A Proposed Funding Mechanism for Montana Public Schools

Quality Schools Interim Committee Working Group

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An Overview

Per-student entitlement	Classroom entitlement	Accredited Program entitlement	Building Operation and Maintenance entitlement
Special Education block grants	Transportation entitlement	Capital Projects entitlement	Debt Service entitlement

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Per-student entitlement

Joint Select committee recommended paying for:

✔ Textbooks

✔ Supplies

✔ Extracurricular activities

Assessment

Per Student Entitlement

By Account Code

Functions: **Objects:**
• Instruction   (1XXX)   6XX Supplies, Books, Minor Equip
• Extracurricular - Activities (34XX)   1XX - 8XX – All Objects except 7XX
• Extracurricular - Athletics   (35XX)   1XX - 8XX – All Objects except 7XX

Per-student entitlement

Projected costs

Per-student

Per-size category

Total cost (%) the general fund

$52,750,216 (FY '07)   6% of total FY '07

Per-student entitlement

Joint Select committee recommended adjustments for:

At-risk students

Gifted and talented students

Children under 504

Students with Limited English Proficiency

American Indian Students

We propose addressing special needs populations through the classroom entitlement

Classroom entitlement

Joint Select committee recommended paying for:

- ✔ Teachers
- ✔ Instructional paraprofessionals
- ✔ Health Insurance and retirement
- ✔ Allowance for substitute teachers
- Instructional supplies, textbooks, and equipment
- ✔ Professional development

Classroom Entitlement
By Account Code

Functions:		Objects:
• Instruction	(1XXX)	1XX Salaries
• Instruction	(1XXX)	2XX Benefits
• Prof Development	(221X)	3XX - 8XX All Objects but Salaries & Benefits except 7XX

Classroom entitlement

Projected costs

By size category

Total cost (%) of the general fund

$481,231,720 (FY '07)   50% of total FY '07

Classroom entitlement

Joint Select committee recommended adjustments for:

Experience and education of teachers

Stoddard and Young Recruitment and retention of hard-to-find staff

✔ Needs of isolated, low population density areas

Additional adjustments are recommended for:

At-risk students

Gifted students

Accredited Program entitlement

Joint Select committee recommended paying for:

✔ Superintendent

✔ Principal

✔ Clerk

✔ Secretaries

✔ Student Support Staff

✔ Office Supplies

✔ Dues/Audits

✔ Nursing services/health services

Accredited Program Entitlement

By Account Code

Functions:		Objects:
•Guidance Services	(21XX)	1XX-8XX All Objects except 7XX
•Nursing and Other Hlth	(21XX)	1XX-8XX All Objects except 7XX
•Curriculum Development	(221X)	1XX-2XX Sal & Ben Only
•School Library	(222X)	1XX-8XX All Objects except 7XX
•Board/Superintendent	(23XX)	1XX-8XX All Objects except 7XX
•Principal	(24XX)	1XX-8XX All Objects except 7XX
•Fiscal Services/Clerk	(25XX)	1XX-8XX All Objects except 7XX
•Food Services	(31XX)	1XX-8XX All Objects (Non-federal support) except 7XX

Accredited Program entitlement

Projected costs

Per-size category

Total cost

$200,168,148 (FY '07)   21% of total FY '07

Accredited Program entitlement

Joint Select committee recommended adjustments for:

✔ Number of students in district

   Ability to attract and retain qualified staff

✔ Staffing needs in urban areas

✔ Meeting needs of isolated districts

   Supplies/equipment for classes in accreditation standards

Building Operation and Maintenance entitlement

Joint Select committee recommended paying for:

✔ Custodial/maintenance personnel

✔ Health insurance and retirement

✔ Utilities

✔ Telephone/internet

✔ Building Insurance

✔ Sewer/Roads assessments

✔ Annual inspections

✔ Property and liability insurance

✔ Supplies

Building Operation and Maintenance Entitlement
By Account Code

Functions: **Objects:**
Building Oper and Main   (26XX)   1XX-8XX All Objects

Building Operation and Maintenance entitlement

Projected costs

Per-size category

Total cost

$123,536,891 (FY '07)   13% of total FY '07

Building Operation and Maintenance entitlement

Joint Select committee recommended adjustments for:

✔ Number of students in a district

✔ Needs of isolated schools with low population density

Special Education Block Grants

Joint Select committee recommended paying for:

- ✔ Special education teachers and aides
- ✔ Professional development
- ✔ Licensed or certified professional support personnel, speech pathologists, audiologists, counselors, physical and occupational therapists
- Supplies
- Capital outlay
- Buses (but we're moving those to transportation)

Special Education Entitlement
By Account Code

Expenditure Programs: 280, 456, 457, 458

Functions:		Objects:
All Functions	(XXXX)	1XX-8XX All Objects

Special Education Block Grants

Projected costs

Per-size category

Total cost

$92,255,653 (FY '07)   10% of total FY '07

Special Education Block Grants

Joint Select committee recommended adjustments for:

✓ High-cost services associated with serving students with special needs

✓ Assistive technology and instructional resources

Total General Fund Requirements

(Based on 2.5% annual rate of inflation on actual expenditures in FY '04)

Per-student	$56,843,733	6%
Classroom	$481,231,720	50%
Accredited Program	$200,168,148	21%
Special education	$92,255,653	10%
Building O and M	$123,536,891	13%
Total fiscal year 2007:	$954,057,144	

Transportation entitlement

Something to look forward to…

A reason to live…

Transportation Entitlement
|By Account Code

Functions: **Objects:**
Transportation   (27XX)   1XX-8XX All Objects Except 7XX

Capital Projects entitlement

Coming soon…

Debt Service entitlement

Also, coming soon…

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Because the proposed formula has been built on rational costs and educationally relevant factors, the formula allows for targeted adjustments to deliver more specific assistance to ailing elements in the educational enterprise.

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To adjust for this:	Entitlement:	Adjust:
Average Teachers' Salaries	Classroom Ent	Teacher Salary & Benefits
Professional Development	Classroom Ent.	Prof. Dev.
Technology	Per Student Ent./Capital Projects	Technology
Instructional Materials	Per Student Ent.	Instructional Supplies
Special Needs	Per Student Ent.	+*Add component*
	Classroom Ent.	1) +*Add component*
		2) Weight ANB
# Classes/Teachers	Classroom Ent.	# of Students per Classroom Unit
At – Risk	Per Student Ent.	+*Add component*
	Classroom Ent.	Weight ANB
	[Or Grants]	