

**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

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Senate Appropriations Committee on Pre-K-12 Education

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# **Governor's Office of Policy and Budget Education Unit**

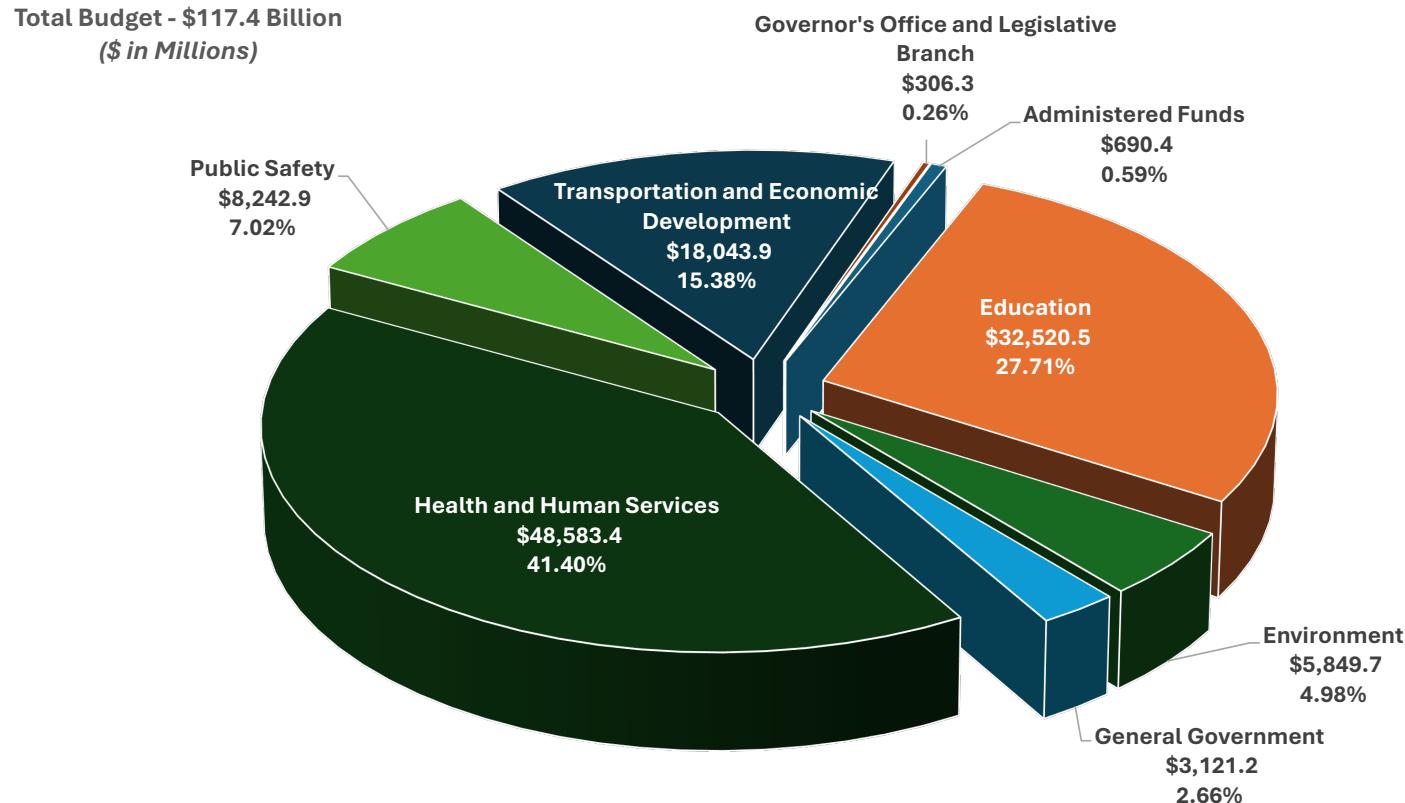
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# FY 2026-27 – Proposed Total Budget by Policy Area

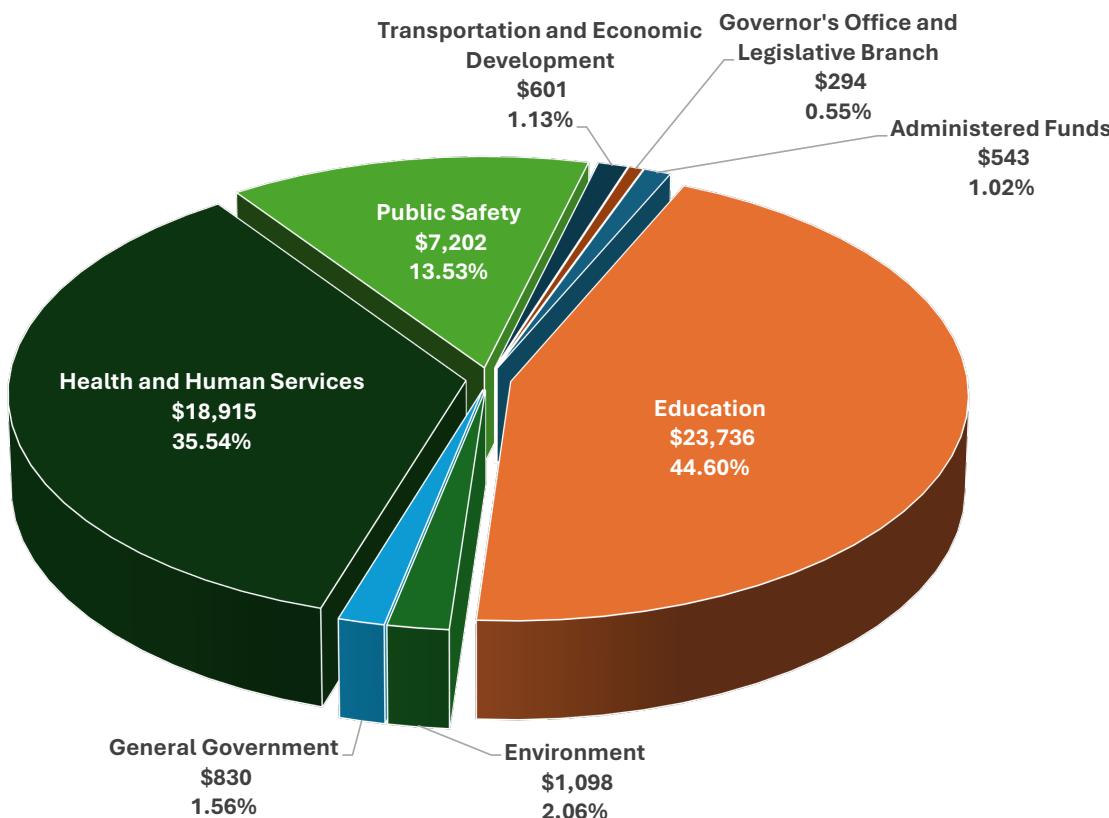


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# FY 2026-27 – Proposed General Revenue by Policy Area

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



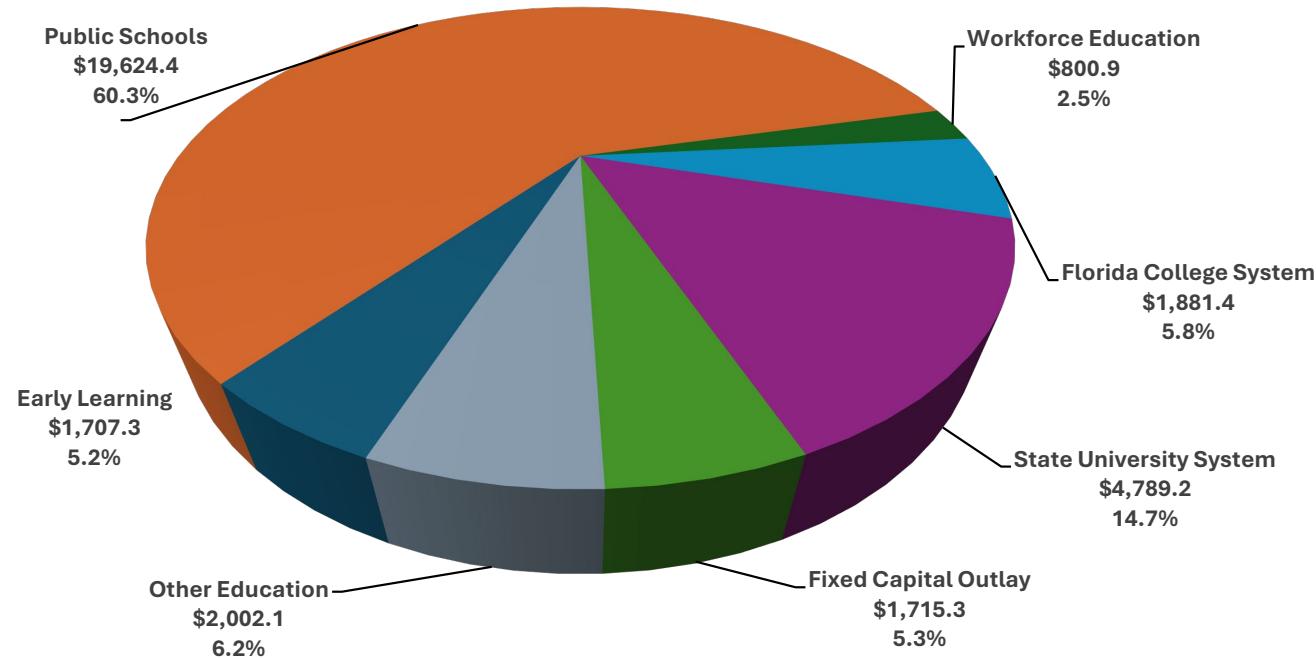
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# FY 2026-27 – Proposed Total Education Budget by Policy Area

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



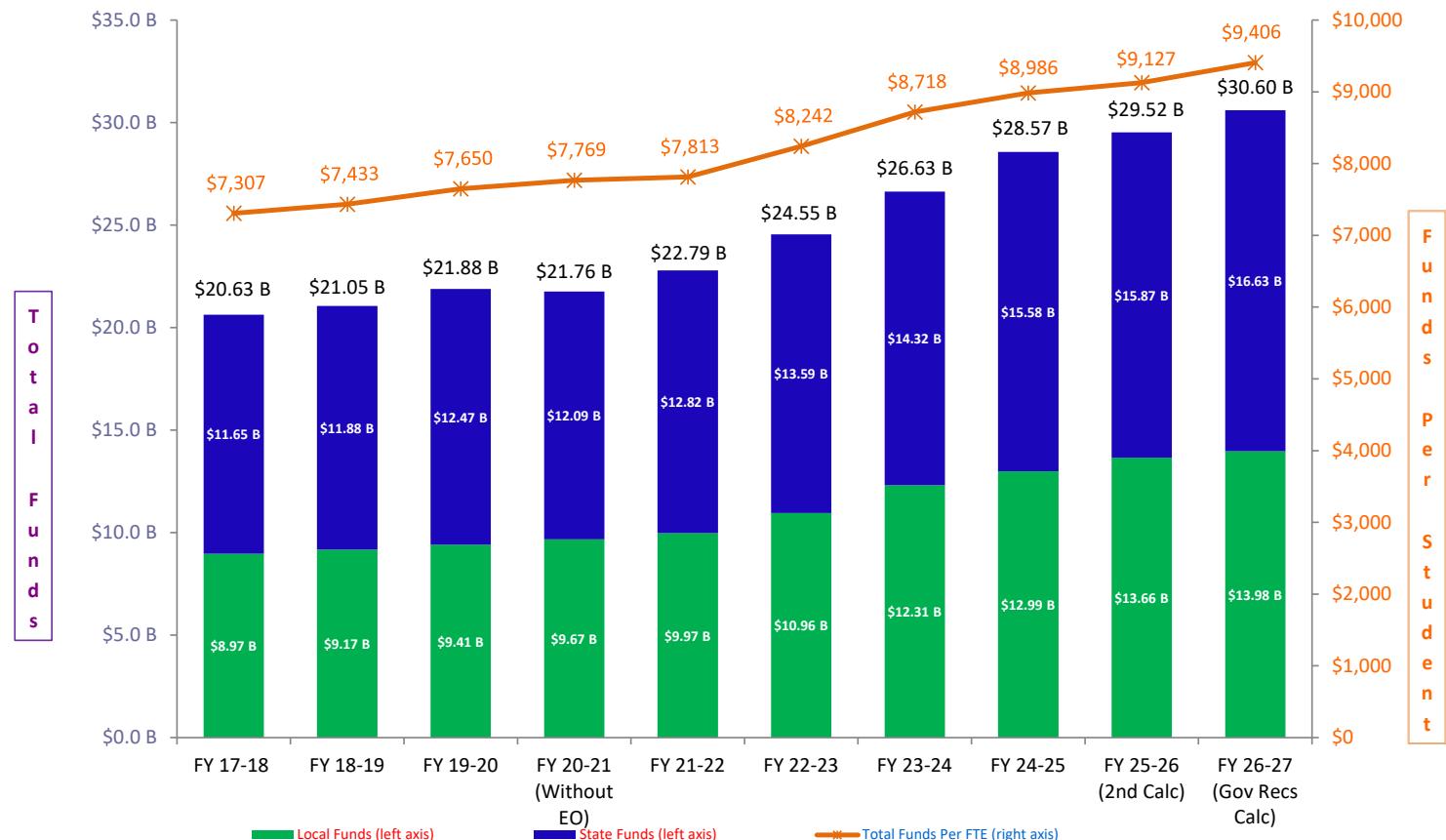
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# Key Investments in Early Learning

Highlights	Amount
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)	<b>\$486 million Total</b>
Operational Funding	<i>\$483 million</i>
Summer Bridge Program	<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 FEEP

Florida Education Finance Program (FEEP)	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
FEEP – Teacher Salary Allocation Increase	\$201.1 million to \$1.56 billion
FEEP – Base Student Allocation Increase	\$100 Increase \$5,372 to \$5,472
FEEP – Mental Health Allocation Increase	\$10 million to \$190 million
FEEP – 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	<b>\$17.5 million Total</b>
Civic and Debate Initiatives	\$3 million
Regional Civics Literacy Captains and Coaches	\$3 million
Civics Professional Development	\$1.5 million
Florida Civics Seal of Excellence	\$10 million
Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program	<b>\$12.5 million Total</b>
K-12 Public Schools	\$6.5 million
Florida State Colleges and Universities	\$6 million



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**Thank you!**

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**Floridians First FY26-27 Budget Proposal**



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# CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 37

Case No.:

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

Judge:

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

Ended: 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  
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**12:19:00 PM** Sen. Burgess  
**12:20:05 PM** Laura Hine - Pinellas County School Board Member  
**12:22:24 PM** Sen. Burgess  
**12:22:33 PM** Sen. Catalayud  
**12:22:52 PM** L. Hine  
**12:23:31 PM** Sen. Burgess  
**12:23:34 PM** Sen. Massullo  
**12:23:57 PM** L. Hine  
**12:24:44 PM** Sen. Massullo  
**12:25:03 PM** L. Hine  
**12:25:07 PM** Sen. Burgess