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Educational Services for Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing and Blind or Visually Impaired Students

Educational services in Iowa for deaf or hard-of-hearing and blind or visually impaired students in prekindergarten through grade 12 are provided through the Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD) and the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI). Both the ISD and the IESBVI work with local school districts and the Area Education Agencies (AEAs) to provide services throughout the State.

In FY 2024, both the ISD and IESBVI were transferred to the Iowa Department of Education after the passage and signing of [SF 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act). The Board of Regents had previously overseen the ISD (from 1917 to 2023) and IESBVI (from 1911 to 2023).

Iowa School for the Deaf

Established in 1855, the ISD provides individualized instruction for deaf or hard-of-hearing students from prekindergarten through grade 12, as well as providing post-high school services to high school graduates under age 21 to assist them with preparation for college or the workforce. The post-high school services are part of the 4Plus Program, which also serves a small number of blind and visually impaired students on the campus.

The ISD has been based at its Council Bluffs campus since 1870. The majority of students are residential students, who are provided with van transport to their homes on the weekends. The remainder of the student body consists of students traveling daily between the school and home within a 60-mile radius of the campus.

Services provided to students on campus are funded primarily through an annual General Fund appropriation. Local school districts are billed for certain services, which can be paid for with weighted school aid funding. These services primarily include tuition for students taking college courses through dual enrollment and the cost of sign language interpreters and one-on-one paraeducators.

As with the IESBVI, the ISD also serves mainstreamed students in their local schools through the Extended Learning Program and remote instruction in American Sign Language. These services are funded through the Iowa Department of Education's federal special education funding for targeted activities.

In FY 2020 and FY 2021, the General Assembly appropriated a total of \$4.3 million for the ISD to renovate Long Hall. Built in 1929, Long Hall contains the ISD High School, the ISD Science Center, and the ISD Small Gymnasium. The funds for the project were exhausted in FY 2023.

In FY 2023, the ISD's revenue totaled \$15.9 million. **Figure 1** shows revenue by source from FY 2019 to FY 2023.

More Information

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Figure 1 - ISD Actual Revenue

	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
General Fund Approps.	\$9,996,325	\$10,299,287	\$10,536,171	\$10,789,039	\$11,089,039
Federal Support	402,790	303,291	304,658	339,907	338,431
Interest	902	3,116	197	132	128
Reimb. Indirect Costs	20,896	14,839	13,504	16,526	14,232
Sales and Services	989,812	496,150	813,759	1,012,381	1,624,669
Intrastate Receipts	0	0	0	0	336,773
Other Income	248,598	278,621	333,586	325,435	308,146
Long Hall Appropriation	0	3,000,000	1,325,000	0	0
Carryforward (Long Hall)	0	0	3,000,000	4,284,372	700,595
Nebraska Student Funds*	0	0	0	0	1,513,614
Total	\$11,659,323	\$14,395,304	\$16,326,875	\$16,767,792	\$15,925,627

Source: Iowa School for the Deaf

*The ISD has an agreement with the State of Nebraska to serve students from that state. Excess funds from this agreement are kept and occasionally used for capital projects.

In FY 2023, the ISD's expenditures totaled \$15.9 million. **Figure 2** shows expenditures by category from FY 2019 to FY 2023.

Figure 2 - ISD Actual Expenditures

	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
Salaries	\$9,317,824	\$9,025,907	\$9,149,304	\$9,446,590	\$9,662,545
Supplies/Services	1,751,037	1,688,804	1,458,321	1,928,566	2,587,082
Library Acquisition	5,594	1,357	2,070	2,320	2,370
Utilities	329,155	314,225	363,688	381,978	432,784
Repairs	158,101	185,658	528,181	337,450	2,184,325
Audit Reimbursement	39,483	38,070	23,865	36,053	34,059
Equipment	58,129	141,283	476,446	84,236	321,867
Capitals	0	0	0	266,227	0
Long Hall Renovation	0	0	40,628	3,583,777	700,595
Carryforward (Long Hall)	0	3,000,000	4,284,372	700,595	0
Total	\$11,659,323	\$14,395,304	\$16,326,875	\$16,767,792	\$15,925,627

Source: Iowa School for the Deaf

Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Established in 1852, the IESBVI provides direct services to blind or visually impaired students in their local schools under contracts with the AEAs. Des Moines Independent Community School District is the only district that contracts directly with the IESBVI.

The IESBVI also provides the local school districts with services such as consultation, training, technical assistance, evaluations, low vision clinic screenings, and extended learning activities. In addition, the Iowa Department of Education provides federal special education funding for targeted activities. The IESBVI is currently serving more than 700 students in more than 200 school districts across Iowa.

In FY 2023, the IESBVI had total revenue of \$9.9 million. **Figure 3** shows the revenue by source and expenditures by major categories.

	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
General Fund Approps.	\$4,167,759	\$4,334,759	\$4,434,459	\$4,540,886	\$4,584,414
Interest	336	537	110	63	77
Federal Support	662,552	610,709	598,305	757,257	703,826
Refunds	43,194	50,219	50,978	55,475	56,102
Sales and Services	3,604,888	3,775,652	3,956,091	4,408,302	4,513,747
Other Income	867,715	955,448	244,855	23,966	68,250
Carryforward	0	0	100,000	0	0
Total	<u>\$9,346,444</u>	<u>\$9,727,324</u>	<u>\$9,384,798</u>	<u>\$9,785,949</u>	<u>\$9,926,416</u>

Source: Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

In FY 2023, the IESBVI expenditures totaled \$9.9 million. **Figure 4** shows expenditures by category from FY 2019 to FY 2023.

	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
Salaries	\$7,566,900	\$7,607,115	\$7,555,133	\$8,122,476	\$8,354,459
Supplies/Services	1,386,070	1,366,438	1,052,387	1,215,481	1,223,146
Library Acquisition	12,927	14,375	13,865	10,817	14,817
Rentals	55,410	108,151	110,303	134,452	141,202
Utilities	200,862	171,224	30,600	0	0
Bldg. Repairs	74,851	73,198	22,627	13,089	0
Audit Reimbursement	33,665	33,696	6,440	35,896	35,453
Equipment	15,759	9,410	4,888	37,495	45,190
Carryforward (Approps.)	0	100,000	0	0	0
Carryforward (Funds)	0	0	0	0	42,155
Reversions	0	243,717	588,555	216,243	69,994
Total	<u>\$9,346,444</u>	<u>\$9,727,324</u>	<u>\$9,384,798</u>	<u>\$9,785,949</u>	<u>\$9,926,416</u>

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