



OVERVIEW

The Legislature adjourned from the Regular Legislative Session at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 5.

The 2023 session included:

- 1,873 bills and proposed committee bills filed
- 2,674 amendments filed
- 3,229 votes taken
- 52 Floor Sessions
- 356 bills passed both chambers

This Legislative Session yielded a \$117 billion budget, with a record \$26.7 billion added to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). An overview of legislative topics related to Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) can be found below.

Each bill headline below is hyperlinked to the Senate's webpage. This site will provide bill language, analysis and more information.

All bills and the budget in this document were approved by the Governor.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

BCPS Unweighted Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student Funds: \$8.566.01 (4.43% increase).

BCPS Funding Highlights

- \$800,000 for Adults with Disabilities
- \$250,000 for Athlete Mentoring Pilot program

The full budget is linked [here](#).

FEFP

	2022/23	2023/24
Base Student Allocation (BSA) (Per student)	\$4,587.40	\$5,139.73 (12.04% increase) <i>Many categoricals below have been collapsed into the BSA</i>
Broward Specific Funds:		
Base Funding FEFP	\$1,368,165,328	\$1,587,558,299
Classroom Teacher and Other Instructional Personnel Salary Increase <i>Included within the Base</i>	\$72,449,293	\$94,142,207

	<i>Replaces Teacher Salary Increase Allocation</i>	
DJJ Supplemental Allocation	\$222,306	\$220,360
Educational Enrichment Allocation	\$57,213,756 <i>(SAI Allocation)</i>	\$59,827,600
ESE Guaranteed Allocation	\$101,688,971	\$105,567,857
Instructional Materials Allocation	\$20,820,216	Collapsed into BSA, District is still required to allocate \$300/ teacher for instructional materials
Mental Health Assistance Allocation	\$11,861,652	\$13,292,890
Reading Instruction Allocation	\$14,810,779	<i>Collapsed into BSA</i>
Safe Schools Allocation	\$18,351,528	\$21,742,075
Student Transportation Allocation	\$33,581,055	434,956,025
Teachers Classroom Supplies Allocation	\$4,934,703	<i>Collapsed into BSA</i>
Turnaround Supplemental Services Allocation	\$733,760	<i>Collapsed into Educational Enrichment Allocation</i>

The full FEFP is linked [here](#).

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP (FUNDED WITHIN FEFP)

	Projected FTE	Projected Funds
Educational Options	15,568.84	\$119,723,623
Unique Abilities	8,965.93	\$95,663,302
Total	24,534.77	\$215,386,925

These projected Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) funds that will be reduced from the budget will be offset by the \$47,897,841 of State-Funded Discretionary Supplement.

NON-FEFP BUDGET

Community Funding Highlights

- \$1,250,000 for 4KIDS of South Florida - Prevention, Foster Family Recruitment & Hope 4 Healing
- \$200,000 for FLITE Center - Helping Older Teens Powerfully Engage
- \$150,000 for Parkland Public Safety Personnel Health and Safety Initiative
- \$600,000 for Eagles' Haven Wellness Center
- \$704,846 for Fort Lauderdale Education Enrichment Program
- \$2,000,000 for Safer, Smarter Schools (Lauren's Kids)
- \$549,500 for Junior Achievement of South Florida Youth Workforce Program

A full list of county-by-county allocations can be found [here](#).

ACADEMICS/ SCHOOL-BASED

HB 443 Education

- Extends the validity period of an adjunct teaching certificate from three to five years.
- Expands the definition of a "classroom teacher" eligible for the Florida Teachers Supply Assistance Program to also include an administrator or a substitute teacher who holds a valid teaching certificate and is filling a teaching vacancy.
- Requires district school boards to display in each cafeteria a poster on how to provide first aid for choking (BCPS Democracy in Action submission).
- Authorizes charter schools to give enrollment preference to students who are the children of a school safety officer assigned to the charter school.
- Requires the sponsor to annually provide a report on the services provided to charter schools from the administrative fee.
- Requires the sponsor to make timely payments and reimbursement of federal grant funds.

- Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules for a standard charter school monitoring tool.
- Requires a charter school to place a student on a progress monitoring plan for at least one semester before dismissing the student when the school limits enrollment based on
- Authorizes a not-for-profit entity to loan certain assets to other charter schools in the state that are operated by the same entity, provided the loan is repaid within five years.
- Includes charter school personnel in certain school district training.
- Includes additional accountability measures for charter schools.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-102; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

SB 240 Education

- Requires school boards to provide all students in high school with the option to enroll in at least one work-based learning opportunity, including diversified education, pre-apprenticeships, and apprenticeships.
- Establishes regional education consortia with representatives from local businesses and education institutions with the goal of linking local education programs to specific industry and employment needs.
- Provides discretion to school boards to certify instructors to teach CTE programs.
- Requires school boards to award teachers with in-service credit toward renewal of a professional certificate for supporting students in extracurricular Career and Technical Education (CTE) activities.
- Provides additional bonus funding within the FEFP for CTE.
- Expands options for students to earn credit through extracurricular participation in career and technical organizations.
- Appropriates \$102 million for school boards and colleges to fund the expansion of CTE programs.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-81; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 633 K-12 Education

- Repeals the penalty for schools that exceed class size maximums.
- Requires that a student whose parent is active-duty military personnel and who meets the criteria for special academic programs offered at a public school be offered enrollment in the academic program – even if the open enrollment window has closed.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-104; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 1069 Education

- Prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade ([rule-making extended this to grade 12, with some exceptions](#)).
- Specifies that instruction in grades nine through 12 be age and developmentally appropriate, as well as consistent with state standards.
- Requires the Department of Education to approve all instructional materials used to teach reproductive health.
- Prohibits any requirement that an employee, contractor, or student at a public K–12 educational institution refer to another individual by a personal title or pronoun that does not align with the person’s sex.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-105; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 1537 Education

- Extends temporary teaching certificates from three years to five years.
- Requires instruction on Asian American and Pacific Islander history.
- Requires each school district to annually review and confirm that all reproductive health and disease information available on the district’s website is accurate.
- Replaces one practical arts credit with one CTE credit.
- Authorizes school districts to select the Classic Learning Test (CLT) and allows students to earn a concordant score on the CLT to meet the requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
- Allows Bright Futures students to combine volunteer and paid work hours to meet initial eligibility requirements.
- Provides language for the concordant score for graduation requirements.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-39; Effective Date: July 1, 2023
SB 478 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program
Converts the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program into a permanent program administered by the Department of Education.
Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-168; Effective Date: May 30, 2023
SB 196 Guidance Services on Academic & Career Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a middle grade student's personalized academic and career plan to be developed in consultation with a certified school counselor and include information on the CTE graduation pathway option and work-based learning opportunities. Expands the required annual school district parental notification on high school acceleration options to include information on career and academic planning options, as well as foundational and soft-skill credentialing programs.
Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-89; Effective Date: July 1, 2023
HB 225 Interscholastic Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes that any high school may become a member of an approved athletic association. Requires that students who transfer between schools during the school year be permitted to complete the interscholastic and intrascholastic activities in which they participated at the school from which they transferred.
Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-97; Effective Date: July 1, 2023
HB 379 Technology in K-12 Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bill requires school boards to prohibit any device used by a student on campus from accessing a website, application, or software that does not have an Internet safety policy. To ensure instructional time that is free from distraction, school boards must adopt rules prohibiting the use of wireless communication devices during instructional time and may authorize a teacher to withhold a student's device. School boards must implement internet website filtering to prevent a student's device from connecting to social media sites while using district-owned computer servers and prohibits TikTok on district-owned devices or as a platform used to communicate or promote any school related organization. Students in grades six through 12 must receive instruction on the social, emotional and physical effects of social media.
Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-36; Effective Date: July 1, 2023
HB 551 Required African-American Instruction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires school districts to provide evidence that requirements relating to the instruction of African American history are being met. Allows the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) to seek input from and contract with recognized African American educational organizations to support curriculum on the history of African Americans. Requires school districts to submit to the Commissioner of Education and post on their website an implementation plan.
Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-103; Effective Date: July 1, 2023
HB 389 Menstrual Hygiene Products in Public Schools
School districts may make menstrual hygiene products available in each school within the district, at no charge.
Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-100; Effective Date: July 1, 2023
SB 662 Student Online Personal Information Protection
Substantially restricts the operator of a website, online service or online application that is used for K-12 school purposes from collecting, disclosing or selling student data – or from using student data to engage in targeted advertising.
Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-170; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 733 Middle School and High School Start Times

Requires that no later than July 1, 2026, the instructional day for all public schools, including charter schools, must begin no earlier than:

- 8 a.m. for middle schools
- 8:30 a.m. for high schools

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-78; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 891 Year-round School Pilot Program

- Creates, beginning with the 2024/25 school year, a year-round school pilot program.
- Allows school districts to apply for participation in the pilot program and specifies that the Commissioner of Education must select five school districts to participate in the pilot program.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-66; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 7039 Student Outcomes

- Creates a framework for increasing mathematics proficiency.
- Expands parental notification requirements to include any student in kindergarten through grade three who exhibits the characteristics of dyslexia – and any student in kindergarten through grade four who exhibits a substantial deficiency in mathematics or the characteristics of dyscalculia.
- Revises school district reporting requirements for reading plans.
- Expands the New Worlds Reading Initiative to pre-kindergarten students and provides math scholarship accounts for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Appropriates \$150 million for school districts statewide to implement the bill.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-108; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 1521 Facility Requirements Based on Sex

Requires public and private sector entities that maintain a restroom or changing facility to have restrooms separately designated for males and females or have a unisex restroom or changing facility.

Limits instances when a person may enter a restroom or changing facility designated for the opposite sex to the following circumstances:

- For assisting or chaperoning a minor child, elderly person or disabled person.
- For law enforcement or governmental regulatory purposes.
- For emergency situations.
- For custodial, maintenance or inspection purposes – if not in use.
- If the appropriate designated restroom or changing facility is out of order or under repair and the opposite designated restroom or changing facility contains no person of the opposite sex.

Requires educational institutions to establish disciplinary procedures for violators who are under 18-years-old.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-106; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

SPECIAL NEEDS

SB 290 Public School Student Progression for Students with Disabilities

- Authorizes a parent to retain his or her child in prekindergarten, in consultation with the individual education plan team, if the child meets certain requirements.
- Requires that a four-year old student with an Individual Education Plan (IEP), who has been retained in a public school pre-kindergarten program and has demonstrated a substantial deficiency in early literacy skills, receive instruction in such skills.
- Revises the "good cause exemptions" from mandatory retention, which allows a student in grade three who has a learning disability and who is severely below grade-level, be promoted to grade four, if the student was retained in a pre-kindergarten program.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-91; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 19 Individual Education Plans

- Requires IEPs for certain students to contain information on legal rights and responsibilities that transfer to students at age 18.
- Requires information to include ways in which the student may provide informed consent to allow his or her parent to continue to participate in educational decisions.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-96; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 795 Private Instructional Personnel

The bill eliminates the requirement for employment by an enrolled Medicaid provider so that more registered behavior technicians can provide Applied Behavior Analysis services.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-281; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

SAFETY

HB 543 Public Safety

- The bill amends the Guardian program to be named the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program.
- Creates new Behavioral Threat Management Operational Processes, a Threat Assessment Instrument and a Threat Management Portal.
- Updates the membership of school district and charter school threat assessment teams.
- Renames threat assessment teams as threat management teams to align with new processes.
- Requires the FLDOE to adopt emergency rules establishing which School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting incidents require referral to law enforcement.
- Establishes the Florida Safe Schools Canine Program.
- Requires all law enforcement agencies to adopt a written active assailant response policy.
- Includes provisions relating to Constitutional Carry.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-18; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 301 Emergency Response Mapping Data

Creates School Mapping Data Grant Program within FLDOE and provides requirements for the program.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-99; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

SCHOOL CHOICE/ CHARTER SCHOOLS

HB 1 Education

- Expands the state's voucher program to provide vouchers to any K-12 student in the state of Florida.
- The bill also provides flexibility for traditional public schools as it relates to educator certificate requirements, transportation, cost per student station, capital improvement funding, transfer of student records and the online course requirement for high school graduation.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-16; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 1259 Education

- Requires school districts to share revenue resulting from the discretionary 1.5 millage on a per-FTE basis with eligible charter schools.
- Includes a five-year glide path of sharing, increasing by 20% each year until reaching the full 100%.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-69; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HUMAN RESOURCES

HB 1035 K-12 Teachers

- Requires the Commissioner of Education to conduct a comprehensive review of all federal, state and local teacher training requirements by December 31, 2023.
- Creates a mechanism by which a teacher may seek clarification or redress for being directed to take an action that would violate state or federal law.
- Establishes the process by which a teacher or staff member may request the appointment of a special magistrate.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-38; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

<p>SB 676 Level 2 Background Screenings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifies current background screening standards and requirements for individuals who work with children and other vulnerable persons. Revises the background screening standards for individuals who have direct contact with a student in a district school system, a charter school, or a private school that participates in a state scholarship program by replacing the list of disqualifying offenses with the Level 2 screening standard in s. 435.04(2), F.S. <p>Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-220; Effective Date: July 1, 2024</p>
<p>HB 121 Florida KidCare Program Eligibility</p> <p>Increases income eligibility threshold for Kidcare to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.</p> <p>Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-277; Effective Date: June 22, 2023</p>
<p>SB 1550 Prescription Drugs</p> <p>Addresses the transparency of a manufacturer's prescription drug price increases above certain thresholds and the relationships between pharmacy benefit managers, pharmacy benefits plans and programs, and pharmacy providers for delivering pharmacy services to covered persons.</p> <p>Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-29; Effective Date: July 1, 2023</p>
<p>SB 256 Employee Organizations Representing Public Employees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enacts several new requirements of the employee organizations that represent public employees in collective bargaining. Requires employees who wish to join certain employee organizations, including teachers' unions, to sign a membership authorization form that is prescribed by PERC. Prohibits certain employee organizations from receiving their members' dues and assessments via salary deduction from the members' public employer. <p>Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-35; Effective Date: Upon becoming law.</p>
<p>SB 7024 Retirement</p> <p>Makes the following modification to the DROP program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminates the restrictive entry window for eligible members to participate in DROP, allowing for entry into DROP at any age as long as years of service or age and vesting requirements are met. Extends the maximum amount of time for eligible members to participate in DROP from 60 to 96 calendar months for all classes, and from 96 to 120 calendar months for certain instructional personnel. Increases the interest rate applied to a member's accrued monthly benefit from 1.3 percent to 4 percent. Increases the monthly retiree health insurance subsidy from \$5 to \$7.50 for each year of service. The maximum benefit is adjusted from \$150 to \$225 per month and the minimum benefit is adjusted from \$30 to \$45 per month. Increases the allocations to investment plan accounts by 2 percent for each membership class in the investment plan. Revises the employer FRS contribution rates based on the actuarial valuation and actuarial studies. Declares that the act fulfills an important state interest. It provides that a proper and legitimate state purpose is served by the amendment, which includes providing benefits that are managed, administered, and funded in an actuarially sound manner. <p>Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-193; Effective Date: June 6, 2023</p>
<p>SCHOOL BUSES AND SCHOOL ZONES</p>
<p>SB 766 Enforcement of School Bus Passing Infractions</p> <p>Authorizes school districts to install and maintain school bus infraction detection systems.</p> <p>Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-171; Effective Date: July 1, 2023</p>
<p>HB 657 Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits</p>

Authorizes counties and municipalities to install automated speed detection systems to enforce speed limits in school zones within 30 minutes of a school session.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-174; Effective Date: July 1, 2023

SCHOOL BOARD

[HJR 31](#) Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards

Proposes amendments to State Constitution to require school board members to be elected in partisan election.

Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State

[HB 477](#) Term Limits for District School Board Members

Reduces the length of the term limit for school board members to eight years from 12 years. The term limit applies to terms of office beginning on or after November 8, 2022.

Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2023-37; Effective Date: July 1, 2023