
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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Attendance Center/Data Systems

Overview

The Department of Education (DE) is required to gather and maintain information about school performance throughout the State. This includes the creation of an overall school performance grade and a report card for each attendance center (any school building that contains classrooms used for instructional purposes for elementary, middle, or secondary school students). This information must be posted publicly on the Department's website.

The criteria considered must include but is not limited to the following: student academic growth, parent involvement, student attendance, employee turnover, and community activities and involvement. This website also fulfills federal requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The Department may also use the appropriation for general website and data system support and maintenance.

Funding

The first year of funding was FY 2015, when the Department received a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 and was authorized 2.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for the attendance center performance rankings and general website and data system support. Since FY 2016, the Department has received approximately \$250,000 annually.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

2013 Iowa Acts, chapter [121](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281](#)

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More Information

Iowa School Performance Profiles: www.iaschoolperformance.gov/ECP/Home/Index
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