

K-12 Budget Proposal Comparisons

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The [Executive](#), [Senate](#), and [House](#) School Aid Fund budgets for FY 2025 have been released. Each puts forward strong ideas to improve public education in Michigan. All three budgets contain increases in per pupil funding, make large investments in PK and improve the distribution of special education funding. To different degrees, each budget also improves the sustainability of several important new programs including mental health, transportation, and declining enrollment by replacing one-time funding with recurring resources.

Finally, it's worth noting that approximately two thirds of the increases in the FY 2025 education budget rely on a reduction in MPSERS costs (after fully funding retiree OPEB). The House's budget is unique in how it shares those savings with the school employees that actually paid part of this debt.

While the final education budget still must be negotiated in conference (likely to be released at the end of June, after the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference next month), we can rest assured that the FY 2025 budget will improve the strength and fairness of public education in Michigan.

More analysis is in the works, but for now, here is a side-by-side comparison of the three budgets (note: all appropriations shown as a change from the current FY24 budget):

Category	Description	Section(s)	Executive	Senate	House	Notes
Core Funding	State Foundation Allowance Share	22a, 22b	00,000 43,8	00,000 125,8	00,000 34,8	
	Foundation Per Pupil Change	22a, 22b, local share	241	302	217	
	Core Special Education	51a(2), 51c, 51e	00,000 306,8	00,000 309,8	00,000 305,6	
	Salary Reimbursement	147f/147a(4)	00,000 45,8	0,000 (48,50)	00,000 242,3	
	GSRP (PK)	32d	41,000 124,8	43,100 100,8	00,000 93,3	
	GSRP Eligibility	32d	Universal	400% of Poverty Line	350% of Poverty Line	
	Total Est. Change Per Pupil			565	435	669

Weights	At-Risk	31a	00,000	23,8	20,500	122,6	00,000	70,1	
	Special Education Equalization	56	00,000	50,0	-	-	-	-	All three include different but significant improvements to special ed funding formula
	English Learners	41	47,000	3,0	66,500	39,7	61,000	4,9	
	Rural And Isolated Districts	22d	85,000	8	00,900	5	54,400	8	
	Total Est. Change Per Pupil		56		118		55		
Other important programs	Reimburse 3% Premium Subsidy	147g	-	-	-	-	34,100	51,6	
	Transportation Funding	22l	-	-	-	-	-	-	paid from transport fund
	Declining Enrollment	29	-	-	-	-	00,000	21,6	paid of enrollment stabilization fund
	Universal Meals	30d	00,000	40,0	00,000	40,0	00,000	40,0	all retained
Sustainability	Transportation Fund Deposit	22k	-	-	-	-	00,000	150,0	
	Declining Enrollment Fund Deposit	29	-	-	-	-	00,000	100,0	
	Mental Health Funding	31aa	Maintained at \$300m (half one time, half recurring)		Reduce to \$150m (two-thirds one time and one-third recurring)		Retained at \$313m (all but \$13m moved to recurring)		All include shifts from one-time to recurring funding to varying degrees
Educator Retention and Recruitment	Educator Fellowship	27a	retained		retained		retained		
	Grow Your Own	27b	new round of funding		new round of funding		new round of funding		
	Student Teacher Stipends	27c	retained		retained		retained		
	Talent Together	27g	cut		new round of funding		new round of funding		
	Mentoring Grants	27h	retained		cut		cut		
	Educator Student Loan Payments	27k	cut		partially retained		cut		
	National Board Certification	27m	cut		retained		partially retained		