

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	\$234.6 million	Percent Increase	5.3%
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Non-recurring impact on the General Fund

GF Increase	\$121.3 million	Percent Increase	86.2%
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Overall percent increases to the General Fund and All Funds

Increase to PSSR: GF	7.3%	Increase to PSSR: All Funds	5.5%
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Budget items moved to recurring and GRO

School safety, learning management system and micro-credentials, education acts, math (GRO), attendance (GRO), and school improvement (GRO)

Educator Ecosystem

\$151.4 million

- 3% compensation increase – \$101.4M
- Educator Fellows – \$20M
- Educator Clinical Practice – \$20M
- Teacher Professional Development – \$5M
- School Leader Professional Development – \$5M

Teacher Residencies

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

Literacy and Math

\$54 million

- Reading Program – \$30M
- Structured Literacy Training (LETRS) – \$14M
- Secondary Literacy Supports – \$5M
- Math – \$5M (+\$5M)

Reading Proficiency

4% statewide increase in 2023

Summer Reading

Reversed the summer slide with a 5% mean reading growth



Special Education

\$9.0 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

\$63.0 million

- Career Connected Learning – **\$40M**
- Out-of-School Time and Tutoring – **\$15M**
- Community Schools – **\$8M**

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

\$6.0 million

- Attendance & Behavioral Health Initiatives – **\$6M (+\$1M)**

Chronic Absenteeism

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

School Safety

\$5.2 million

- School Safety – **\$5M (+\$4M)**
- School Safety Summit – **\$200,000**

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

\$14.3
million

- Assessment and Accountability Program – **\$13M** (+\$3M)
- Test Assistance (AP, IB, PSAT) – **\$1.3M** (+\$.3M)

Assessment

95% statewide
assessment participation

AP Exams

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

Data Systems

\$9.6
million

- School Dashboards and Reporting Portal – **\$1.1M** (+\$1.1M)
- Statewide Student Information System – **\$4M** (+\$4M)
- Online Licensure Portal – **\$4M** (+\$4M)
- Student Assessment Data Collection – **\$500,000** (+\$500,000)

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

\$10.0 million

- Family Engagement, Homeless, and Foster – **\$1M** (+\$1M)
- Family Income Index (FII) – **\$9M**

Childhood Poverty

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

Academic Outcomes

\$103.7 million

- K-12 Plus Units – **\$57.7M** (+\$57.7M)
- SEG Shortfall – **\$40M** (+\$40M)
- School Improvement and Transformation – **\$6M** (+\$6M)

Additional K-12 Plus Units

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

Education Acts

\$51.5 million

- Indian Education Fund – **\$50M** (+\$24.5M)
- Bilingual Multicultural Hispanic and Black Education – **\$1.5M** (+\$500,000)

Bilingualism and Biliteracy

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

Native American Proficiency Increases

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

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

FY25 Agency Budget: \$24,521,600

Base Increase

\$1.75 million

- Increase Funded Positions at PED (281 to 294) – **\$1.75M**
Current filled FTE 298

\$1.25 million

Expansion Request

- Support for the Office of Special Education – **\$1M**
- ABQ and Las Cruces Rent – **\$250,000**

\$2 million

FY25/26 Special Appropriations Requests

- Martinez/Yazzie Legal Expenses – **\$500,000**
- Data Quality Supports (Nova and Unified Application) – **\$1.5M**

\$.5 million

FY25 Supplemental Requests

- Funding to maintain ESSER positions through FY25 – **\$200,000**
- ABQ and Las Cruces Rent – **\$300,000**