



Due North Education Plan: 2022-2023 Budget and Policy Recommendations

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Ten Minnesota Commitments to Equity

1. Prioritize equity.
2. Start from within.
3. Measure what matters.
4. Go local.
5. Follow the money.
6. Start early.
7. Monitor implementation of standards.
8. Value people.
9. Improve conditions for learning.
10. Give students options.

Minnesota's Education Plan

2021 Summer Package

2021 Biennial Budget Bill

2021 Policy Proposals

Minnesota's Plan for Excellent Education

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Due North Education Plan

Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

Strategic Plan

Driven by equity and inclusion, MDE's Strategic Plan is the product of input from Minnesota's educators, families, and students and shaped by the Governor and Lt. Governor's One Minnesota vision.

2021 Summer Package

A well-rounded set of proposals that prioritizes equity, access, and inclusion for all Minnesota Students.

Funding

\$89.875 million of FY21 state funds

\$73.447 million of federal relief funds

Package needs early passage (mid-April) to allow schools to implement in a timely and effective manner.

Summer Package: Federally Funded

Expand Summer Programming - \$57.5 million

Use GEER II and ESSER II funds to expand the number of teachers in order to provide in-person academic instruction and support so all students have summer programming opportunities.

School Age Care and Youth Programming - \$15.947 million

Use GEER II funds to support school-age care, before/after/summer school youth wrap-around programming, and access to high-quality childcare and supports.

\$6.473 million: school-age care staffing and administration.

\$3.000 million: increased before, after, and summer school wrap-around services.

\$6.473 million: reduce the Early Learning Scholarship waitlist to the extent possible.

Summer Package: FY21 Funding

Expand Summer Preschool for 4- and 5-year-olds - \$20 million

Rate of \$4,800 per child for over 4,166 of the most underserved 4- or 5-year-olds that were eligible but not enrolled in kindergarten for 2020-21

Mental Health Supports During the Summer - \$8 million

School-linked Mental Health (SLMH) grants - \$5 million

Mental Health Staff support - \$1 million

Expanded mental health and well-being supports for summer programming - \$1 million

Summer Package: FY21 Funding

Partnering to Enhance Summer Programming - \$23.25 million

Field Trips and Hands-On Learning - \$10 million

Neighborhood Program Grants - \$5 million

Community Partnership Grants - \$5 million

Tutoring Services Grants - \$3.25 million

College Readiness and Adult Education - \$17.125 million

Summer College for High School Graduates - \$6 million

OHE Summer Academic Enrichment Program and Intervention for College
Attendance Program - \$1.125 million

Adult Basic Education - \$10 million

Summer Package: FY21 Funding

Pandemic Enrollment Loss

Supporting our schools to be able to maintain programming that serves all students across the state.

\$25 million in one-time funding.

| FY21 | FY22 | FY22/23 |
|----------|---------|----------|
| \$22,500 | \$2,500 | \$25,000 |

**\$ in thousands*

2022-2023 Biennial Budget Overview

Funding a 21st Century Education.

Every student receives a world-class education.

Every student learns in a safe and nurturing environment.

Every student learns in a classroom with caring and qualified teachers.

Expand access to opportunities for students of color and indigenous students and for students in Greater Minnesota.

22-23 Biennial Budget: 21st Century Education

Funding a 21st Century Education

1% and 2.5% on the General Education Formula

Simplify school levies and improve equalization

Special Education cross-subsidy hold steady

Reduce English Learner (EL) cross-subsidy

21st Century Education: 1% and 2.5%

1% (FY22) and 2.5% (FY23) on the General Education Formula

\$66 per pupil in FY22 and \$166 per pupil in FY23

| FY22 | FY23 | FY22/23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY24/25 |
|----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| \$64,436 | \$236,639 | \$301,075 | \$255,122 | \$255,197 | \$510,319 |

**\$ in thousands*

21st Century Education: School Levies

Simplify School Levies and Improve Equalization

Replace two tiers of Local Optional Revenue with one tier.

Replace two tiers of operating referendum revenue with one tier.

Replace two tiers of debt service equalization with one tier.

| Appropriation | FY22 | FY23 | FY22/23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY24/25 |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Referendum | \$0 | \$9,464 | \$9,464 | \$14,490 | \$16,421 | \$30,911 |
| Local Optional Revenue | \$0 | \$68,054 | \$68,054 | \$80,854 | \$89,097 | \$169,951 |
| Debt Service Equalization | \$0 | \$17,910 | \$17,910 | \$19,309 | \$18,590 | \$37,899 |
| Total Appropriation | \$0 | \$95,428 | \$95,428 | \$114,653 | \$124,108 | \$238,761 |

**\$ in thousands*

21st Century Education: Special Education Cross-Subsidy

Freeze the State Portion of the Special Education Cross-Subsidy

Hold the special education cross subsidy per student at FY19 level of \$808 per average daily membership.

Increase cross-subsidy reduction aid from 6.43% to 9.33% of the cross-subsidy in FY22 and 13.2% of the cross-subsidy in FY23 and later years.

| FY22 | FY23 | FY22/23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY24/25 |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| \$22,263 | \$50,470 | \$72,733 | \$56,066 | \$58,108 | \$114,174 |

**\$ in thousands*

21st Century Education: EL Cross-Subsidy

Reduce the English Learner (EL) Cross-Subsidy

Reduce the state total EL cross-subsidy from \$123.5 million or 67.6% of EL expenditures to \$108.3 million or 59.3%.

Increase EL revenue allowance from \$704 to \$755.

Extend the cap for EL concentration revenue sliding scale from 11.5% to 16.8% and increase concentration allowance from \$250 to \$536.

| FY22 | FY23 | FY22/23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY24/25 |
|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| \$0 | \$13,683 | \$13,683 | \$15,315 | \$15,477 | \$30,792 |

**\$ in thousands*

2022-2023 Biennial Budget: World-Class Education

Every student receives a world-class education.

Maintain Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Seats

Indigenous Education for All

Ethnic Studies Added to Standards and Curriculum

Maintain Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Seats - \$40.973 million

Ensures that 4,000 VPK and School Readiness Plus (SRP) seats are not lost in FY22.

Requires the Kindergarten Entry Profile for all VPK and SRP students.

Indigenous Education for All - \$1.324 million

Embeds Indigenous education into all standards.

Funds grants to create tribally endorsed, historically accurate curriculum for schools to use.

Funds support for schools, including through consultation from the Tribal Nations Education Committee to consult on standards, curricula, and professional development.

Ethnic Studies for All - \$292,000

Changes the academic standards statute to embed ethnic studies in all standards and provides resource and professional development support.

2022-2023 Biennial Budget: Safe, Nurturing Environment

Ensuring every student learns in a safe and nurturing environment.

Student Support Personnel

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Grants

MDE Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Center Trauma-Informed Training Grants

Safe, Nurturing Environment

Student Support Personnel - \$46.964 million

Funds up to 325 more student support personnel.
Establishes a workforce development initiative.
Creates a school health services specialist.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Grants - \$10 million

Funds grants to districts and charters to implement MTSS frameworks to deliver academic, social, emotional, and physical health services targeted to students' individual needs.
Expands support capacity statewide.

MDE Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Center Trauma-Informed Training Grants - \$4 million

Funds trauma-informed professional development grants to schools.

2021 Biennial Budget: Caring, Qualified Teachers

Every student learns in a classroom with caring and qualified teachers.

Statewide Teacher Mentoring Program

Educator Career Pathways

Grow Your Own Expansion

Caring, Qualified Teachers

Statewide Teacher Mentoring Program - \$10 million

Provides competitive grants to regional partners to provide mentoring supports for new teachers and training, technical assistance, and networks/communities of practice for educators and districts and charters to implement the state's induction model.

Grow Your Own Expansion - \$4 million

Increases funding.

Adds a third pathway for districts and charters to develop their teaching workforce.

Opens the teacher residency pathway to all approved teacher prep programs.

Extends the timeframe over which grants can be used.

Educator Career Pathways - \$8 million

Three competitive grants for districts and charters to:

Create pathways to encourage middle and high school students to become teachers,

Recruit into postsecondary programs, and

Retain new teachers.

2022-2023 Biennial Budget: Expand Access to Opportunities

Expand access to opportunities for students of color and Indigenous students and for students in Greater Minnesota.

Full-Service Community Schools

Expanding Rigorous Coursework for BIPOC Students

MDE Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Center Anti-Bias Training Grants

Non-Exclusionary Discipline Professional Development

American Indian Education

Expand Access to Opportunities

Full Service Community Schools - \$10 million

Reestablishes planning and implementation grants for schools to establish the evidence-based model to meet the needs of the students and communities they serve and provide wrap-around services.

Expanding Rigorous Coursework for BIPOC Students - \$10 million

Funds increased access to AP, IB, CTE, and concurrent enrollment courses.

Expand Access to Opportunities

Non-exclusionary Discipline Training Grants - \$2.5 million

Provides competitive grants to schools up to \$50,000 each to support the creation and implementation of model policies in behavior and discipline.

Establishes a non-exclusionary/anti-bias team tasked with developing training, providing onsite support and discipline policy/process development.

MDE Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Center Anti-bias Training Grants - \$4 million

Funds anti-bias professional development grants to schools.

Expand Access to Opportunities

American Indian Education - \$8.42 million

Tribal Early Learning Package - \$3.3 million annually

Tribal Head Start Set-Aside - no cost

Fund staff, technology, and resources to provide data analysis of American Indian student indicators and reporting on the state count of American Indian students - \$1.32 million in FY22/23; \$865,000 in FY24/25

Tribal Nations Relations training for school leaders - \$250,000 per year

Expand Language Access for Families - \$3 million

Funds translation grants to districts and charter schools.

Creates a public engagement and translation team at MDE.

Provides schools access to translation technology.

Modernize District Data Submission, aka Ed-Fi - \$6.663 million

Funds the continued implement of Ed-Fi, which allows for continued implementation of “Counting All Students”.

Provides for more efficient data transmission for schools.

Provides more timely and comprehensive data that is more accessible and easier to understand.

Budget Reductions – (\$3.4 million)

Statewide assessment reduction – (\$2.4 million) in next biennium

Reduction in funding for statewide testing and reporting system required by statute.

MDE will use greater percentage of federal funds to implement statewide assessments.

Reduction to college entrance exam reimbursements – (\$500,000) annually

Remaining funds will cover the requests for reimbursements based on prior year demands.

| Item | FY22 | FY23 | FY22/23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY24/25 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Statewide Assessments | (\$1,200) | (\$1,200) | (\$2,400) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| College Entrance Exam Reimbursements | (\$500) | (\$500) | (\$1,000) | (\$500) | (\$500) | (\$1,000) |

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2021 Policy Proposals Overview

Policy Proposals

American Indian Education

Educators

School Environment

Policy: American Indian Education

Supporting American Indian Education and Students

- Provides for the state count of American Indian student for purposes of American Indian Education aid.
- Establishes American Indian Parent Advisory Committees (AIPAC).
- Provides Tribal Nations access to data on their students.
- Eliminates the word “supplemental” from the American Indian instruction statutes.
- Ensures AIPACs are majority parents of American Indian students.

Policy: Educators

- Remove the basic skills test from teacher licensure and eliminate the three years of teaching experience required under a Tier 2 license as a pathway to a Tier 3.
- Eliminate the prohibition on Tier I teachers from joining a bargaining unit and add ECFE and Adult Basic Education (ABE) teachers to union membership.
- Prohibiting discipline of a teacher for incorporating contributions of protected classes into curricula.

Policy: School Environment

Supporting Non-exclusionary Discipline Practices

- Defines terms for consistency and clarity, including aligning the definition of suspension.
- Requires non-exclusionary disciplinary policies and practices before pupil withdrawal proceedings, except where there is an immediate danger to self or others or property nearby.
- Requires reporting to MDE.

Supporting Restorative Practices

- Makes statutory changes that allow restorative practices to take root
- Creates a foundation for engaging stakeholders in discipline policy revisions
- Revises discipline policies annually

Reducing the Use of Restrictive Procedures

- Applies requirements around restrictive procedure use and reporting to all students, not just those with disabilities.
- Prohibits prone restraints and any restrictive procedures on children under age 5.

Creating Safe, Healthy, and Welcoming Schools

Mental health instruction required.

Social emotional learning standards required.

Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems defined.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) defined.

Culturally Inclusive, Diverse, and Respectful Schools

- Statewide goal for increasing teachers of color and American Indian teachers at least two percentage points per year.
- Modify a range of statutes to make Minnesota schools more culturally responsive, inclusive, and respectful environments for students, staff, families, and community.
- Requiring respectful lunch policies.

Thank you!