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FY 2027 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$1.041 billion from the General Fund for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$9.3 million compared to estimated FY 2026.

General Fund Appropriation Totals					
	Actual FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026	Dept. Request FY 2027	Dept. Req. vs. Est. FY 2025	Percent Change
Department for the Blind	\$ 3,087,171	\$ 3,207,190	\$ 3,207,190	\$ 0	0.0%
Department of Education	443,414,742	451,370,606	451,470,606	100,000	0.0%
Board of Regents	572,998,420	576,998,420	586,198,420	9,200,000	1.6%
Total Education	\$1,019,500,333	\$1,031,576,216	\$1,040,876,216	\$ 9,300,000	0.9%

Department of Education. The Department of Education is requesting a \$100,000 increase compared to estimated FY 2026 for the Iowa PBS general appropriation to support increasing operating costs, including insurance and utilities.

Board of Regents (BOR). The Board of Regents is requesting an increase of \$9.2 million from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2026 for the following purposes:

- **University of Iowa (UI) — Increase Physicians in Rural IA.** This new \$3.6 million request would expand the University of Iowa’s rural physician training pipeline through a dedicated rural medicine track, scholarships, and clinical training sites across Iowa. The goal is to double the number of medical students graduating with advanced rural medicine training by 2030.
- **Iowa State University (ISU) — Agricultural Experiment Station.** This \$1.8 million increase would support new ag tech research in precision livestock, crop productivity, and grain processing. The investment will strengthen Iowa’s agricultural competitiveness and support workforce development in digital agriculture.
- **ISU — Cooperative Extension Service.** This \$1.2 million increase would expand outreach programs that deliver hands-on agricultural training and AI-driven farm tools. The program aims to accelerate adoption of new technologies across Iowa farms and ag-related industries.
- **UNI — Neighboring State Tuition.** This \$1.0 million request would continue an initiative offering resident-equivalent tuition rates to new undergraduate students from states bordering Iowa. The initiative was funded for the 2025-2026 academic year with \$1.5 million provided by the UNI Foundation.
- **UNI — Nursing Program Expansion.** This \$600,000 increase would be used to support the growth and expansion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program established in the fall of 2024.
- **BOR — Mental Health.** This new \$1.0 million appropriation request would be used for mental health support and resources.

ISU also requested that three individual appropriations be merged into the General University Appropriations starting in FY 2027 to improve efficiency. These programs are the Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension, and Future Ready Workforce.

Fiscal Year 2027 Other Funds Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$33.7 million from Other Funds in FY 2027. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2026.

Other Funds Appropriation Totals

	Actual FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026	Dept. Request FY 2027	Dept. Req. vs. Est. FY 2025	Percent Change
Department of Education	\$ 34,000,000	\$ 33,675,000	\$ 33,675,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Total Education	\$ 34,000,000	\$ 33,675,000	\$ 33,675,000	\$ 0	0.0%

Additional Notes. Additional information can be found on the LSA website:

- [Appropriation Tracking](#)
- [Department Webpages](#)
- [Budget Unit Briefs](#)
- **Fiscal Update Article** — [Notice of Funds Transfer — Iowa Department of Education \(February 2025\)](#)

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