

FY26 Public School Support Request

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The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) is committed to ensuring all children receive a high-quality education that prepares them for success in college, career, and life. Through targeted initiatives and strategic investments, the PED is closing achievement gaps, enhancing learning opportunities, and supporting educators and schools across the state. The FY26 budget request reflects the agency’s continued focus on advancing equity and excellence in education for every student in New Mexico.



Public School Support Request: Year Over Year Change			
Recurring impact on the General Fund			
GF Increase	\$221.3 million	Percent Increase	5.0%
Non-recurring impact on the General Fund			
GF Increase	\$58.8 million	Percent Increase	41.8%
Overall percent increases to the General Fund and All Funds			
Increase to PSSR: GF	6.1%	Increase to PSSR: All Funds	4.4%
Budget items moved to recurring			
High-dosage tutoring, math and STEM, out-of-school time, community schools, school safety, and learning management system and micro-credentials			

Note: The calculations above do not include a compensation increase.

Educator Ecosystem

\$52.3 million

- Educator Fellows – **\$20M**
- Preparation, Induction, and Evaluation– **\$2.3M** (+\$2.3M)
- Educator Clinical Practice - **\$20M**
- Teacher PD – **\$5M**
- School Leader PD – **\$5M**

Teacher Residencies
Enrollment increased from fewer than 40 residents to almost 300 residents between SY22-23 and SY23-24

Literacy and STEM

\$65 million

- Structured Literacy Training (LETRS) – **\$17.6M** (+\$3.6M)
- Secondary Literacy Supports – **\$5M**
- Reading Program – **\$30M**
- Math and STEM – **\$12.4M** (+\$12.4M)

Reading Proficiency
4% statewide increase in 2023

Summer Reading
Reversed the summer slide with a 5% mean reading growth



Special Education

\$9 million

- Special Education Initiatives – **\$4M**
- Special Education Salary Differentials – **\$5M**

Stay in School Pilot

SY23-24: Overall 30% increase in graduation rates for students with disabilities

Graduation

\$79.5 million

- Career Connected Learning – **\$41.5M**
- Out-of-School Time and Tutoring – **\$20M (+\$5M)**
- Community Schools – **\$8M**
- School Improvement and Transformation – **\$10M (+10M)**

Career Connected Ed
97% grad rate for concentrators

Community Schools
12% increase in four-year grad rate compared with non-community schools since 2019

Attendance

\$9.5 million

- Attendance Initiatives – **\$6M (+\$1M)**
- Behavioral Supports – **\$3.5M (+\$3.5M)**

Chronic Absenteeism

SY22-23: 39.2%
SY23-24: 29.7%

School Safety

\$5.2 million

- School Safety – **\$5M (+\$4M)**
- School Safety Summit – **\$200,500**

Mobile Panic Buttons

Mobile panic button use: 16,231 times 2021-2024. Safety is a top priority for schools and the PED.



Student Nutrition

\$68.9 million

- Healthy Universal Meals *recurring* – **\$50.7M** (+\$9.7M)
- Healthy Universal Meals *non-recurring* – **\$5M** (+\$5M)
- New Mexico Grown Meals – **\$2.3M** (+\$2.3M)
- Supplemental and Deficiency – **\$10.9M**

Meals Served

55,020,714 in SY23-24
58 million projected in SY24-25

Childhood Hunger

2017 food insecurity 24.1
2022 food insecurity 22.0

Student Assessments

\$16.4 million

- Assessment and Accountability Program – **\$14.8M** (+\$4.8M)
- Test Assistance (AP, IB, PSAT) – **\$1.6M** (+\$.36M)

AP Exams

17,951 exams taken
PED paid for 48% of exams

Assessment

95% statewide assessment participation

Data Systems

\$20 million

- School Dashboards and Reporting Portal – **\$2.3M** (+\$2.3M)
- Statewide Student Information System – **\$12M** (+\$12M)
- Online Licensure Portal – **\$4M** (+\$4M)
- Student Assessment Data Collection – **\$1.7M** (+\$1.7M)

Nova System

34% reduction in Nova support tickets from 2023 to 2024

Unified Application

Unified ESEA and IDEA funding application developed

Student and Family Support

\$11 million

- Family Engagement, Homeless, and Foster – **\$1M** (+\$1M)
- Family Income Index (FII) – **\$10M**

Childhood Poverty

NM ranks 17th in the country for child poverty at 8.9%
(The US average rate is 10.4%)



Academic Outcomes

\$65 million

- K-12 Plus Units – **\$60M** (+\$60M)
- Instructional Materials (\$55M to \$60M) – **\$5M** (+\$5M)

Additional K-12 Plus Units

SY23-24: 542 K-12 Plus Schools
 SY24-25: 735 K-12 Plus Schools

Education Acts

\$57 million

- Bilingual Multicultural, Hispanic, and Black Education – **\$7M** (+\$6M)
- Indian Education Fund – **\$50M** (+\$24.5M)

Bilingualism & Biliteracy

SY23-24: 66% of English learners earned the B&B seal

Native American Proficiency Increases

SY22-23: ELA - 5 percent
 Science - 3 percent

SEG Shortfall and Transportation

\$175.6 million

- SEG Shortfall – **\$40M** (+\$40M)
- Transportation – **\$135.6M** (+\$1.9M)

Average Ridership

FY23: 123,775
 FY24: 123,905
 FY25: 124,000

FY26 Agency Budget Request Total: \$27,521,600 (+12.23%)

FY25 Agency Budget: \$24,521,600

Base Increase

\$1 million

- Increase funded positions at PED (281 to 289) – **\$1M**
Current filled FTE 298

Expansion Request

\$2 million

- 15 new FTE – **\$1.72M**
- Administrative funds to increase technical assistance and monitoring – **\$230,000**
- Hardware and supplies for new staff members – **\$50,000**

FY25/26 Special Appropriations Requests

\$4.4 million

- Martinez/Yazzie Legal Expenses – **\$500,000**
- Data Quality Supports (Nova, Unified Application) – **\$3.9M**

FY25 Supplemental Requests

\$.6 million

- Funding to maintain ESSER positions through FY25 – **\$250,000**
- ABQ and Las Cruces Rent – **\$350,000**