

FY 2025-26 State Planning Allotments

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Overview: This document addresses questions and provides additional insight regarding the FY26 State Planning Allotments. PRC-specific details, provisions, and statutory reference links can be found in the Allotment Policy Manual (APM). The APM is updated periodically so accessing the published document on the FBS website is the best way to ensure you have the latest information.

I. State Planning/Initial Base PRCs

Does this FAQ apply to Charter and Lab Schools as well?

The base funding for Charter and Lab Schools is determined by the dollars per ADM of the area in which it is located (Dollars per ADM x Allotted ADM). Understanding the allotment impact to the LEAs will help Independent Public Schools (IPS) better understand their base funding changes. Additional Charter and Lab funding information is located in the Allotment Policy Manual on page 46 (PRC 0036 Charters) and page 196 (PRC 0038 Lab “Z” Schools).

Where can I find the published Planning Information?

The FY26 Planning Allotment information has been uploaded in the School Business Data & Analytics Reporting Tool (DART). The LEA dashboard includes base Initial allotments by PRC and the non-base categorical PRCs. The Charter and Lab school dashboard depicts the base allotment (per the dollars per ADM) but a full Planning summary (which includes the charter non-base categorical allotments) can be found on the FBS webpage.

What ADM is used for Planning Allotments? Is it the same for LEAs and IPSs?

Planning allotments are based on the Allotted ADM; this applies to all PSUs. The Allotted ADM is the higher of the previous year’s first two months average daily membership by grade by school, totaled by public school unit. The Allotted ADM is normally unchanged at Initial.

What salary data and benefit rates are used for Planning Allotments?

The LEA Average Salaries (and thus the Statewide Average Salaries) are based on pay period data from the previous fiscal year. Benefit rates (social security, hospitalization, and retirement) are the same rates used for previous fiscal year Initial Allotments. The benefit rates are updated at the time of Initial Allotments, once a state budget or applicable budget mini bill has been passed.

Why did my associated dollar allotment decrease if the position allotment is the same as prior year?

This is a result of a lower LEA average salary from the last allotment cycle (Initial).

What benefits are included in PRC 0009 Non-Contributory Employee Benefits and how are these funds allotted?

PRC 0009 is a guaranteed allotment and therefore there is no actual allotment that occurs which is why this item is referred to as the “unallotted dollars per ADM”. The benefits included are state social security, state retirement, longevity, annual leave, short-term disability, workers compensation, and unemployment.

What PRCs are not included in the Dollars per ADM determination?

State dollars per ADM is determined by the aggregate dollar funding for the State Initial Allotments. The State Initial Allotment PRCs are listed in the Allotment Policy Manual’s Definition of Terms section (page 10).

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The following categorical allotments are not included in the dollars per ADM calculation:

- PRC 0012 Driver Training
- PRC 0015 School Technology
- PRC 0032 Children with Disabilities
- PRC 0054 Limited English Proficiency

II. PRC 0031 Low Wealth Supplemental Funding (LW)

Where can I find the Low Wealth Calculator that was historically published online?

The LW calculator is located in the Public Reports section of DART. The LW dashboard displays the details of the latest 5 years of LW allotments and the driving factors which aid in determining any significant changes.

There is a significant change to our Low Wealth allotment, what are the biggest drivers in the Low Wealth calculation?

The data elements that significantly affect the Low Wealth allotment are eligibility, recent property valuations, and local minimum effort determinations.

Why am I no longer eligible for Low Wealth Supplemental Funding?

Counties in which the calculated county wealth (per the legislated formula) is less than 100% of the state average wealth are eligible for LW funding. This is an annually rescaled metric as the counties are ranked per the benchmark. Significant changes to property valuations or taxes will affect the county's poverty ranking. Minimum effort is established to determine if a county is committing a comparable effort compared to other counties within the State; this is especially important if the county has undergone recent property valuations.

How can we better project or prepare for change to our Low Wealth calculation?

Low Wealth supplemental funding is not an easily predicted allocation since much of it is determined by comparing the county's numbers to the state average. State averages change every year based on several factors including average state tax income, average local tax rates, average local funding, etc. Additionally, property valuation timing and recent sales or tax ratio changes impact the formula application for some of these elements. Staying abreast of state averages, recent county changes, and local effort to align with those changes could provide a relative projection of the trend for this funding.

Is there clarification on the FY25 LW allotments and how they compare to FY26 Planning?

The 2026 Planning information provides a comparative to the 2025 INITIAL allotments. As you will recall, the General Assembly did not pass a second-year budget and therefore, LEAs did not receive the fully funded low wealth allotment as part of the Initial Allotments. Later in the year we were provided with a budget adjustment that allowed us to fully fund the low wealth allocation.

This was a very unusual circumstance and as a result the initial allotment for low wealth does not equal the full formula as represented in the low wealth calculator. We have noted the revisions related to the budget adjustments in the DART dashboard note's feature (when you hover over the cells) of the planning allotment table for your reference. You will need to include those additional funds when comparing the planning allotments for FY25-26 to see the potential impact for this program.

III. PRC 0071 Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation (SFTC)

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Why am I no longer eligible for Supplemental Teacher Compensation funding?

For eligibility, the PSU must be located in whole or in part in a county that has an adjusted market value of taxable real property of less than \$50,900,000,000 based on data provided by the Local Government Commission the previous fiscal year. The total Adjusted Taxable Property Value is determined by dividing the Assessed Taxable Real Property by the Sales Ratio.

Where can I find the Teacher Max Supplement list for PRC 0071 Supplemental Funding for Teacher Compensation (SFTC)?

The SFTC Teacher Max Supplement list is posted on the FBS What's New page under the FY2026 Budget: Planning Allotments section.

The Planning Dashboard in DART has the following note, “PSU may not be eligible for this funding per Allotment Policy formula” what does that mean?

If the PRC planning amount showing in the dashboard is \$0, the PSU was not eligible for this funding; otherwise, there will be an amount reflected.

IV. Related Inquiries

How do I gain access to DART, the School Business Data & Analytics Reporting Tool?

The DART login link is provided [here](#); select NCDPI staff to complete the registration process. For more information, please see the November 26, 2024, School Business newsletter DART announcement.

Where can I find additional Planning resource materials?

The following resource items are posted on the FBS What's New page under the FY2026 Budget: Planning Allotments section:

- Planning webinar presentations
- Formula funding factors, ratios, and salary rates
- Dollars per ADM and dollars per headcount summary
- Charter and Lab School Planning Summary

Which State PRCs carryforward?

All carryforward (aka carry over) must be approved on an annual basis by the State Budget Office (OSBM). The approved list of carryforward PRCs is usually available to us in the summer but before Initial Allotments. The following PRCs are generally available for carryforward but must still be approved by OSBM. Carryforward is normally reallocated to the applicable PSUs soon after Initial Allotments.

- PRC 0015 – School Technology
- PRC 0016 – Summer Reading Camp
- PRC 0069 – At-Risk Student Services
- PRC 0131 – Textbooks