

Governor Wolf's 2015-16 Proposed Education Budget – Fast Facts

\$1 billion in education investments and cost-saving measures

K-12 Education

2015-16 Budget is first step in Governor Wolf's plan to increase investment in K-12 and early childhood education by \$2 billion over the next 4 years

- \$6.13 billion in Basic Education Funding – \$400 million increase; includes call for fair and strong accountability; plan to enact school funding formula by June 30, 2015, to take effect in 2016-17
- \$1.15 billion in Special Education Funding – \$100 million increase
- \$90 million for Career and Technical Education – \$25 million increase -\$15 million to establish and strengthen programs that prepare students for high-skill careers; \$8 million to provide career counseling services to help middle and high school students prepare for the future; \$5 million to provide additional resources for equipment purchases to prepare students for high-skill careers.
- \$9 million for Dual Enrollment (funded through proceeds from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)
- \$160 million in savings from Cyber Charter Reform

Early Childhood Education

75% increase in the number of children enrolled in high-quality pre-k – first phase towards universal quality pre-kindergarten for all 3- and 4-year-olds

- \$494 million total investment for Early Childhood Education
- \$197 million for Pre-K Counts – \$100 million increase
- \$59 million for Head Start Supplemental – \$20 million increase
- \$238 million for Early Intervention

Postsecondary Education

More than \$140 million in restorations – first year of 2-year plan to fully restore higher education cuts

- \$230.7 million for Community Colleges – \$15 million increase
- \$458 million for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) – \$45 million increase
- \$584.3 million for State-Related Universities – \$80.9 million increase
 - \$263.7 million for the Pennsylvania State University – \$49.6 million increase
 - \$151.2 million for the University of Pittsburgh – \$14.9 million increase
 - \$155.3 million for Temple University – \$15.4 million increase
 - \$14 million for Lincoln University – \$921,000 increase
- \$18.8 million for Pennsylvania College of Technology – \$1.2 million increase
- \$13.1 million for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology – \$863,000 increase
- \$16.7 million for Adult and Family Literacy – \$4.6 million increase

Libraries

- \$1.96 million State Library
- \$53.5 million Public Library Subsidy
- \$2.8 million Library Access
- \$2.6 million Library Services for the Visually Impaired and Disabled