

**2007-09 Revised Omnibus Operating Budget (2008 Supp)**

**Public Schools  
Education Reform**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FTEs	Conference Version Near GF-S	Total
2007-09 Original Appropriations	49.3	265,170	418,748
2007-09 Maintenance Level	49.3	291,516	445,094
<b>2008 Policy Non-Comp Changes:</b>			
1. College Readiness Test for 11th Grd	0.0	-675	-675
2. Integrate ELL and Skills Training	0.0	250	250
3. Translated & Accommodated WASL	0.0	1,682	1,682
4. Achievement Gap Project	0.0	-500	-500
5. Chinese Exchange Program	0.0	70	70
6. National Board Enhancement	0.0	577	577
7. Robotics Programs	0.0	150	150
8. Transfer WASL Funding to OFM	0.0	-11,372	-11,372
9. End of Course Tests	0.0	3,249	3,249
10. Career and Technical Education	0.0	2,750	2,750
11. School Librarian Allocation	0.0	4,000	4,000
12. Student Learning Opportunities	0.0	600	600
13. Local Farms & Healthy Kids	0.0	600	600
14. WASL Workgroup	0.0	150	150
15. WASL Changes	0.0	-15,885	-15,885
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	0.0	-14,354	-14,354
Policy -- Comp Total	0.0	-115	-164
Total Policy Changes	0.0	-14,469	-14,518
2007-09 Revised Appropriations	49.3	277,047	430,576
Difference from Original Appropriations	0.0	11,877	11,828
% Change from Original Appropriations	0.0%	4.5%	2.8%

*Comments:*

- 1. College Readiness Test for 11th Grd** - Funding provided in the original 2007-09 budget for college readiness assessment fees for 11th grade students is eliminated.
- 2. Integrate ELL and Skills Training** - Funding is provided for programs integrating English language instruction with workforce training at the community and technical colleges. One-time grants are provided to support five skills centers implementing Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training programs (IBEST).
- 3. Translated & Accommodated WASL** - Funding is provided to translate the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) for math and science in six languages other than English. In addition, funding is provided for enhanced accommodations for students in special education, such as improved Braille forms of the tests and read aloud CDs for dyslexic students.
- 4. Achievement Gap Project** - Funding provided in the 2007-09 base budget for an achievement gap pilot program is eliminated for the second year of the biennium.
- 5. Chinese Exchange Program** - Funding is provided to support the Chinese Exchange Program at the Peninsula School District. The funding shall support scholarships, educational programs, and travel costs for students facing financial obstacles to participation in the program.

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**6. National Board Enhancement** - Pursuant to legislation passed in the 2007 session, national board certified teachers who teach in high poverty schools (defined as having free/reduced price lunch eligibility rates exceeding 70 percent) receive bonuses of \$5,000 under current law. Effective for the 2008-09 school year, funding is provided to change the definition of high poverty school for middle schools and high schools, making more teachers eligible for the bonus. The middle school high poverty threshold is reduced to 60 percent, and the high school threshold is reduced to 50 percent. This change is anticipated to make an additional 105 teachers eligible for the bonus in 2008-09 school year.

**7. Robotics Programs** - Funding is provided to support For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) robotics programs in public high schools throughout the state. Grants not exceeding \$10,000 per school will be available to schools to enhance participation in current robotics programs, as well as start up new programs.

**8. Transfer WASL Funding to OFM** - In the maintenance level budget, \$25.4 million is added for increased costs associated with the development and implementation of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). A portion of the increased funding is transferred from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to the Office of Financial Management (OFM). It is assumed that OFM will develop an interagency agreement with OSPI for the expenditure of these funds based on compliance with certain requirements. Please see related item in the OFM section of the budget.

**9. End of Course Tests** - Funding is provided for the implementation of ESHB 3166 (assessment of student learning). Four end-of-course assessments will be phased in to replace the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) math test: Algebra, Geometry, Integrated Math I & Integrated Math II. The math end of course assessments will replace the math WASL as a graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2014, although the class of 2013 may pass either test to meet the graduation requirement.

**10. Career and Technical Education** - Funding in the amount of \$2.75 million in fiscal year 2009 is provided for the implementation of 2SSB 6377 (career and technical education). Of the amounts provided, \$1.7 million is provided for implementation of section 105 (high demand programs), \$350,000 is provided for implementation of section 107 (programs of study), \$400,000 is provided for implementation of section 201 (course equivalencies and integrated curriculum grants), \$25,000 is provided for implementation of section 205 (collections of evidence for CTE), \$150,000 is provided for the implementation of sections 301 & 303 (CTE campaign & Navigation 101 programs), \$50,000 is provided for the implementation of section 302 (certification exam fees), and \$75,000 is provided for the implementation of section 308 (technical high school study).

Summer school career and technical education programs are funded at an amount of \$500,000 as part of a separate bill: 2SSB6673 (student learning opportunities).

**11. School Librarian Allocation** - Funding is provided for an allocation of approximately four dollars per student to maintain and improve library materials, collections, and services. It is intended that this funding will be used to augment current funding for library programs.

**12. Student Learning Opportunities** - Funding is provided for the implementation of E2SSB 6673 (student learning opportunities). Additional support programs are funded through the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) budget to assist students not on track to meet state or local high school graduation requirements, including passing the WASL. A LAP program enhancement is also provided to school districts that serve concentrations of english language learners in high poverty schools. In the Educational Service District (ESD) budget, funding is provided for: (1) the establishment of an ESD-based reading improvement specialist program; and (2) ESD outreach to community-based programs and organizations within the district that are serving non-English speaking segments of the population. Additionally, funding is provided for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to evaluate online curriculum support in languages other than English. Finally, funding is provided for summer school for middle and high schools to explore career opportunities rich in math, science, and technology using career and technical education as the delivery model.

**13. Local Farms & Healthy Kids** - Funding is provided for the implementation of 2SSB 6483 (local farms-healthy kids and communities). Of the amount provided, a maximum of \$30,000 is to be used for administrative costs and at least \$570,000 is provided for grants to school districts for the purpose of making fresh fruits and vegetables available to students as a snack during the school day.

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