

## K-12 Education Budget for the 2013 Biennium

The joint appropriations subcommittee on education funding level is \$42 million below the Governor's Budget for state support for K-12 schools.

<b>Appropriation Item</b>	<b>What does it support?</b>	<b>Amount <u>below</u> Governor's Budget</b>
K-12 BASE Aid	This is the state's largest appropriation to public schools and supports the operating budgets of K-12 school districts. Without this additional aid, state support will drop below the FY 2011 levels.	\$21.24 Million
At-Risk Student Payment	Provides funding for schools to serve students who are at-risk of not graduating or not reaching grade level expectations. This payment was not funded by the 2009 legislature.	\$10 Million
Special Education	Provides on-going funding to serve students with disabilities at a level that covers inflationary costs.	\$5.64 Million
Pupil Transportation	Provides additional funding to transport students to and from school in areas of residential growth.	\$500,000
School Lunch State Match	This additional money is required as a state match for the National School Lunch Program. Without the match, the state jeopardizes \$33 million in federal funding for 5 million school lunches and breakfasts.	\$42,937
Adult Basic Education Programs	This funding supports community programs to help adults pursue their GED, get job retraining skills, or pursue higher education.	\$525,000
Secondary Vocational Education Programs	Provides funding for career and technical education programs in Montana high schools. Every student in Montana takes at least one technical course.	\$1,000,000
Gifted & Talented Programs	Provides state grants to local school districts to supplement their educational offerings for gifted students.	\$247,000
In-state residential treatment	Provides funding for education services to students in psychiatric residential treatment facilities who are not Medicaid-eligible.	\$764,000
School block grants	State statute requires an inflationary increase of 0.76 percent annually in the school block grants. If the increase is not provided, local property taxpayers will make up the difference.	\$1.98 Million

**The education subcommittee zeroed-out funding for four key programs. What has been zeroed-out?**

- Adult Basic Education
- Secondary Vocational Education
- In-state psychiatric residential treatment for children not eligible for Medicaid
- State support for Gifted & Talented programs

**What has not yet been funded at Present Law levels?**

- K-12 BASE Aid
- Special Education Maintenance of Effort
- At-Risk Student Payment
- School Block Grants (HB 124 block grants)
- Pupil Transportation
- School Lunch Programs – State Matching Requirement

**What about OPI's agency budget? What are the funding cuts and what are the impacts?**

- Stipends for National Board Certified Teachers – an additional \$27,000 is needed to fully fund this program
- Audiology Services – funding for screening children for hearing impairments is \$66,000 below the Governor's budget
- Montana Digital Academy – No funding has been provided for the very successful MT Digital Academy. The Governor's budget included \$2.34 Million
- OPI's general fund budget for agency operations has been cut by 6.56% from the FY 2010 funding levels.