

Flagler School Board

2025 Legislative Budget Update

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Florida's State Education Budget

	2024-2025 FEFP Third Calculation	2025-2026 FEFP Conference Report	Difference	Percentage Difference
Total Unweighted FEFP	3.181 Million	3.235 Million	53,783.73	1.69%
District Unweighted FEFP	2.84 Million	2.81 Million	-(30,000)	-(0.99%)
Scholarship Unweighted FEFP	315,892	429.604	83,783.73	26.5%

FL Education Budget (continued)

	2024-2025 FEFP Third Calculation	2025-2026 FEFP Conference Report	Difference	Percentage Difference
Base Student Allocation	\$5,330.98	\$5,372.60	\$41.62	0.78%
Safe Schools	\$290 Million	\$290 Million	Level Funded	0%
ESE Guaranteed Allocation	\$1.29 Billion	\$1.37 Billion	\$72.7 Million	5.62%
Mental Health Assistance Allocation	\$180 Million	\$180 Million	Level Funded	0%
Total Funding	\$28.6 Billion	\$29.5 Billion	\$945,150,125	3.31%
Total Funds per UFTE	\$8,987.67	\$9,130.41	\$142.74	1.59%

FL Education Budget (continued)

- Loss of Students to various school choice options will make this budget extremely challenging
- Average District loses 1% of students with only 1.59% more on average in per UFTE funding
- Funding Vouchers “Above the Line” Hides this Reality from the Public and Requires Access to Multiple Documents to Understand What is Happening to the Various Districts
- No Increases to Safe Schools or the Student Mental Health Allocation for the First Time Since MSD High School Tragedy (even with FSU Tragedy)
- New Policy on Add-On Weights for Acceleration and CTE Successful Test Scores (SB 2510)
- FRS Costs Increase for School Districts Statewide by nearly \$80 million statewide

Flagler Schools Local Budget Impact

- Legislature Provides 1.59% increase per student on Average Statewide with Flagler Schools getting a 2.36% increase per UFTE
- Legislature Provides about \$1.9 Million increase to the District's Total Potential Funding, but then Requires the District to Spend about \$2.2 Million more next year on Legislative Requirements, leaving a small deficit as Legislative Policy
- Other local commitments for next year, including health insurance increases and planned raises would require another \$3.5 million that Flagler Schools does not have in this state budget

SB 2510 – Education Conforming Bill to the Budget



- Schools of Hope
 - Funding
 - Co-location
 - Definitions of Persistently Low Performing School
 - Inclusion of Flager Request Regarding U-PreK Student Counting Toward Capacity per this Program
- Acceleration and CTE Program Funding
 - Shifted to Allocation from Add-On-Weights
 - Changes to Middle School Digital Tool Certificates
 - DOE Lists Allowable (for funding) CAPE Programs by Grade
 - New Spending Limitation to Not Cover “Base Costs of Program”
- DOE Submits FEFP Calculations to Legislature and Governor without a Conference with No Duplication of Students
- DOE to Recommend a Title I School Performance Incentive Program no Later than July 1, 2028
- Other Conforming Bill with Safeguards for Vouchers Failed in Conference Negotiations (See SB 7030)

Flagler Board Platform Issues

School Start Times Bill
Adopted

Request to Recognize
U-PreK students within
Capital Outlay FTE
adopted within Schools of
Hope Program in SB 2510

Legislative Calendar for Next Session



October 6 – 10, 2025	Committee Week 1
October 13 – 17, 2025	Committee Week 2
November 3 – 7, 2025	Committee Week 3
November 17 – 21, 2025	Committee Week 4
December 1 – 5, 2025	Committee Week 5
December 8 – 12, 2025	Committee Week 6
January 13, 2026	Regular Session Convenes
March 13, 2026	60th day – Last day of Regular Session



Questions?

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