



# FY18 Public Schools Budget

## Budget Overview

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Superintendent Ybarra’s FY18 public schools budget seeks a general fund increase for Idaho’s public schools of \$104.7 million with an overall budget request of \$1.68 billion from the general fund. This request would increase funding for public education by 6.6%, supporting schools, educators, and students with increased funding for the Career Ladder, technology, Academic and College or Career Advisors and Student Mentors, just to name a few.

## Highlights: What is different from FY17?

Description	FY17 Approp.	FY18 Request	\$ Change
Career Ladder (including benefits)	\$800,840,600	\$858,626,600	<b>\$57,786,000</b>
Math Initiative and Coaches	\$1,817,800	\$3,500,000	<b>\$1,682,200</b>
Academic and College/Career	\$5,000,000	\$7,000,000	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
Technology	\$18,000,000	\$26,000,000	<b>\$8,000,000</b>
Literacy Proficiency	\$11,416,200	\$19,316,200	<b>\$7,900,000</b>
Classified Staff Funding	\$136,303,300	\$147,375,400	<b>\$11,072,100</b>
Rural School Centers	\$0	\$300,000	<b>\$300,000</b>

## Additional Support for ELA and Math Coaches

Idaho’s students have been improving their reading skills year after year, and we can continue to improve with more resources for literacy interventions, with heavy emphasis on kindergarten through third grade. Idaho will continue to invest resources into mathematics to improve all students’ ability to understand and work with numbers.

## Academic and College Career Advisors, Student Mentors

College and Career Counseling is available for every student; however:

- Idaho’s average student ratio is 1 counselor to every 434 students ([www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org))
- The American School Counselors Association (ASCA) recommends no more than 250 students per counselor

Superintendent Ybarra’s FY18 budget request seeks **\$7,000,000** to support students in counseling for college or career through research-based models. It is also important to note that this request doesn’t replace traditional school counselors, but supports career advising programs best suited to meet local school district’s needs—true local control.

## Rural Education Centers

Rural Education Centers are the business model that Idaho schools need allowing for collaboration, flexibility, and cost savings in a central location. Superintendent Ybarra is again requesting **\$300,000** to support a Rural Education Center in north Idaho which would provide funding for a director, support staff, and operational costs.