

2015-16 Governor's Budget Summary

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K-12 Budget Allocations Affecting Community Colleges

K-12 Per-Pupil Spending

Ongoing K-12 Proposition 98 per-pupil expenditures in the Budget are \$9,667 in 2015-16, an increase of \$306 per-pupil over the level provided in 2014-15, and up significantly from the \$7,008 per pupil provided in 2011-12.

Adult Education

The Budget provides \$500 million Proposition 98 General Fund for the Adult Education Block Grant, which is an integral component of the state's workforce development strategy, as discussed in the Investing in California's Workforce Chapter. The block grant will fund programs in elementary and secondary basic skills, classes and courses in citizenship and English as a second language for immigrants, education programs for adults with disabilities, short-term CTE programs linked to occupations with high employment potential, and programs for apprentices. To be successful, it is imperative that these programs be well aligned with the economic needs of each region, and that they provide clear pathways to in-demand jobs, as determined by regional labor market information.

In order for adult education programs to be well coordinated and linked with the economic needs of their region, the Administration proposes that each consortium designate an allocation board responsible for planning and allocating block grant funds. Each consortium will form an allocation committee consisting of seven members who represent community colleges, K-12 districts, other adult education providers, local workforce investment boards, county social services departments, correctional rehabilitation programs, and one public member with relevant expertise. Each allocation committee will coordinate with regional partners to ensure various adult education funding streams are integrated, such as block grant funds, other K-12 and community college resources, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act allocations, and other federal funds. Each allocation committee will determine how to allocate block grant funds for direct instruction, support services, and administration of its consortium (which will be capped at 5 percent).

In the initial year, to ease the transition, funding will be provided directly to K-12 school districts in the amount of the K-12 districts' maintenance of effort for adult education—as jointly determined by the Chancellor and the Superintendent. Further allocations will be distributed according to the local allocation committees.

K-12 Career Technical Education

Given the complexity and relatively resource intensive nature of starting and updating CTE programs, the Budget proposes \$250 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding in each of the next three years to support a transitional CTE Incentive Grant Program. Unlike the existing Career Pathways Trust Program, school districts, county offices of education and charter schools receiving funding from this new transitional program will be required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match, and priority for these state funds will be given to local educational agencies applying in partnership with other local educational agencies to offer regional programs. To maintain eligibility for funding under the CTE Incentive Grant Program, recipients will need to demonstrate positive results across a spectrum of outcome measures, including high school graduation rates, CTE course completion rates, pupils obtaining industry-recognized credentials and certificates, the number of pupils achieving gainful employment in relevant occupations, and the number of pupils progressing to postsecondary education.