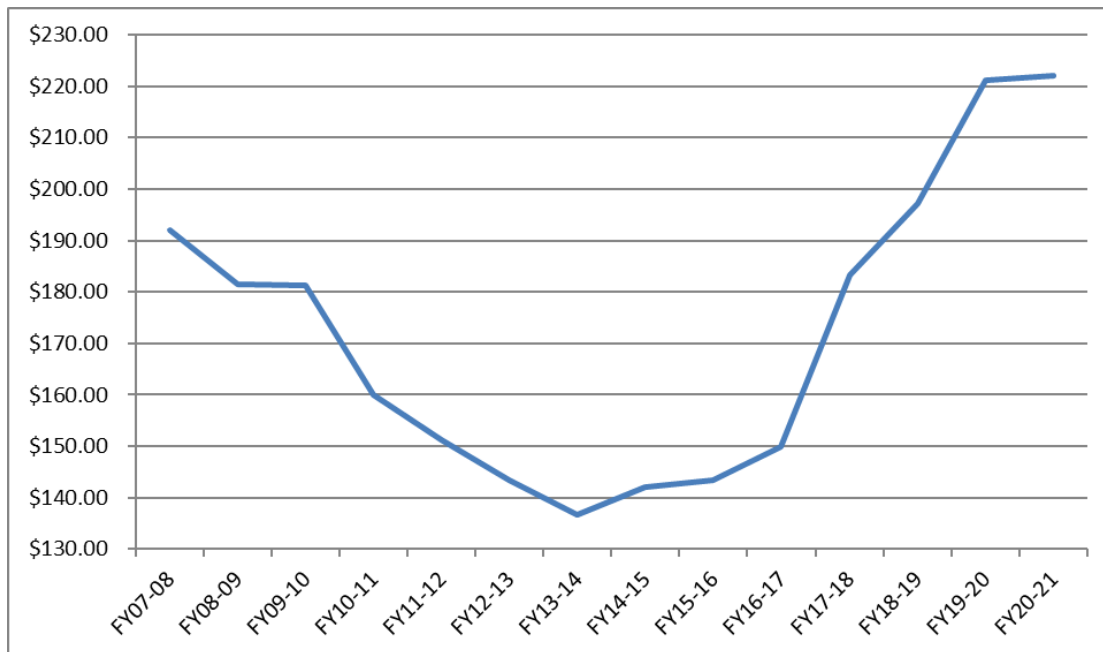


FUNDING FOR EXPANDED LEARNING

January 2021



State Funding

Empire State After-School:

- \$55 million maintained in FY20-21 state budget, same as in FY19-20 budget
- Eligible school districts and community based organizations include Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative areas, school districts and counties with a child poverty rate over 30% or poverty count between 5,000 and 20,000, and communities experiencing high student homelessness or are at risk as determined by OCFS, DCJS, NY State Police, County Executives, or local law enforcement.
- Administered by the New York State Education Department and the Office of Children and Family Services

Advantage After School:

- Afterschool programs with priority target of “disconnected/high-need” youth
- \$33 million in FY20-21 maintained; including \$10.7 million to continue to account for increase in minimum wage. Same as FY 19-20 Advantage funds and represent peak funding since program began.
- Grants are for five years
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services

Extended School Day/ School Violence Prevention (ESD/SVP):

- Provide support to students through extended school-day and/or school violence prevention programs
- \$24.3 million in FY20-21; peak funding of \$30.2 million in FY07-08
- Grants are for three years with the possibility of two one-year extensions
- Administered by the New York State Education Department

Youth Development Program (YDP):

- Support for providers offering positive youth development programs
- \$15.6 million maintained in FY20-21; peak funding of \$37.1 million in FY08-09
- Distributed by county-based formula
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services
- Funds are distributed through county Youth Bureaus; in New York City they are part of the Department of Youth and Community Development’s COMPASS/SONYC program

Community Schools Aid

- \$250 million in Community Schools Aid provided in FY2020-21, same as FY2019-2020
- Funding allocated by formula to school districts with schools identified as "struggling" and "persistently struggling", as well as school districts identified as "high-need".
- Maintains the minimum amount of funding a school district receives from \$75,000 to \$100,000
- Administered by the New York State Education Department

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP):

- Program employs youth ages 14 to 24 during the summer months, supporting their transition to the workforce
- Many participants serve as aides to summer programs for younger children, allowing programs to serve more children
- \$45 million provided in FY20-21, an additional \$1 million over last year's budget. This increase is to account for minimum wage increase.
- In April 2020, New York City announced that it would not be operating Summer Youth Employment Program in 2020 out of an abundance of caution for our young people, providers and worksites.

Local Funding

- Cities and counties often choose to fund expanded learning opportunities through discretionary spending, generally through local Youth Bureaus
- New York City invests approximately \$411 million in the COMPASS, including SONYC, and Beacon initiatives.

Federal Funding:

21st Century Community Learning Centers:

- Programs offer academic enrichment and youth development, particularly for youth at low-performing or high poverty schools, through school-community partnerships
- \$94.1 million in FFY20 Budget; peak funding of \$100.5 million in FFY09-10. The New York State Education Department sets aside up to 7% for administration and technical assistance to grantees.
- Grants are for five years
- Administered by the New York State Education Department

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): The At-Risk Afterschool Snack and Supper Program:

- Nutrition assistance for afterschool programs to provide free snacks and suppers to youth
- As of July 1, 2020, the program reimbursed 96 cents per snack and \$3.51 per supper.
- Any program located in a school district where 50% or more of enrolled students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals are eligible to receive funding

Summer Food Services Program (SFSP):

- Provides free, nutritious meals to children eighteen and under in low-income neighborhoods during the months when school is not in session
- Eligible locations must either be in areas where more than 50% of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch or, if in a different area, the site must only provide free meals to students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch

Child Care Subsidies:

- Federal, state, and local support for low-income families that may be used to pay for care for children from birth up to age twelve
- Approximately 1/2 of funding goes to school-age children (including all modalities of child care)

School District Grants:

- Certain federal funding for school districts, such as Title I and School Improvement Grants (SIG), can be used for expanded learning opportunities at the discretion of the school district