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Agenda

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

IASB Priorities

- Mandates
- School Funding and MCATs
- Student Achievement Tools

Common Themes in the General Assembly

- Student Health
- Education/ Licensure
- Career Pathways

State of Illinois FY 27 Budget

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget projects a \$2.2 billion deficit.

ISBE Requested Budget

\$10.9 billion, a slight decrease from FY 26 of \$11.2 billion.

Nearly \$750 million is being shifted to the newly created Department of Early Childhood

\$350 million increase to the EBF formula.

\$151 million, representing a 13% increase in MCAT funding to school districts.



FY 2027 General Funds Appropriation Recommendation

Program	FY 2026 Enacted Budget	FY 2027 Superintendent's Recommendation	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Evidence-Based Funding	\$8,936,239.0	\$9,286,239.0	\$350,000.0	3.92%
Mandated Categorical Reimbursements	\$1,168,578.9	\$1,320,076.4	\$151,500.5	12.96%
Early Childhood Education	\$748,138.1	\$0.0	(\$748,138.1)	-100.00%
Subtotal	\$10,852,956.0	\$10,606,318.4	(\$246,637.6)	-2.27%
Other Grant Programs	\$274,394.0	\$259,584.5	(\$14,809.5)	-5.40%
Agency Capacity	\$27,590.0	\$27,590.0	\$0.0	0.00%
General Funds Total	\$11,154,940.0	\$10,893,489.9	(\$261,447.1)	-2.34%

FY 2027 MCAT Appropriation Recommendations

Program Name	FY 2027 Recommended (\$000's)	FY 2027 Projected Proration	Increase/(Decrease) Over FY 2026 (\$000's)
Special Education – Transportation	\$535,684.90	60%	\$68,318.80
Special Education – Private Tuition	\$224,990.00	63%	\$22,257.60
Special Education – Orphanage	\$132,733.20	100%	\$921.1
Subtotal Special Education	\$893,408.10		\$91,497.50
Transportation – Regular/Vocational	\$402,000.00	75%	\$60,000.00
Illinois Free Lunch & Breakfast	\$9,000.00	32%	\$0
Regular Orphanage 18-3	\$15,668.30	100%	\$0
Total Mandated Categorical Reimbursements	\$1,320,076.40		\$151,497.50

MCAT Proration Level History

Program Name	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Transportation – Special Education	71%	69%	60%
Transportation – Regular/ Vocational	85%	79%	75%
Special Education – Public and Private Tuition*	91%	77%	63%
Special Education – Orphanage	100%	100%	100% (est.)
Illinois Free Lunch & Breakfast	33%	32%	32% (est.)
Regular Orphanage 18-3	100%	100%	100% (est.)

IASB Priorities

Mandates

School Funding and MCATs

Student Achievement Tools

Curricular and Instructional Mandates

The Mandate Reduction Council, created under Public Act 104-0391

- 1,000+ mandates
- Divided into 10 categories: Assessment, Curriculum, Facilities, Finance, Student Health and Safety, Non-Instructional Services, School Operations, Personnel, Reporting, Miscellaneous

Reminder: 2-year HS Graduation - Foreign Language Requirement goes into effect in the 2027-2028 school year.

New Mandates

- Computer Science (HB4411)
- Cursive writing (SB2676)
- Etiquette Education (SB2832)
- Units of Instruction in American History
 - Italian American History (HB4143)
 - Latin American History (HB 4372, HB4139, SB2270)



School Funding and MCATS

- State and federal legislators must provide stable and adequate funding that keeps their commitments to support students and local schools.
- Congress has yet to meet the commitment they made upon passage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to cover 40 percent of the cost to educate students with disabilities.

Student Achievement Tools: Assessment, Accountability, and Evidence Based Research



Under IASB's *Foundational Principles of Effective Governance*, a core duty of board members is to:

Use assessment data to evaluate student progress

September NAEP results are the lowest ever recorded

Federal Role

- Provides longitudinal national and state data through NAEP
- Supports district-to-district comparability via fair and balanced state assessments and accountability systems
- Funds research to identify effective strategies for improving student achievement

These federally supported tools help ensure limited district resources are invested in high-impact practices that drive student achievement

Legislative Themes in the General Assembly

IASB 2026 State Legislative Updates | Other Ongoing Issues

- Spring 2025 Carry-Over Issues
 - Cell Phone Ban (SB2427)
 - Tier 2 Pensions
 - ISBE: Grade K-2 School Discipline/Trailer Bill – Reciprocity and District Audits



Student Health and Safety

- Asthma Medication (HB4247/SB2837)
- Epinephrine delivery system (HB4219)



Education, Licensure and Pathways

- Dyslexia screening (HB4406)
- Licensure for Paraprofessionals (HB4440, SB2773)
- Timelines for 504 plans (HB4068)
- Career Pathways
- In-Demand Careers (HB4354)
- Public Safety Pathway (HB4295)



Illinois offers various pathways to licensure!

Finance and Property tax

- Property Tax Relief - Circuit Breakers- Statewide (SB1978)
- Interfund Transfer (HB4375)



IASB 2026 Federal Legislative Updates

- Status of Federal Education Funding
- Congressional Interest in AI/Social Media
- Department of Education eliminates Full Service Community Schools Grant
- Department of Education/Supreme Court actions on Title IX and transgender athletes
- Department of Education "Returning Education to the States" Waiver for Iowa



Questions

