

Education

Recommended Budget, Fiscal Year 2003 – 2004

This functional area is responsible for the educational efforts of the state, from pre-school and K-12 through all levels of higher education.

The Department of Education coordinates the educational programs of the local public school systems that operate Tennessee's kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and vocational schools. The department also operates the four special schools: Tennessee School for the Blind, Tennessee School for the Deaf, West Tennessee School for the Deaf, and Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute. With assistance from the Department of Education, the State Board of Education formulates the policies, standards, and guidelines governing K-12 public education. The department is responsible for implementing these policies, standards, and guidelines.

Higher education is governed by two independent systems: the University of Tennessee System and the State University and Community College System, more commonly known as the Tennessee Board of Regents System.

The University of Tennessee is a statewide system with three major campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Martin, and a number of specialized units. The Board of Regents System delivers higher education and vocational training through a network of independent state universities, community colleges, technical institutes, technical community colleges, and technology centers.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) provides coordination, communication, policy analysis, and financial recommendations for both systems. The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation administers student financial aid programs.

Improvement Highlights

K-12 Education

An improvement of \$26.7 million is recommended to provide funding for teacher salary equalization. These funds are recommended in order to address the Constitutional issue decided by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The funds will provide initial funding to the lowest paying local education agencies, raising all local education systems to a minimum \$37,000 teacher salary average. An estimated 17,161 teachers in 75 school systems will receive a salary increase. \$5.9 million of these funds will be dedicated to holding harmless those school systems not receiving additional teacher salary equalization funds under this appropriation.

The budget also includes \$84.2 million to maintain full funding of the Basic Education Program (BEP). This includes \$33.8 million for formula growth; \$16.3 million to annualize the teacher salary increases effective January 1, 2003; \$25.8 million to annualize the January 1, 2003, group health insurance increase; and \$8.3 million for the January 1, 2004, group health insurance increase.

An improvement of \$236,900 is also included for teacher training and experience salary adjustments at the state's four special schools.

Education Improvements for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

	State	Federal	Other	Total	Positions
Education (K-12)					
• Teacher Salary Equalization					
To provide funding for teacher salary equalization. These funds are recommended in order to address the Constitutional issue decided by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The funds will provide initial funding to the lowest paying local education agencies, raising all local education systems to a minimum \$37,000 teacher salary average. An estimated 17,161 teachers in 75 school systems will receive a salary increase. \$5.9 million of these funds will be dedicated to holding harmless those school systems not receiving additional teacher salary equalization funds under this appropriation.					
331.25 BEP and Other LEA Support	\$26,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$26,700,000	0
Sub-total	\$26,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$26,700,000	0
• Basic Education Program (BEP)					
To maintain full funding of the Basic Education Program formula.					
331.25 BEP and Other LEA Support	\$33,786,000	\$0	\$0	\$33,786,000	0
Sub-total	\$33,786,000	\$0	\$0	\$33,786,000	0
• Teacher Salary Increase - January 1, 2003					
To provide funding to annualize the January 1, 2003, salary increase for teachers.					
331.25 BEP and Other LEA Support	\$16,280,000	\$0	\$0	\$16,280,000	0
Sub-total	\$16,280,000	\$0	\$0	\$16,280,000	0
• Group Health Insurance - January 1, 2003					
To provide funding for the state share of the January 1, 2003, group health insurance increase for local education agencies.					
331.25 BEP and Other LEA Support	\$25,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,800,000	0
Sub-total	\$25,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,800,000	0
• Group Health Insurance - January 1, 2004					
To provide funding for the state share of a group health insurance premium increase for local education agencies, effective January 1, 2004.					
331.25 BEP and Other LEA Support	\$8,350,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,350,000	0
Sub-total	\$8,350,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,350,000	0

Education Improvements for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

	<u>State</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Positions</u>
• Teacher Training and Experience - Special Schools					
To provide funding for projected growth in teacher training and experience at the Special Schools.					
331.90 Alvin C. York Institute	\$50,200	\$0	\$0	\$50,200	0
331.91 Tennessee School for the Blind	\$83,700	\$0	\$0	\$83,700	0
331.92 Tennessee School for the Deaf	\$63,700	\$0	\$0	\$63,700	0
331.93 West Tennessee School for the Deaf	\$12,300	\$0	\$0	\$12,300	0
331.95 Tennessee Infant-Parent Services School	\$27,000	\$0	\$0	\$27,000	0
Sub-total	\$236,900	\$0	\$0	\$236,900	0
Total Education (K-12)	\$111,152,900	\$0	\$0	\$111,152,900	0

Department of Education

The Department of Education is responsible for ensuring that the children of Tennessee have the opportunity for intellectual development commensurate with their abilities. The department coordinates and supervises the educational programs provided by the 136 local school districts, or local education agencies (LEAs). The LEAs operate the state's kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and vocational schools. The department carries out its education responsibilities through a multitude of program areas.

Administration and the State Board of Education

Administration functions include policy development, planning, maintenance of the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula model, financial management advisory services to LEAs, and collection of student membership data. Sections in Administration include:

- Commissioner's office
- Internal audit
- Personnel, central accounts, and budget
- Teacher licensing
- Local finance
- Public information
- Research and information services.

The State Board of Education is the regulatory and policy-making body for K-12 public education, the state's special schools, and educational television. The board has two primary responsibilities:

- Revising and updating the Master Plan for improving education in the state
- Establishing policies, standards, and guidelines for public education in grades K-12.

	<u>Actual 2001-2002</u>	<u>Estimated 2002-2003</u>	<u>Base 2003-2004</u>	<u>Improvement 2003-2004</u>	<u>Recommended 2003-2004</u>
331.01 Administration					
Full-Time	121	110	103	0	103
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	121	110	103	0	103
Payroll	5,637,100	6,136,800	5,770,000	0	5,770,000
Operational	1,842,000	1,786,900	1,823,700	0	1,823,700
Total	\$7,479,100	\$7,923,700	\$7,593,700	\$0	\$7,593,700
State	6,374,400	6,871,000	6,504,200	0	6,504,200
Federal	1,089,900	1,018,200	1,055,000	0	1,055,000
Other	14,800	34,500	34,500	0	34,500
331.07 State Board of Education					
Full-Time	6	6	6	0	6
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	6	6	0	6

	<u>Actual 2001-2002</u>	<u>Estimated 2002-2003</u>	<u>Base 2003-2004</u>	<u>Improvement 2003-2004</u>	<u>Recommended 2003-2004</u>
Payroll	348,800	431,100	431,100	0	431,100
Operational	181,200	219,200	199,200	0	199,200
Total	\$530,000	\$650,300	\$630,300	\$0	\$630,300
State	529,200	650,300	630,300	0	630,300
Federal	0	0	0	0	0
Other	800	0	0	0	0

State Support of LEA Programs

The BEP is the formula that determines the funding level each school system needs in order to provide a basic level of service for all students. This formula is based on student enrollment in the different grade levels and programs, as well as specific costs for materials, supplies, equipment, and other operating costs. This flow-through funding is provided in the BEP and Other LEA Support allotment code. A county's relative ability to pay for education is taken into consideration in determining each system's required local share of the education funds generated by the BEP formula.

331.25 BEP and Other LEA Support

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
Payroll	0	0	0	0	0
Operational	2,417,709,700	2,515,514,300	2,498,241,000	110,916,000	2,609,157,000
Total	\$2,417,709,700	\$2,515,514,300	\$2,498,241,000	\$110,916,000	\$2,609,157,000
State	2,417,463,700	2,515,514,300	2,498,241,000	110,916,000	2,609,157,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0
Other	246,000	0	0	0	0

The state also provides support for a number of initiatives designed to address specific needs and special programs, including:

- Career Ladder supplements
- Educational/public television
- Tennessee Holocaust Commission
- Tennessee Alliance for Boys and Girls Club
- Driver Education
- Technology
- Accountability.

331.10 Career Ladder

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

	<u>Actual 2001-2002</u>	<u>Estimated 2002-2003</u>	<u>Base 2003-2004</u>	<u>Improvement 2003-2004</u>	<u>Recommended 2003-2004</u>
Payroll	0	0	0	0	0
Operational	90,608,000	94,000,000	63,000,000	0	63,000,000
Total	\$90,608,000	\$94,000,000	\$63,000,000	\$0	\$63,000,000
State	90,608,000	94,000,000	63,000,000	0	63,000,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

331.02 Grants-In-Aid

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
Payroll	0	0	0	0	0
Operational	4,108,600	4,303,600	3,946,000	0	3,946,000
Total	\$4,108,600	\$4,303,600	\$3,946,000	\$0	\$3,946,000
State	4,108,600	4,303,600	3,946,000	0	3,946,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

331.43 Driver Education

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
Payroll	0	0	0	0	0
Operational	1,675,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	0	1,700,000
Total	\$1,675,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$0	\$1,700,000
State	1,675,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	0	1,700,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

331.04 Technology, Infrastructure, and Support Systems

Full-Time	24	24	24	0	24
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	24	24	24	0	24
Payroll	950,700	1,483,300	1,483,300	0	1,483,300
Operational	1,569,600	1,248,700	1,148,700	0	1,148,700
Total	\$2,520,300	\$2,732,000	\$2,632,000	\$0	\$2,632,000
State	2,518,300	2,732,000	2,632,000	0	2,632,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2,000	0	0	0	0

	<u>Actual 2001-2002</u>	<u>Estimated 2002-2003</u>	<u>Base 2003-2004</u>	<u>Improvement 2003-2004</u>	<u>Recommended 2003-2004</u>
331.11 Accountability					
Full-Time	49	59	56	0	56
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	49	59	56	0	56
Payroll	2,266,900	3,084,200	3,032,400	0	3,032,400
Operational	6,548,000	23,219,800	22,119,800	0	22,119,800
Total	\$8,814,900	\$26,304,000	\$25,152,200	\$0	\$25,152,200
State	7,631,800	16,787,100	15,635,300	0	15,635,300
Federal	0	7,064,400	7,064,400	0	7,064,400
Other	1,183,100	2,452,500	2,452,500	0	2,452,500

In order to establish statewide standards as a foundation for teaching and learning, the Office of Curriculum and Instruction is charged with the responsibility of providing local school systems with leadership and technical assistance in the design, development, and technical assistance for K-12 instructional programs. Programs include the Governor's Study Partner Program, music, art, and programs for gifted students such as the Governor's Schools. The Governor's Schools program provides four weeks of summer enrichment programs to gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. The seven Governor's schools are:

- Science
- Arts
- Humanities
- International studies
- Prospective teachers
- Tennessee studies
- Manufacturing technology.

Through the Training and Professional Development program, the department provides training and professional development opportunities for instructional personnel, school system superintendents, and board members. The department also provides training for teachers and administrators in technology by offering workshops, training sessions, and the annual Tennessee Education Technology Conference.

331.06 Curriculum and Instruction

Full-Time	24	31	27	0	27
Part-Time	9	9	9	0	9
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	40	36	0	36
Payroll	1,105,500	1,628,200	1,491,800	0	1,491,800
Operational	1,119,100	25,600,500	25,391,600	0	25,391,600
Total	\$2,224,600	\$27,228,700	\$26,883,400	\$0	\$26,883,400
State	2,135,400	3,381,400	3,036,100	0	3,036,100
Federal	87,200	23,797,200	23,797,200	0	23,797,200
Other	2,000	50,100	50,100	0	50,100

	<u>Actual 2001-2002</u>	<u>Estimated 2002-2003</u>	<u>Base 2003-2004</u>	<u>Improvement 2003-2004</u>	<u>Recommended 2003-2004</u>
331.05 Training and Professional Development					
Full-Time	22	19	18	0	18
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22	19	18	0	18
Payroll	865,700	1,297,000	1,226,000	0	1,226,000
Operational	3,910,300	10,203,200	8,876,000	0	8,876,000
Total	\$4,776,000	\$11,500,200	\$10,102,000	\$0	\$10,102,000
State	4,765,400	9,420,600	8,022,400	0	8,022,400
Federal	0	1,465,000	1,465,000	0	1,465,000
Other	10,600	614,600	614,600	0	614,600

Federally-Funded and Supported LEA Programs

Various federally-funded programs, including funding for the No Child Left Behind Act, are designed to enhance the learning environment of disadvantaged and disabled students. Other programs support teacher training in the core academic subjects as well as drug awareness and AIDS education. Title I, Title II, and Title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) are entirely federally-funded and administered by the state. Child nutrition programs, services to handicapped students, and vocational education programs are federally and state funded.

331.12 Goals 2000 and Technology Literacy

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
Payroll	0	0	0	0	0
Operational	13,927,500	8,779,600	0	0	0
Total	\$13,927,500	\$8,779,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
State	0	0	0	0	0
Federal	13,927,500	8,779,600	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

The No Child Left Behind Act is primarily designed to target resources for school improvements and support initiatives to enhance the learning environment. This act, which represents the President's education reform plan, contains four basic education reform principles: stronger accountability for results, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis on teaching methods that have been proven to work.

331.03 ESEA No Child Left Behind

Full-Time	35	43	43	0	43
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	35	43	43	0	43

