

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON PRE-K - 12
EDUCATION
Senator Burgess, Chair
Senator Pizzo, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026
TIME: 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Burgess, Chair; Senator Pizzo, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Calatayud, Gaetz, Jones, Massullo, Osgood, Simon, and Yarborough

TAB		BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1		Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations: Department of Education		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents				

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FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Senate Appropriations Committee on Pre-K-12 Education

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2026-2027



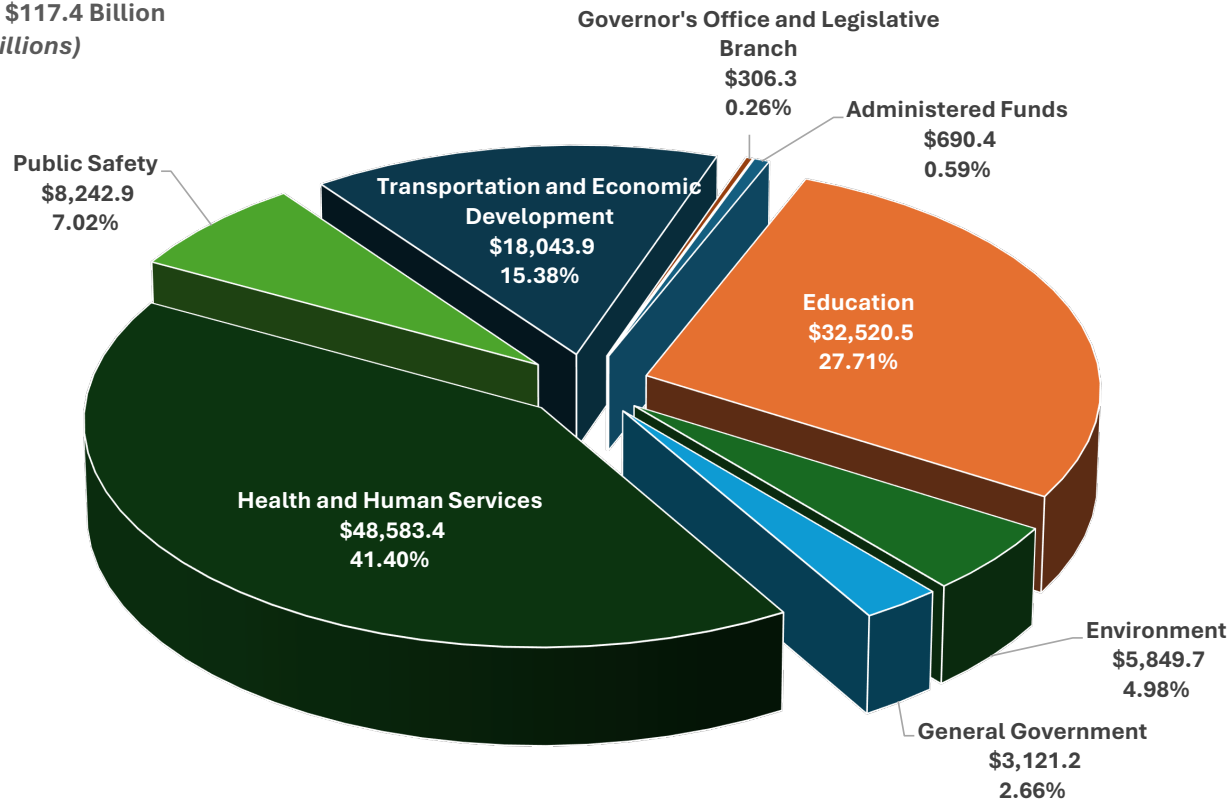
Governor's Office of Policy and Budget Education Unit

Board of Governors
Department of Education



FY 2026-27 – Proposed Total Budget by Policy Area

Total Budget - \$117.4 Billion
(\$ in Millions)

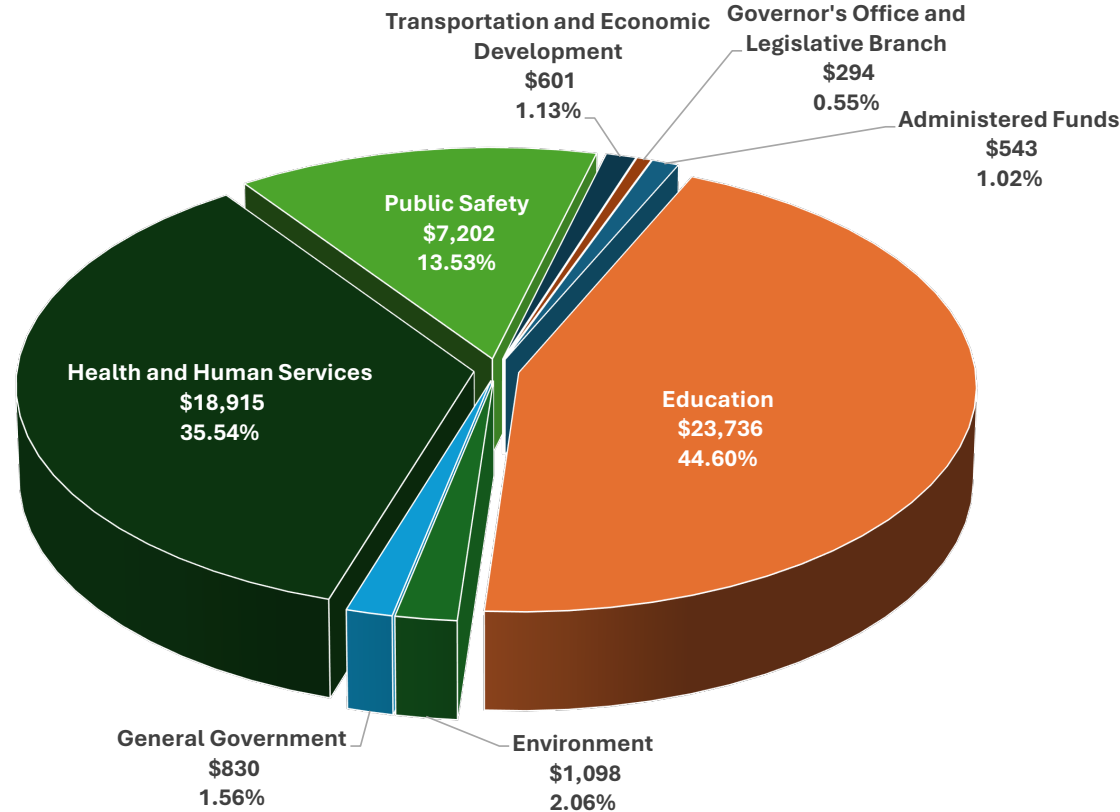


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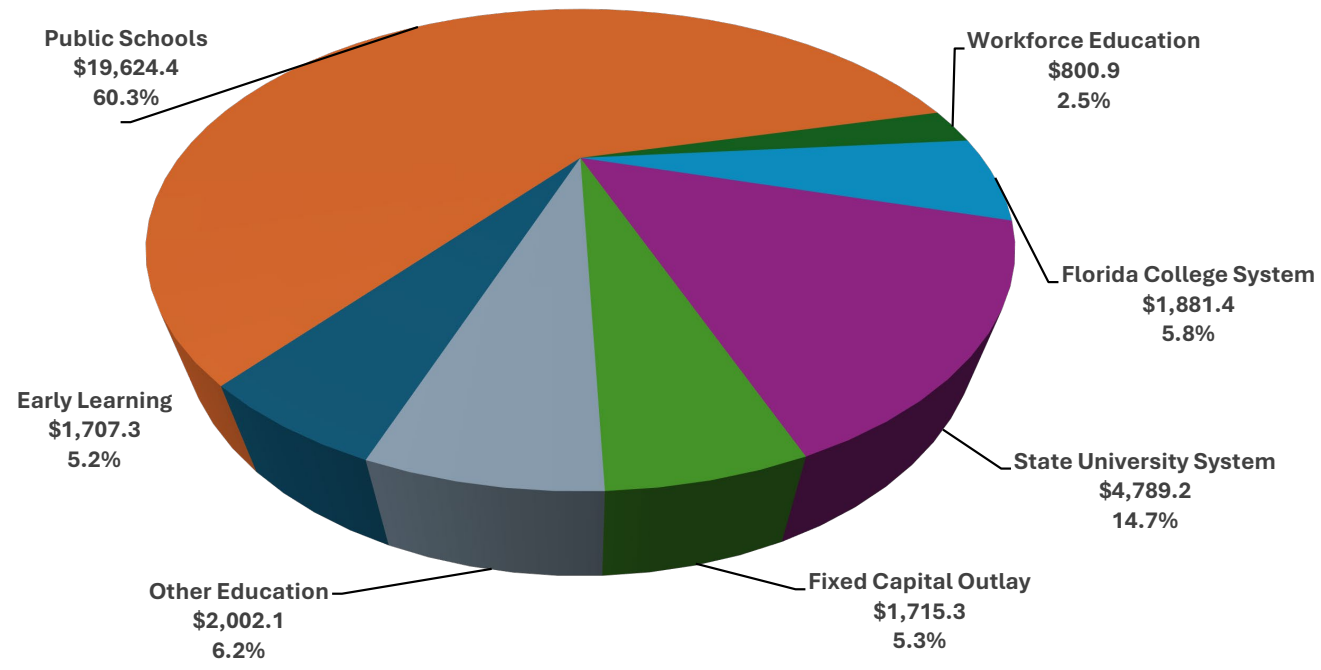
FY 2026-27 – Proposed General Revenue by Policy Area

General Revenue - Total \$53.2 Billion
(\$ in Millions)



FY 2026-27 – Proposed Total Education Budget by Policy Area

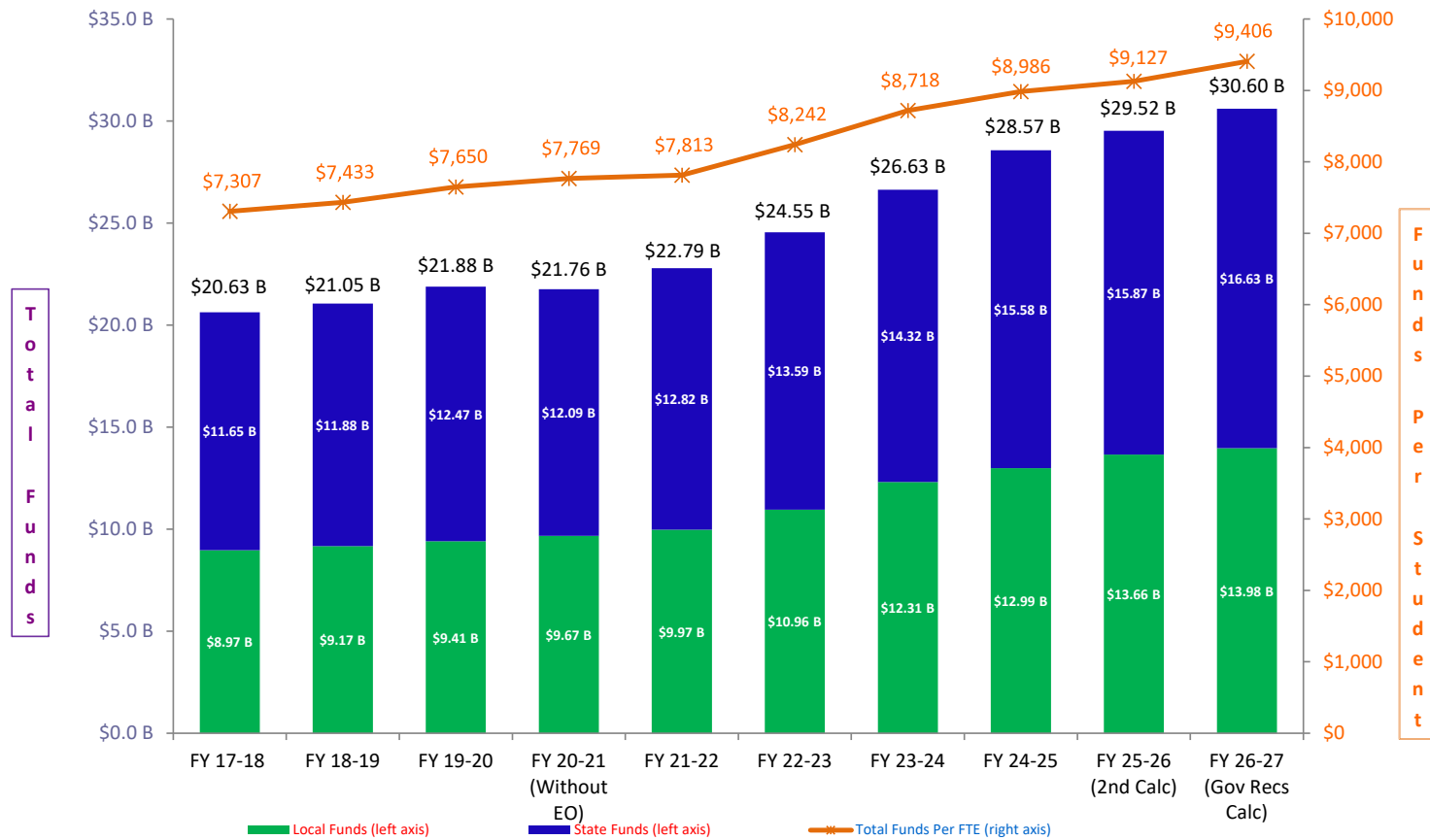
Total Budget - \$32.5 Billion
(\$ in Millions)



Key Investments in Early Learning

Highlights	Amount
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Operational Funding Summer Bridge Program	\$486 million Total <i>\$483 million</i> <i>\$3 million</i>
Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Program (T.E.A.C.H.)	\$10 million
Home Instruction Program for Pre-School Youngsters (HIPPY)	\$3.9 million
Help Me Grow Network	\$4.5 million

Historic Total, State, & Per Student Funding K-12 Schools



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Key Investments in the FEFP

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)	Amount
K-12 Public Schools – Total Funding	\$30.6 billion
K-12 Public Schools – State Funding Increase	\$761.1 million
K-12 Public Schools – Local Funding Increase	\$317.6 million
K-12 Public Schools – Per-Student Funding Increase	\$9,127 to \$9,406
FEFP – Teacher Salary Allocation Increase	\$201.1 million to \$1.56 billion
FEFP – Base Student Allocation Increase	\$100 Increase \$5,372 to \$5,472
FEFP – Mental Health Allocation Increase	\$10 million to \$190 million
FEFP – Safe Schools Allocation Increase	\$10 million to \$300 million

Key Investments in K-12 Education

Highlights	Amount
Safe School and Mental Health Initiatives <i>Includes funding provided in the FEFP</i>	\$652.6 million
Civic Engagement Civic and Debate Initiatives Regional Civics Literacy Captains and Coaches Civics Professional Development Florida Civics Seal of Excellence	\$17.5 million Total \$3 million \$3 million \$1.5 million \$10 million
Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program K-12 Public Schools Florida State Colleges and Universities	\$12.5 million Total \$6.5 million \$6 million



Thank you!

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Floridians First FY26-27 Budget Proposal

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CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 37

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Caption: Senate Appropriations Committee on Pre-K-12 Education

Judge:

Started: 1/14/2026 11:31:35 AM

Ends: 1/14/2026 12:26:04 PM

Length: 00:54:30

11:31:54 AM	Sen. Burgess (Chair)
11:34:15 AM	Tab 1 - Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations: Department of Education
11:34:56 AM	Shelby Sammons - Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, Education Policy Coordinator
11:36:28 AM	Sen. Burgess
11:36:32 AM	S. Sammons
11:37:22 AM	Sen. Burgess
11:37:52 AM	Anastasios Kamoutsas - Department of Education, Commissioner of Education
11:46:51 AM	Sen. Burgess
11:47:16 AM	Sen. Jones
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