

FY27 Public School Support Request

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The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) is committed to delivering a high-quality education for every student by aligning its FY27 budget increases with the agency’s strategic plan and key student outcomes:

- Reading and Math Programming \$35M (+ \$6M)
- STEAM, AI, and Outdoor Classrooms \$7.7M (+ \$1.7M)
- Tutoring and Out-of-School Learning \$19M (+ \$4M)
- Improving Graduation Rates and CTE \$45M (+ \$6.5M)
- Standards-Based Assessments \$16.3M (+ \$2.3M)
- Instructional Materials \$65M (+ \$10M)



Public School Support Request: Year-Over-Year Change

Recurring impact on the General Fund

GF Increase	\$81 million	Percent Increase	1.7%
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Non-recurring impact on the General Fund

GF Decrease	-\$143 million	Percent Decrease	-44%
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Overall percent changes to the General Fund and all funds

Decrease to PSSR: GF	-1.2%	Decrease to PSSR: All Funds	-1.5%
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Proposals for the Public Education Reform Fund (PERF)

High Impact Tutoring	\$15 million (\$5M/Year)	Out-of-School Learning	\$42 million (\$14M/Year)
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Note: The calculations above do not include a compensation increase or an insurance increase.

Educator Recruitment and Quality

\$37.3
million

- Teacher, Administrator, and School Board PD – **\$16.5M** (+9%)
- Teacher Pipeline Programs – **\$20.8M** (+1%)

Educator Prep Programs

More than 1,100 educators graduated from EPP programs last year

Vacancies

In FY25 there were 681 teacher vacancies across New Mexico

Literacy

\$62
million

- Structured Literacy Implementation, Monitoring, Coaches, and Training (LETRS) – **\$14**
- LETRS Substitutes and Stipends - **\$8M** (SEG)
- Reading and Math Summer Programs and In-School Tutoring – **\$35M** (+21%)
- Literacy Institute Operations – **\$5M** (new)

Literacy

6,009 educators have completed training in the science of reading (LETRS)



Student Nutrition

\$47.4 million

- New Mexico Grown and Universal, Quality Meals recurring – **\$42.2M**
- Universal, Quality Meals *potential cost overrun* – **\$5.2M** (+3.6%)

Meals Served

FY25: 55M (+4% breakfast and +5% lunches)

FY26: 58M projected

Scratch Cooking

90 kitchens were awarded \$20.1M for scratch cooking

Accountability

\$24.8 million

- Student Assessment – **\$16.3M** (+14%)
- Statewide Student Information System – **\$8.5M**

School Accreditation

Evidence collected in FY26 provides for new accreditation statuses for FY27

Academic Interventions and Supports

\$26 million

- Student Out of School Programs – **\$14M**
- High-Impact Tutoring – **\$5M** (+400%)
- Community Schools – **\$7M** (+16.7%)

High-Impact Tutoring

Students who received math tutoring learned 43% more in one year than students who did not receive tutoring

Math and STEAM

\$17.5 million

- Middle school math training (2,500 K-12 teachers) – **\$9.8M** (new - SEG)
- STEAM, Artificial Intelligence, and Outdoor Classrooms – **\$7.7M** (+15.6%)

Building Science Leaders

80 hours of PD for 2,500 teachers

Focus on Algebra

Engaged 150 teachers from 18 school districts



Special Education

\$4 million

- Special Education Leadership Training – **\$1.5M**
- Positive Behavioral Supports – **\$1.5M**
- Training on Streamlined, Statewide IEP – **\$1M** (new)

Special Education Supports

More than 4,000 participants in special education trainings (parents, educators, and administrators) across 92 offerings

Graduation

\$55 million

- Summer Internships – **\$10M**
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Work-Based Learning – **\$45M** (+17%)

New Requirement

Schools will use CTE funds for serving at-risk students to increase student engagement and graduation rates

School Safety

\$3.2 million

- Lt. Governor’s School Safety Summit – **\$200,500**
- Panic Buttons and Interoperable Communications – **\$3M** (+113%)

Mobile Panic Buttons

More than 800 schools have a panic button system in place

Programs Funded in PERF/GRO

Program	Total Funding	Annual Funding	Funding Period
Educator Clinical Practice	\$60M	\$20M/year	FY25 - FY27
Special Education Stipends/Differentials	\$15M	\$5M/year	FY25 - FY27
Attendance Improvement Interventions	\$18.6M	\$6.2M/year	FY26 - FY28
Innovative Staffing Strategies	\$7.8M	\$2.6M/year	FY26 - FY28
Math Improvement Initiatives	\$13.5M	\$4.5M/year	FY26 - FY28
Secondary Literacy	\$15.6M	\$5.2M/year	FY26 - FY28
Supports for Students Who are Unhoused	\$6.3M	\$2.1M/year	FY26 - FY28

FY27 Agency Budget Request Total: \$28,785,300 (+10%)

FY26 Agency Budget: \$26,096,600

Base Increase

\$2.33 million

- Rent – **\$396,000**
- Health Benefits Swap (required due to legislative changes in 2025) – **\$1M**
- Fixed Costs Increases (GSD) – **\$682,400**
- Increase Funded Positions at PED by 2 FTE – **\$244,000**

PED has 361 positions, but funding for only 340

Expansion Request

\$360,000

- 3 New FTE (special education, school budget, and licensure) – **\$345,000**
- Hardware and Supplies for New Staff – **\$15,000**

FY27 Special Appropriations Requests

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- Martinez/Yazzie Legal Expenses – **\$500,000**