

As of February 13, 2023

Budget Analysis for FY 2023-24 Executive Budget Proposal

Major Funding Streams

Advantage After School: Proposed funding decreased by \$5 million in this year's Executive Budget proposal (\$28,041,000) from the \$33 million in last year's Enacted Budget. If the funding is not restored, 2,500 – 5,000 participants will lose their current Advantage After School programs. These funds provide grants for afterschool programs at a rate of \$2,000 per student.

Empire State After-School: The Executive Proposal provides level funding for the Empire State After-School Program, leaving the total investment in the program at \$55 million. These funds provide grants for afterschool programs at a rate of \$1,600 per student.

NEW: Consolidating Afterschool Funding Streams: The Executive Proposal moved the Empire State After-School program funding from the State Education Department to the Office for Children and Family Services. This change does not include any financial implications and is framed as the first step toward developing a consolidated afterschool program in FY 2025 to replace the two existing programs with different requirements and funding levels.

Extended Learning Time: The Executive Proposal includes an appropriation of \$21,590,000 million for the continuation of extended learning time grants to school districts or school districts in collaboration with nonprofit community-based organizations. Proposed funding remains the same as the last year's Enacted Budget for ELT.

Extended School Day / School Violence Prevention: Proposed funding is at the same level as last year's Enacted Budget (\$24,344,000). These funds provide grants for afterschool programs at a rate of \$1,600 per student.

Youth Development Program: Proposed funding is \$14,121,700, which is \$1.5 million lower than last year's Enacted Budget (\$15,621,700). Last year, the Legislature added \$1.5 million.

Summer Youth Employment: Proposed funding is at \$47,100,000, an increase in funding (\$1,000,000) to last year's Enacted Budget.

NEW: High Impact Tutoring School Set-Aside: Proposed funding at \$250 million for school districts to set aside from its total foundation aid. The funds will be used to deliver small group or individual tutoring sessions in reading and mathematics to students in grades 3-8 designated by each school district as at risk of falling below state standards. This tutoring can be administered during, before, or after the school day.

Community Schools

Community Schools Aid: The Executive Proposal maintains \$250 million in community schools aid to support the transformation of school buildings into community hubs to deliver co-located or school-linked academic, health, mental health, afterschool programs, dual language programs, nutrition, trauma informed support, counseling, legal and/or other services to students and their families, including providing a community school site coordinator, programs for English language learners, or other costs incurred to maximize students' academic achievement. This is level funded from last year's Enacted Budget. The minimum district set-aside amount of \$100,000 is maintained.

Community Schools Regional Technical Assistance Centers: The Executive Proposal includes \$1.2 million for the continuation of three Regional Technical Assistance Centers for community schools across New York. This is level funding with last year's Enacted Budget.

Community Schools Mental Health: The Executive Budget Proposal includes \$250,000 for grants to school districts to allow community schools to expand mental health services. This is level funding with last year's Enacted Budget.

Child Care

The Executive Budget Proposal included:

- \$389 million for the Child Care Workforce Compensation fund.
- \$487 million to increase the income eligibility for child care subsidies to 85% of State Median Income from the current 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. The executive budget also proposes a reduction to family co-pays to 1% of income over the Federal Poverty Level across the state which is a decrease from 10% in many communities.
- Adoption of categorical income eligibility for families enrolled in other public assistance programs which would provide easier access to child care assistance for an estimated 83,400 children.
- Requirement for all counties to reimburse child care providers for up to 80 absences per family in all Local Social Service Districts.
- Requirement that families experiencing homelessness and families caring for a child in foster or kinship care are provided child care assistance, if funds are available.

Additional Youth Funding Streams

Runaway and Homeless Youth: The Executive Budget proposed funding is \$6,484,000, which is \$600,000 lower than last year's Enacted Budget (\$7,084,000).

Additional Funding

QUALITYstarsNY: Proposed funding is at the same level as last year's Enacted Budget Proposal at \$5 million.

CACFP Participation: Proposed funding is \$250,000, funded at the same level as last year's Enacted Budget.