
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

Fiscal Services Division

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Department of Education Administration

Department Overview

The Department of Education (DE) provides oversight, supervision, and support for the State education system, including all of the following:

- Public elementary and secondary schools.
- Community colleges.
- Area Education Agencies.
- Elementary and secondary schools under the purview of the Department of Human Services.
- Nonpublic schools that receive State accreditation.
- Teacher preparation programs.

The Department also works in collaboration with the State Library and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) and assists with the educational services provided by Iowa PBS. These affiliated offices have independent boards.

The Department Director is appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation. The Director serves in a nonvoting role as the executive officer of the State Board of Education. The Board consists of 10 members: 9 voting members and 1 nonvoting student member. The voting members are appointed by the Governor for six-year terms and are subject to Senate confirmation. The student member serves a one-year term and is appointed by the Governor. Duties of the Board include assuring quality education in schools covered by the DE and hearing appeals of local school board decisions.

The DE is organized in four major divisions: Community Colleges, School Finance and Support Services, Policy and Communications, and Learning and Results.

Funding

The General Fund appropriation for Administration funds the general operations of the DE, including salaries and benefits. The current annual General Fund appropriation is \$6.0 million. Other General Fund resources are passed to the De Administration through other DE budget units via intrastate transfers.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [256](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281](#)

More Information

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