



ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: SUMMARY OF CA GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2024-25 BUDGET

Gov. Gavin Newsom released his 2024-25 budget proposal that reflects a near \$38 billion dollar shortfall — a far less severe deficit than was previously projected — and that he characterized as a correction of the “boom and bust” of California’s revenue cycle. The Governor proposes to manage the shortfall through a combination of strategies, such as tapping into reserve accounts, reducing program spending, delaying programs and deferring other spending. However, the Governor’s proposal continues commitments to his signature TK-12 priorities, including Transitional Kindergarten, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program and Universal Meals.

EDUCATION FUNDING OVERVIEW

PROPOSITION 98

Due to the drop in overall state revenues, the Prop. 98 minimum guarantee drops significantly — by more than \$11 billion dollars — over the three-year budget window. The January budget proposal includes a total of \$126.8 billion, with \$76.4 billion from the General Fund for all K-12 programs. Per-pupil spending totals \$23,519 when accounting for all sources, with \$17,653 coming from state funds.

PROPOSITION 98 RAINY DAY FUND

The Governor taps into the state’s reserve account to minimize the impact on education funding. The Governor uses \$3 billion in 2022-23 and \$2.7 billion in 2023-24 to address the revenue shortfall for K-12 schools for a total of \$5.7 billion, leaving a fund balance of \$3.8 billion.

LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA (LCFF)

The budget estimates the statutory cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to LCFF to be 0.76 percent and proposes to fully fund it at that level.

PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF LCFF

The budget provides a 0.76 percent COLA to programs outside of LCFF, including the LCFF Equity Multiplier, Special Education, Adult Education, Child Nutrition, State Preschool, Mandates Block Grant and the Charter School Facility Grant Program, among others.

COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION

The Governor proposes a decrease of \$5 million to reflect reductions in ADA and the 0.76 percent COLA.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

The Governor continues to prioritize universal transitional kindergarten and “rebenches” Proposition 98 to account for the additional students that qualify for TK. The implementation of TK remains on track with September 2 to June 2 birthdays qualifying in the 2024-25 school year, and full implementation by the 2025-26 school year.

ATTENDANCE AND CONTINUITY OF LEARNING

The budget proposes multiple changes to Average Daily Attendance (ADA), including:

- Requiring LEAs to offer remote instruction for any emergency last more than five days;
- Allowing LEAs to count attendance recovery time for both ADA funding purposes and chronic absenteeism for short-term emergency events;
- Encouraging LEAs to provide hybrid or remote learning opportunities to students who are unable to attend school;
- Funds to identify opportunities for LEAs to report individual student absence data related to emergency events.

NUTRITION

The Governor proposes to provide a \$122.2 million increase to fully fund the universal meals program, as program utilization continues to increase.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The budget directs the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to create a new Elementary Arts and Music Education authorization for CTE teachers, aiming to create a pipeline for artists to provide instruction in elementary classrooms.

STATE PRESCHOOL

The budget provides \$53.7 million in one-time federal funds to continue the reimbursement rate increases made in the previous year's budget.

SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM

The Governor acknowledges his expectation to work with the Legislature to place a school facilities bond on the November 2024 ballot. The Governor is proposing to delay the 2023 Budget Act allocation of \$550 million to the Preschool, TK and Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program from 2024-25 to 2025-26.

DYSLEXIA SCREENING

The budget proposes \$25 million through the Mandates Block Grant to support training for educators to administer literacy screenings.

MATHEMATICS FRAMEWORK

In order to support educators teaching mathematics aligned to the new framework adopted in 2023, the budget provides \$20 million for a county office of education to work with the California Subject Matter Projects to develop and provide training to the teachers.

HOMELESS EDUCATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS

The budget proposes an increase of \$1.5 million to maintain support for the program that was initially established by federal funds.

TEACHER PREPARATION

The Governor's budget proposes several policy changes, including recognizing the completion of a bachelor's degree as satisfying the basic skills requirement for a credential and improving transcript review to certify subject matter competency.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Governor's January budget marks the beginning of spending plan negotiations with the State Legislature. As we approach the May Revision, the deficit projections and revenue totals are expected to change. ACSA will be actively engaged with both the administration and Legislature to ensure the needs of California's students are met.

Read the full budget summary [here](#).