

State Aid to Education

Department of Education

Overview

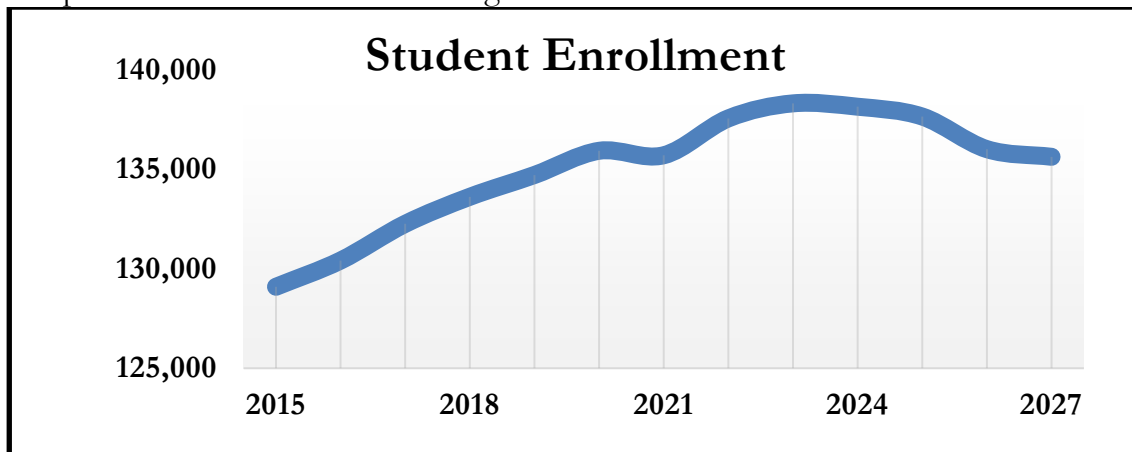
Governor Rhoden's recommended budget includes flat funding for the Big Three: education, medical providers, and state employees. Because of declining enrollments, State Aid to Education is reduced by \$12,881,566 in ongoing general funds. Included in this change, the Governor is recommending an increase for State Aid to Special Education.

State Aid to Special Education (Rebase)

The Governor's recommended budget for State Aid to Special Education includes an increase of \$2,860,236 in general funds due to a rebase of each disability category. By law, every two years a rebase of each disability category must occur. The rebase is based on statewide average expenditures by disability level for the previous three school fiscal years.

State Aid to General Education

The Governor's recommended budget for State Aid to General Education includes a reduction of \$15,741,802 in general funds resulting from declining enrollment. Declining enrollment can be attributed to declining birth rates and families choosing alternative instructional methods outside the public school system. Enrollment has dropped by 1.56%, which translates to over 2,150 fewer children in public school districts than budgeted.



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