

Subject Education Budget Adjustments FY 2021: Summer Programming

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Overview

This bill is the Governor's bill appropriating fiscal year 2021 money for additional educational programming for the 2020-2021 school year, 2021 summer education programs, and Adult Basic Education (ABE) and mental health grants through the end of fiscal year 2022. The bill proposes approximately \$83 million in fiscal year 2021 funding, with the majority going to grants. Each grant is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

Summary

Section **Description**

1 Appropriations; Department of Education.

Subd. 1. Department of Education. Appropriates funds to the commissioner for programs and years designated in other subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Community partnerships. Establishes grants for summer mentoring or tutoring for students

- Appropriation: \$5 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients: school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, and cooperative units
- Grant amounts: up to \$100,000 per recipient
- Use of funds: must be used to deliver mentoring and tutoring programs; may be used for contracting with organizations, transportation, meal reimbursement, and other listed uses
- Partners: recipients must partner with community businesses and organizations
- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

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Subd. 3. Expand access to tutoring. Establishes grants to expand access to tutoring and other wraparound services for children in kindergarten through grade 12 over the summer.

- Appropriation: \$3.25 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients include: school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, and cooperative units
- Grant amounts: up to \$200,000 per recipient
- Use of funds: may be used for mental health services and supports, summer learning programs, and certain other activities
- Partners: recipients may develop a partnership between a local district, charter school, nonpublic school, or an eligible entity that has experience serving youth (includes community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, nonpublic schools, Tribal Nations and other American Indian organizations, nonprofit agencies, and for-profit corporations)
- MDE Administration: up two percent of appropriation

Subd. 4. Expand mental health supports. Establishes grants to expand mental health and well-being supports to youth and adolescents attending summer learning programs.

- Appropriation: \$1 million in FY 2021
- Eligible recipients: school districts and charter schools
- Use of funds: must be used for summer stipends and benefits to student support personnel
- Partners: recipients may partner with community organizations that work with youth to provide mental health and well-being supports
- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

Subd. 5. Field trips and hands-on learning. Establishes grants for summer field trips for hands-on learning opportunities.

- Appropriation: \$10 million in FY 2021
- Eligible recipients: school districts and charter schools
- Grant amount: based on estimated average daily membership and concentration of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches or have been historically underserved
- Use of funds: must be used to provide field trip opportunities during the summer; may be used for transportation, educator costs and incentives, meal reimbursement, and entry or event fees

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- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

Subd. 6. Increase ABE program funding. Adds \$10 million in fiscal year 2021 in funding for the ABE program. Up to two percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration by MDE.

Subd. 7. Neighborhood programs. Establishes grants for summer programs in neighborhoods and apartment buildings.

- Appropriation: \$5 million in FY 2021
- Eligible recipients: school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, and cooperative units
- Grant amount: up to \$100,000 per recipient
- Use of funds: may be used for transportation, academic enrichment programming, mental health services, other wraparound services, location rentals, and meal reimbursements
- Partners: recipients may collaborate or contract with community-based organizations, libraries, parks and recreation departments, tribes and tribal organizations, faith-based organizations, and other similar learning providers
- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

Subd. 8. Summer preschool for four- and five-year-olds. Establishes grants for three- or four-star-rated preschool programs.

- Appropriation: \$20 million in FY 2021
- Eligible recipients: three- or four-star rated private preschool, public preschool, or public prekindergarten in-person learning program that offers at least six instructional hours per day, for five days per week, for between ten and 12 weeks, and meets other requirements
- Grant amount: up to \$4,800 per student
- Use of funds: tuition, transportation, food service, and interpreter or multilingual student support costs; priority for students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch and meet other eligibility categories
- MDE Administration: up to 0.5 percent of appropriation

Subd. 9. Summer college for high school graduates. Establishes grants for summer programming for high school graduates at a postsecondary institution.

- Appropriation: \$6 million in FY 2021
- Eligible recipients: public institutions of higher education in Minnesota
- Grant amount: up to \$512 per course; if participation exceeds appropriation, reimbursement is prorated

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Use of funds: reimbursement to recipient for actual tuition cost of postsecondary credit-bearing or developmental courses completed by students during the summer of 2021▪ MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation
2	<p>Appropriations; Department of Human Services. Appropriates \$6,011,000 in fiscal year 2021 to expand school-linked mental health grants. Funding will increase access to federal grants to provide additional outside one-on-one mental health supports to students.</p>
3	<p>Appropriations; Department of Higher Education.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Office of Higher Learning. Appropriates funds to the commissioner of higher education.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Learning acceleration and college readiness initiatives. Appropriates \$1,125,000 in fiscal year 2021 for learning acceleration and college readiness initiatives and to combat learning loss of historically underserved students during the summer of 2021.</p>
	<p>The appropriation is divided between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ \$625,000 for the summer academic enrichment program under section 136A.091, which is for elementary and secondary students to attend academic summer programs sponsored by eligible postsecondary institutions and nonprofit organizations; and▪ \$500,000 for the intervention for college attendance program grants program under section 136A.861, which awards grants to programs that provide precollege services for historically underserved students in grades six through 12 and historically underrepresented college students.
4	<p>Declining enrollment revenue. Increases a district's declining enrollment revenue for fiscal year 2021 only by approximately \$25 million by increasing the replacement percentage from 28 percent to 48.5 percent.</p>
5	<p>General education aid. Increases general education aid for fiscal year 2021 by approximately \$22.5 million. Note that the November 2020 Forecast estimate of the baseline appropriation for general education aid for fiscal year 2021 was about \$73 million less than the end of session estimate of general education aid. This is why the overall level of general education funding goes down in the appropriation even though the new spending of \$22.5 million is added to the appropriation.</p>



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