
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2027

Fiscal Services Division

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UNI — Educators for Iowa

Purpose and History

2023 Iowa Acts, [Chapter III](#) (FY 2024 Education Appropriations Act), created the Educators for Iowa appropriation to the Iowa Board of Regents. The appropriation was enacted to support the University of Northern Iowa's (UNI's) efforts to recruit additional students to participate in educational opportunities that lead to teacher licensure.

University of Northern Iowa — College of Education

The UNI intends to fund scholarships and paid student teaching, as well as to scale up current programs such as UNI's 2+2 online elementary education degree program and the Purple Pathway for Paraeducators program. The UNI's educator preparation program is the largest in the State, producing 450 to 500 graduates each year since FY 2013. Approximately 28.0% of undergraduate enrollment at the UNI is in the teacher education program.

Funding

The UNI — Educators for Iowa program is funded through a General Fund appropriation made in the Education Appropriations Subcommittee. In 2025 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 647](#) (FY 2026 Education Appropriations Act), an appropriation of \$1.5 million was made to the UNI. This maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2025.

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More Information

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