



FY19 Public Schools Budget

Budget Overview

Superintendent Ybarra’s FY19 public schools budget (excluding Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind) request seeks a general fund increase of about \$114 million or a 6.8% increase.

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Highlights: What is different from FY18?

| Description | FY18 Approp. | FY19 Request | \$ Change |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Career Ladder (with benefits) | \$862,768,800 | \$909,157,700 | \$46,388,900 |
| Advanced Opportunities | \$7,000,000 | \$15,000,500 | \$8,000,000 |
| Operations/Health Insurance | \$405,605,900 | \$424,629,500 | \$19,023,600 |
| Technology | \$28,142,000 | \$36,795,000 | \$8,653,000 |
| Mastery Education | \$1,400,000 | \$2,800,000 | \$1,400,000 |
| Rural Education Support | \$0 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |

Career Ladder

The budget include a fourth year of investment in the Career Ladder, which was launched to support the shared goal of attracting and retaining educators to serve Idaho students. The minimum teacher salary would be \$35,800.

Advanced Opportunities

These programs allow Idaho students to individualize their high school learning plan to get a jump-start on their future with \$4,125 to apply toward costs. These options include dual credit, technical competency credit, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate programs. This item reflects the increased use by students.

Operational Support

In FY18, the funding for local school district and charter school operations, also called discretionary funds, was identified for two uses in legislative intent language – health insurance costs and operations costs. The increase proposed is 3.5% or about \$935 per support unit.

Technology

This investment continues support of the state’s goal to equip students and educators with the technology tools and services needed for the 21st Century learning. The funding also reflects the shift from state contracts to local control of technology decisions.

Mastery Education

This increase expands the number of schools supported as they shift to a system where students advance based on content mastery, rather than seat team requirements. Mastery Based System was the No. 1 recommendation of the [Task Force for Improving Education](#).

Rural Education Support

In the Department of Education’s budget is \$300,000 to establish Idaho’s first Rural Education Support Networks. These networks are the business model that Idaho schools need to support collaboration, flexibility, and cost savings.

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