

**Public Schools
Special Education
Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2015-17 Estimated Expenditures	2.0	1,659,255	538,232	2,197,487
2017-19 Maintenance Level	2.0	1,826,022	583,194	2,409,216
Difference from 2015-17	0.0	166,767	44,962	211,729
% Change from 2015-17	0.0%	10.1%	8.4%	9.6%
Policy Other Changes:				
1. Paraeducator Training *	0.0	0	357	357
2. Student Support Staff *	0.0	0	32,539	32,539
Policy -- Other Total	0.0	0	32,896	32,896
Policy Comp Changes:				
3. State Public Employee Benefits Rate	0.0	5	46	51
4. Non-Rep General Wage Increase	0.0	10	104	114
Policy -- Comp Total	0.0	15	150	165
Total Policy Changes	0.0	15	33,046	33,061
2017-19 Policy Level	2.0	1,826,037	616,240	2,442,277
Difference from 2015-17	0.0	166,782	78,008	244,790
% Change from 2015-17	0.0%	10.1%	14.5%	11.1%

POLICY CHANGES

1. Paraeducator Training *

Paraeducators provide integral instructional support which contributes directly to reducing the opportunity gap. Effective professional development and time to collaborate with teachers better prepares paraeducators to help students succeed. The paraeducator allocation is enhanced to include 20 hours in the 2017-18 school year and 40 hours in the 2018-19 school year for professional learning directed by school districts. (Education Legacy Trust Account-State)

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2. Student Support Staff *

Nonclassroom-based professionals in schools help prepare students for learning by addressing their academic, social and emotional needs. Allocations are increased by 1.0 FTE per prototypical school in the 2017-18 school year in half of all schools beginning with the highest poverty schools and in all schools in the 2018-19 school year. The enhancement is intended to increase values in the prototypical school model for school nurses, social workers, school psychologists, guidance counselors and family engagement coordinators (RCW 28A.150.260). (Education Legacy Trust Account-State)

3. State Public Employee Benefits Rate

Health insurance funding is provided for state employees who are not represented by a union, who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination, or who are not part of the coalition of unions for health benefits. The insurance funding rate is \$970 per employee per month for fiscal year 2018 and \$1029 per employee per month for fiscal year 2019. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal)

4. Non-Rep General Wage Increase

Funding is provided for wage increases for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. It is sufficient for a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective July 1, 2017; a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective July 1, 2018; and a general wage increase of 2 percent, effective January 1, 2019. This item includes both higher education and general government workers. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Federal)