

Budget Analysis for FY 2023-24 Final Budget

Afterschool and Summer

Empire State After-School: The final budget maintains \$55 million in total investments towards the program. The final budget maintains the original rate of \$1,600 per student.

Advantage After School: The final budget includes a \$5 million restoration by the State Legislature for Advantage After School, bringing the total funding to \$33 million, the same as the 2021 and 2022 budget.

NEW: Consolidating Afterschool Funding Streams: The final budget accepts the Executive Proposal to move the Empire State After-School program funding from the State Education Department and the Advantage After School program funding from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to the Office for Children and Family Services. This change does not include any financial implications.

Extended Learning Time: The final budget includes \$21.6 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 last year's final budget amount for ELT.

Extended School Day / School Violence Prevention: Funding is at the same level as last year's final budget at \$24.3 million. These funds provide grants for afterschool programs at a rate of \$1,600 per student.

Recover from COVID School Program (RECOVS): The \$100 million provided in last year's enacted budget was re-appropriated for the 2023-24 and 2024-2025 school years to support school program grants to address student learning loss and trauma caused by COVID-19. This includes allowable expenses for the creation of summer learning, afterschool, or extended school day programs.

CACFP Participation: Funding is at the same level as last year's final budget at \$250,000. This funding is allocated for the competitive grant to nonprofits to increase participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program among afterschool and early care providers.

Community Schools

Community Schools Aid: The final budget includes \$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 funding with the FY21-22 final budget. The minimum district set-aside amount of \$100,000 is maintained.

Community Schools Regional Technical Assistance Centers: The final budget includes \$1.2 million for the continuation of three Regional Technical Assistance Centers for community schools across New York. This maintains the same funding as last year's budget.

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

Youth Development

Youth Development Program: The final budget includes a \$1.5 million restoration by the State Legislature for the Youth Development Program (YDP), bringing the appropriation level to \$15.6 million. This is the same level that YDP was funded at in last year's budget, which remains a \$200,000 reduction from the FY16-17 budget.

Summer Youth Employment: The final budget funding is at \$47 million. This is a \$1 million increase to the funding level in last year's budget.

Runaway and Homeless Youth: The final budget includes an increase of \$700,000 over last year's budget which brings the total funds to \$7,784,000.

Sexually Exploited Children and Youth: The final budget provides \$1 million in funds. This is a decrease of \$1 million from last year's enacted budget.

Child Care

The final budget includes:

Workforce Retention: \$500 million for the Child Care Workforce Retention Grant Program to support workforce retention initiatives.

Subsidy: \$376 million in reappropriated funds to supplement existing federal, state, and local funding to subsidize child care will limit family co-pays to no more than 1% of income over the federal poverty level; expand child care subsidy eligibility to 85% of state median income (SMI); and allow for an increase from 24 allowed absences to 80 absences per year..

Presumptive Eligibility: Provides language that allows local social services districts to utilize a presumptive eligibility standard to provide child care assistance.

Facilitated Enrollment Programs: \$5.1 million for the authorization of two pilot programs, one in New York City (\$1.4 million) and another serving communities outside NYC (\$4 million) and was expanded to serve students currently excluded due to their immigration status and episodic workers with income less than 400% of the federal poverty level in NYC.

Child Care Infrastructure: \$50 million capital costs for building and rehabilitation of new and existing child care facilities reappropriated from last year's budget.

Employer-Supported Child Care Pilot: The final budget includes \$4.8 million a pilot program for Employer Child Care where the employer, state, and individual cover child care costs with each paying a third, serving families between 85 and 100% SMI in three regions of the state.

Business Navigator Program: Provides \$1 million toward a business navigator program in each of the ten regional economic development council regions to help businesses identify different child care supports for their employees.

QUALITYstarsNY: The final budget provides \$29 million, which includes a reappropriation of \$24 million in federal stimulus funding, and \$5 million in state funds.