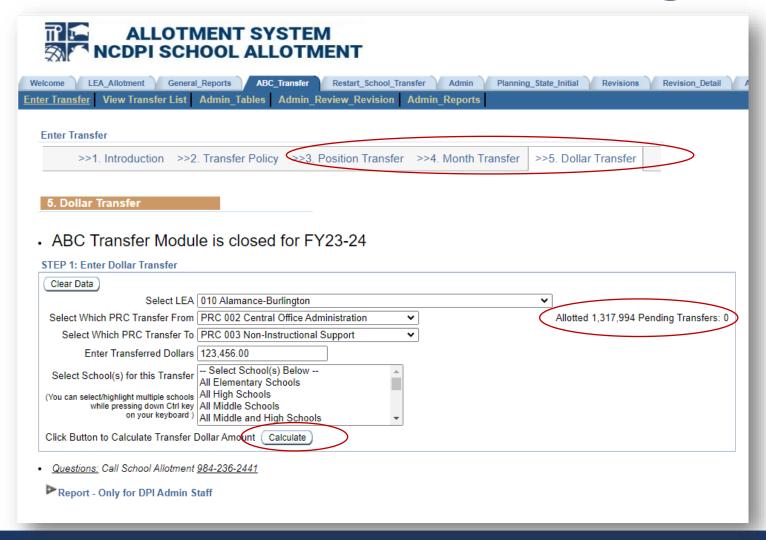


# **ABC Transfer Policies**





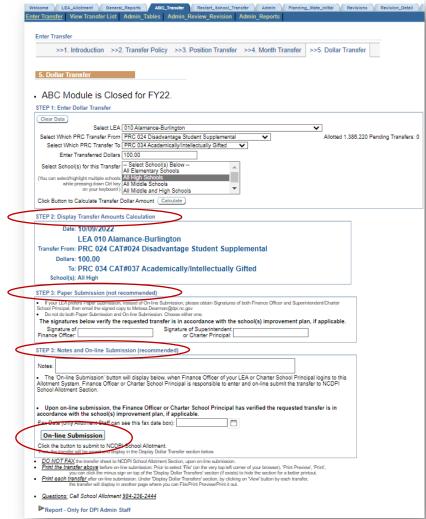
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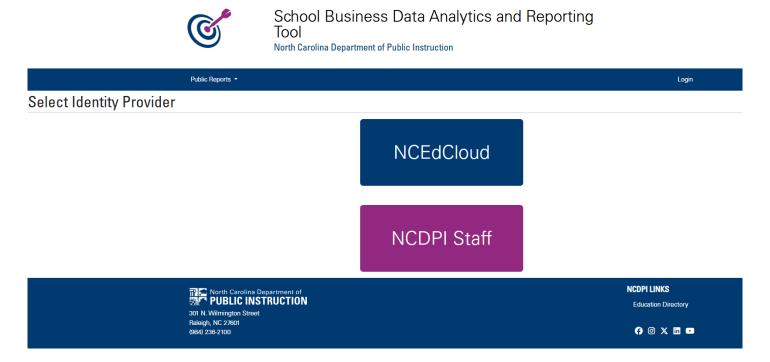
- After hitting the Calculate button follow the steps to properly submit the request.
- Tip: Pre-calculate your intended transfers in an Excel workbook or other document for an accurate reconciliation and compare before submitting the transfer request.
- Allotment analysts will not be processing manual adjustment requests, errors or unintended transfers will need to be addressed in a subsequent ABC transfer submission.





# **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).





# **Budget**

- Federal Budget Update
- State Budget Status Update
- Comparison of Budget Proposals
  - Technical Adjustments
  - Significant Reductions
  - New Funds/Policy
- Mini-budgets

### **Allotments**

- Key Terms and Acronyms
- State-Funded Public School Allotments
- Allotment Workflow for Federal Funding
- Allotment-Related Systems
- Allotment Information Resources and Contacts



# **Allotment Resources**

#### Allotment Section of FBS Website

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

#### "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.



# **Questions?**

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