

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$5,108,000

2 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
3 conditions and limitations: The entire Washington opportunity
4 pathways account—state appropriation in this section is provided to
5 the superintendent of public instruction solely for the operations of
6 the Washington state charter school commission under chapter 28A.710
7 RCW.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 522. FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF**
9 **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—FOR GRANTS AND PASS THROUGH FUNDING**

10 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). \$75,111,000
11 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2027). \$11,658,000
12 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$86,769,000

13 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
14 conditions and limitations:

15 (1) GRADUATION SUCCESS AND PREPARATION FOR POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

16 (a) \$4,894,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
17 year 2026 is provided solely for the office of the superintendent of
18 public instruction to administer programs and grants which increase
19 equitable access to dual credit programs, including subsidizing or
20 eliminating student costs for dual credit courses or exams.

21 (b) \$3,152,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
22 year 2026 is provided solely for secondary career and technical
23 education grants pursuant to chapter 170, Laws of 2008, including
24 parts of programs receiving grants that serve students in grades four
25 through six. If equally matched by private donations, \$1,475,000 of
26 the 2026 appropriation shall be used to support FIRST robotics
27 programs in grades four through twelve. Of the amounts provided in
28 this subsection (1)(b), \$800,000 of the fiscal year 2026
29 appropriation is provided solely for the purpose of statewide
30 supervision activities for career and technical education student
31 leadership organizations.

32 (c) \$135,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
33 year 2026 is provided solely for science, technology, engineering and
34 mathematics lighthouse projects, consistent with chapter 238, Laws of
35 2010.

36 (d) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
37 year 2026 is provided solely for advanced project lead the way
38 courses at 10 high schools. To be eligible for funding in 2026, a

1 high school must have offered a foundational project lead the way
2 course during the 2024-25 school year. The 2026 funding must be used
3 for one-time start-up course costs for an advanced project lead the
4 way course, to be offered to students beginning in the 2025-26 school
5 year. The office of the superintendent of public instruction and the
6 education research and data center at the office of financial
7 management shall track student participation and long-term outcome
8 data. The office may require the recipient of these funds to report
9 the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment with the measures
10 of the Washington school improvement framework.

11 (e) \$2,527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
12 year 2026 is provided solely for annual startup, expansion, or
13 maintenance of core plus programs in maritime, construction, and
14 aerospace and advanced manufacturing programs. To be eligible for
15 funding to start up, maintain, or expand programs under (e)(i)
16 through (iii) of this subsection (1), the skills center, high school,
17 or middle school must be selected through a grant process
18 administered by the office of the superintendent of public
19 instruction in consultation with the advisory committee established
20 in (e)(vi) of this subsection (1). The office and the education
21 research and data center shall report annually student participation
22 and long-term outcome data. Within the amounts provided in this
23 subsection (1)(e):

24 (i) \$900,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
25 year 2026 is provided solely for grants for the annual startup,
26 expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in aerospace and
27 advanced manufacturing programs.

28 (ii) \$550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
29 year 2026 is provided solely for grants for the annual startup,
30 expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in construction
31 programs.

32 (iii) \$550,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
33 year 2026 is provided solely for grants for the annual startup,
34 expansion, or maintenance of core plus programs in maritime programs.

35 (iv) For (e)(i) through (iii) of this subsection (1), when the
36 grant demand does not align with the specified allocation, the
37 superintendent may allocate funding toward sector areas that meet
38 criteria based on agreement from industry sector representatives.

1 (v) \$527,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
2 year 2026 is provided solely for the office to administer, evaluate,
3 and promote programs under (e)(i) through (iii) of this subsection
4 (1) based on industry sector recommendations, including contracts
5 with sector-specific entities to expand sector-specific employer
6 engagement programs, increase work placement opportunities, validate
7 credentials necessary for direct employment, and provide professional
8 development to support schools, teachers, and students. Professional
9 development must include pedagogy-based learning to increase English
10 language arts, mathematics, and science outcomes through core plus
11 programming.

12 (vi) The office shall collaborate with industry sector leadership
13 from the core plus program areas and a representative from a
14 statewide business and manufacturing association to inform the
15 administration and continual improvement of core plus programs,
16 review data and outcomes, recommend program improvements, ensure core
17 plus programs reflect current industry competencies, and identify
18 appropriate program credentials.

19 (f) \$4,940,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
20 year 2026 is provided solely for the Washington state achievers
21 scholarship and Washington higher education readiness program. The
22 funds shall be used to: Support community involvement officers that
23 recruit, train, and match community volunteer mentors with students
24 selected as achievers scholars; and to identify and reduce barriers
25 to college for low-income and underserved middle and high school
26 students. The office may require the recipient of these funds to
27 report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment with the
28 measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

29 (g) \$1,454,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
30 year 2026 is provided solely for contracting with a college
31 scholarship organization with expertise in conducting outreach to
32 students concerning eligibility for the Washington college bound
33 scholarship consistent with chapter 405, Laws of 2007. The office may
34 require the recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the
35 recipient's efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington
36 school improvement framework.

37 (h) \$179,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
38 year 2026 is provided solely for the Peninsula school district

1 aviation academy to prepare students for diverse careers in the
2 aviation industry.

3 (2) CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, DISSEMINATION, AND SUPPORTS

4 (a) \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
5 year 2026 is provided solely for project citizen and we the people:
6 The citizen and the constitution programs sponsored by the national
7 conference of state legislatures and the center for civic education
8 to promote participation in government by middle and high school
9 students. Of the amounts provided, \$15,000 of the general fund—state
10 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for awarding a
11 travel grant to the winner of the we the people: The citizen and the
12 constitution state competition.

13 (b) \$373,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
14 year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 127, Laws
15 of 2018 (civics education). Of the amounts provided in this
16 subsection (2)(b), \$10,000 of the general fund—state appropriation
17 for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for grant programs to school
18 districts to help cover travel costs associated with civics education
19 competitions.

20 (c) Within the amounts appropriated in this section the office of
21 the superintendent of public instruction shall ensure career and
22 technical education courses are aligned with high-demand, high-wage
23 jobs. The superintendent shall verify that the current list of career
24 and technical education courses meets the criteria established in RCW
25 28A.700.020(2). The superintendent shall remove from the list any
26 career and technical education course that no longer meets such
27 criteria.

28 (d) \$55,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
29 year 2026 is provided solely for the office of the superintendent of
30 public instruction for statewide implementation of career and
31 technical education course equivalency frameworks authorized under
32 RCW 28A.700.070 for math and science. This may include development of
33 additional equivalency course frameworks, course performance
34 assessments, and professional development for districts implementing
35 the new frameworks.

36 (e) \$3,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
37 year 2026 is provided solely for the office of the superintendent of
38 public instruction to provide grants to school districts and
39 educational service districts for science teacher training in the

1 next generation science standards including training in the climate
2 science standards. At a minimum, school districts shall ensure that
3 teachers in one grade level in each elementary, middle, and high
4 school participate in this science training. Of the amount
5 appropriated, \$1,000,000 is provided solely for community-based
6 nonprofits including tribal education organizations to partner with
7 public schools for next generation science standards.

8 (f) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
9 year 2026 is provided solely for the Kip Tokuda memorial Washington
10 civil liberties public education program. The superintendent of
11 public instruction shall award grants consistent with RCW
12 28A.300.410.

13 (g) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
14 year 2026 is provided solely for the Washington state leadership and
15 assistance for science education reform (LASER) regional partnership
16 activities, including instructional material purchases, teacher and
17 principal professional development, and school and community
18 engagement events. The office may require the recipient of these
19 funds to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment
20 with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

21 (h) \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
22 year 2026 is provided solely for grants of \$2,500 to provide twenty
23 middle and high school teachers each year with professional
24 development training for implementing integrated math, science,
25 technology, and engineering programs in their schools.

26 (i) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
27 year 2026 is provided solely for the computer science and education
28 grant program to support the following three purposes: Training and
29 credentialing teachers in computer sciences; providing and upgrading
30 technology needed to learn computer science; and for computer science
31 frontiers grants to introduce students to and engage them in computer
32 science. The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
33 use the computer science learning standards adopted pursuant to
34 chapter 3, Laws of 2015 1st sp. sess. (computer science) in
35 implementing the grant, to the extent possible. Additionally, grants
36 provided for the purpose of introducing students to computer science
37 are intended to support innovative ways to introduce and engage
38 students from historically underrepresented groups, including girls,
39 low-income students, and minority students, to computer science and

1 to inspire them to enter computer science careers. The office of the
2 superintendent of public instruction may award up to \$500,000 each
3 year, without a matching requirement, to districts with greater than
4 50 percent of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. All
5 other awards must be equally matched by private sources for the
6 program, including gifts, grants, or endowments.

7 (j) \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
8 year 2026 is provided solely for the office of the superintendent of
9 public instruction to contract with a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit
10 community-based organization physically located in Washington state
11 that has at least 18 years of experience collaborating with the
12 office and school districts statewide to integrate the state learning
13 standards in English language arts, mathematics, and science with
14 FieldSTEM outdoor field studies and project-based and work-based
15 learning opportunities aligned with the environmental, natural
16 resource, and agricultural sectors. The office may require the
17 recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the recipient's
18 efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington school
19 improvement framework.

20 (k) \$62,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
21 year 2026 is provided solely for competitive grants to school
22 districts to increase the capacity of high schools to offer AP
23 computer science courses. In making grant allocations, the office of
24 the superintendent of public instruction must give priority to
25 schools and districts in rural areas, with substantial enrollment of
26 low-income students, and that do not offer AP computer science.
27 School districts may apply to receive either or both of the following
28 grants:

29 (i) A grant to establish partnerships to support computer science
30 professionals from private industry serving on a voluntary basis as
31 coinstructors along with a certificated teacher, including via
32 synchronous video, for AP computer science courses; or

33 (ii) A grant to purchase or upgrade technology and curriculum
34 needed for AP computer science, as well as provide opportunities for
35 professional development for classroom teachers to have the requisite
36 knowledge and skills to teach AP computer science.

37 (l) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
38 year 2026 is provided solely for the Mobius science center to expand
39 mobile outreach of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

1 (STEM) education to students in rural, tribal, and low-income
2 communities.

3 (m) \$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
4 year 2026 is provided solely for the centrum program at Fort Worden
5 state park.

6 (n) \$20,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
7 fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 of the general fund—state
8 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office
9 to administer an outdoor learning grant program to develop and
10 support outdoor educational experiences for students in Washington
11 public schools. A portion of the amount provided must be used to
12 provide outdoor educational opportunities for people with
13 disabilities. The office may consult with the Washington recreation
14 and conservation office on outdoor learning program grants. Of the
15 amounts provided in this subsection (2)(n):

16 (i) \$195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
17 year 2026 and \$195,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
18 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the office to implement
19 chapter 112, Laws of 2022 (outdoor learning grant prg.).

20 (ii) \$3,903,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
21 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,961,000 of the general fund—state
22 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the
23 outdoor learning grant program, which consists of two types of
24 grants:

25 (A) Allocation-based grants for school districts to develop or
26 support outdoor educational experiences; and

27 (B) Competitive grants for outdoor education providers that are
28 designed to support existing capacity and to increase future capacity
29 for outdoor learning experiences.

30 (iii) \$15,902,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
31 fiscal year 2026 and \$7,844,000 of the general fund—state
32 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the
33 outdoor education experiences program. The office must prioritize
34 providing the program to fifth and sixth grade students in high
35 poverty schools, expanding to other fifth and sixth grade students
36 subject to available funds.

37 (o) \$3,205,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
38 year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 238, Laws
39 of 2022 (student financial literacy) which provides grants to school

1 districts for integrating financial literacy education into
2 professional development for certificated staff.

3 (p) (i) \$4,725,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
4 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for dual language grants to grow
5 capacity for high quality dual language learning. Grant funding may
6 be used for new and existing dual language programs, heritage
7 language programs for immigrant and refugee students, and indigenous
8 language programs for native students. Of the amounts provided in
9 this subsection, \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation
10 for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for tribal language grants.

11 (ii) Each grant recipient must convene an advisory board to guide
12 the development and continuous improvement of its dual language
13 program, including but not limited to: Determining which schools and
14 languages will be prioritized; conducting outreach to the community;
15 and addressing enrollment considerations and the hiring of staff. At
16 least half the members of the board must be parents of English
17 learner students or current or former English learner students. The
18 other members of the board must represent teachers, students, school
19 leaders, governing board members, youth, and community-based
20 organizations that support English learners.

21 (q) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
22 year 2026 is provided solely for the office to contract with a
23 statewide nonprofit organization representing school principals to
24 expand a student program that since 1956 has offered leadership
25 education for all ages with proven programs, custom curriculum, and
26 experiential opportunities that promote school-wide social and
27 emotional growth.

28 (r) \$2,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
29 year 2026 is provided solely for a school district located in
30 Snohomish county, that contains an Indian reservation, whose western
31 boundary line is Puget Sound, and that was removed from their
32 insurance risk pool in 2024, for the difference between the previous
33 cost of insurance provided through the Washington schools risk
34 management pool and the cost of purchasing private insurance.

35 (3) ELIMINATING INEQUITABLE STUDENT OUTCOMES

36 (a) \$7,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
37 year 2026 is provided solely for a contract with a nongovernmental
38 entity or entities for the graduation success program and for
39 maintaining and implementing the data sharing agreement between the

1 office, the department of children, youth, and families, and the
2 contractors to support targeted service delivery, program evaluation,
3 and statewide education outcomes measurement for students served
4 under this section. The office may require the recipient of these
5 funds to report the impacts of the recipient's efforts in alignment
6 with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

7 (b) \$1,200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
8 year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 157, Laws
9 of 2016 (homeless students).

10 (c) \$36,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
11 year 2026 is provided solely for chapter 212, Laws of 2014 (homeless
12 student educational outcomes).

13 (d) \$750,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
14 year 2026 is provided solely for contracts with Washington state
15 based nonprofit organizations that provide a career-integrated one-
16 to-one mentoring program for disadvantaged students facing academic
17 and personal challenges with the goal of keeping them on track for
18 graduation and post-high school success. An applicant requesting
19 funding under this subsection must successfully demonstrate to the
20 office that it currently provides a career-integrated one-to-one
21 volunteer mentoring program and has been mentoring school youth for
22 at least 20 years in the state prior to application.

23 (e) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
24 year 2026 is provided solely for the office to contract with an
25 organization to create an after-school and summer learning program in
26 the city of Federal Way. The program shall provide comprehensive,
27 culturally competent academic support and cultural enrichment for
28 primarily latinx, spanish-speaking, low-income sixth, seventh, and
29 eighth grade students. The department must contract with an
30 organization with over forty years of experience that serves the
31 latino community in Seattle and King county and has previously
32 established an after-school and summer learning program.

33 (f) \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
34 year 2026 is provided solely for the office of the superintendent of
35 public instruction to create and administer a grant program for
36 districts to reduce associated student body fees or participation
37 fees for students who are eligible to participate in the federal free
38 and reduced-price meals program. The office must distribute grants
39 for the 2025-26 school year to school districts by August 10, 2025.

1 (i) Grant awards must be prioritized in the following order:

2 (A) High schools implementing the United States department of
3 agriculture community eligibility provision;

4 (B) High schools with the highest percentage of students in
5 grades nine through twelve eligible to participate in the federal
6 free and reduced-price meals program; and

7 (C) High schools located in school districts enrolling 5,000 or
8 fewer students.

9 (ii) High schools that do not comply with the data collection and
10 reporting requirements in RCW 28A.320.540 are not eligible for grant
11 funding.

12 (iii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction
13 shall award grants that are the lesser of the cost of the high
14 school's associated student body card multiplied by the number of
15 students eligible for the free or reduced-price meals program that
16 purchased a student body card in the previous school year or \$10,000,
17 whichever is higher.

18 (iv) The office may award additional funding if:

19 (A) The appropriations provided are greater than the total amount
20 of funding requested at the end of the application cycle; and

21 (B) The applicant shows a demonstrated need for additional
22 support.

23 (g) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
24 year 2026 is provided solely for the office of the superintendent of
25 public instruction to contract with a Washington-based nonprofit
26 organization to promote equitable access in science, technology,
27 engineering, and math education for historically underserved students
28 and communities. The nonprofit shall provide a system of science
29 educational programming specifically for migrant and bilingual
30 students, including teacher professional development, culturally
31 responsive classroom resources that are aligned with Washington state
32 science and environmental and sustainability learning standards, and
33 implementation support. At least 50 percent of the funding provided
34 in this subsection must serve schools and school districts in eastern
35 Washington. The nonprofit organization must have experience
36 developing and implementing science and environmental science
37 programming and resources for migrant and bilingual students.

38 (h) \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
39 year 2026 is provided solely for the office of the superintendent of
40 public instruction to contract with a nonprofit organization serving

1 opportunity youth in Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties. The
2 organization must assist traditionally underrepresented students on
3 nontraditional educational pathways by providing mentorship and
4 technical assistance in navigating higher education and financial
5 aid. The office may require the recipient of these funds to report
6 the impacts of the efforts in alignment with the measures of the
7 Washington school improvement framework.

8 (i) \$1,399,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
9 year 2026 and \$1,399,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
10 fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for school districts to support
11 youth who are truant under chapter 28A.225 RCW or at risk of becoming
12 truant, and for costs associated with filing or serving petitions
13 under RCW 28A.225.030.

14 (j) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
15 year 2026 is provided solely for grants to school districts and
16 educational service districts operating institutional education
17 programs for youth in state long-term juvenile institutions to
18 provide access to computer science elective courses created in
19 chapter 234, Laws of 2022 (computer science instruction).

20 (k) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
21 year 2026 is provided solely for grants to school districts, charter
22 schools, and state-tribal education compact schools to establish K-12
23 intensive tutoring programs. Grants shall be used to recruit, train,
24 and hire tutors to provide one-on-one tutoring services to K-12
25 students experiencing learning loss as a result of the COVID-19
26 pandemic. The tutors must receive training in proven tutoring models
27 to ensure their effectiveness in addressing learning loss.

28 (l) \$362,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
29 year 2026 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 180, Laws
30 of 2017 (Washington Aim program).

31 (m) (i) \$600,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
32 fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the office to administer a
33 peer support competitive grant program in Washington public schools.
34 Programs should be designed to be primarily youth-led and aim to
35 increase youth school engagement and support personal/cultural
36 identities, and reduce risks associated with depression, school
37 violence, and bullying. Successful grantees may consult with
38 Washington teen link and the natural helper program in the

1 development of the grant criteria, and the development of training
2 material support. Program components should include:

3 (A) Identification of trusted peers and staff who other students
4 confide in;

5 (B) Development or adaption of training materials;

6 (C) Intensive training for peer and staff supporters;

7 (D) Avenues to advertize peer support communication strategies;
8 and

9 (E) Participant and program evaluations.

10 (ii) School districts may also use funds to develop a sister
11 school rapid trauma response strategy. Under this component,
12 successful applicants reach out to other schools also receiving a
13 peer support grant to develop a trauma response plan that quickly
14 organizes students and staff to contact peers within those schools
15 during times of school trauma and offer support.

16 (iii) The office shall evaluate the program to share best
17 practices and for consideration by other school districts.

18 (n) \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
19 year 2026 is provided solely for the office to administer the
20 technology grant program established under chapter 301, Laws of 2021.

21 (o) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
22 year 2026 is provided solely for a contract with the Pacific science
23 center to increase hands-on learning opportunities for low-income K-5
24 students statewide by increasing access to science on wheels and
25 digital discovery workshops.

26 (4) EDUCATOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

27 (a) \$375,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
28 year 2026 is provided solely for a nonviolence and ethical leadership
29 training and professional development program provided by the
30 institute for community leadership.

31 (b) \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
32 year 2026 is provided solely for a contract with a nonprofit
33 organization that supports Washington teachers in implementing
34 lessons of the Holocaust for the purpose of comprehensive Holocaust
35 and genocide awareness education.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 523. FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC**
37 **INSTRUCTION—FOR TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**

38 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2026). \$94,183,000