
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

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. The DE is organized into six offices and divisions.

- The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) oversees the Department's accounting and information technology. The CFO also provides assistance to schools directly by overseeing School Business Operations.
- The Office of the Chief Operations Officer (COO) oversees Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Iowa School for the Deaf.
- The Office of the Chief of Staff oversees communications, human resources, legal, and legislative affairs for the Department.
- The Higher Education Division supports the College Student Aid Commission, the Community Colleges and Postsecondary Readiness Bureau, and the Board of Educational Examiners.
- The Innovation Division covers the Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Advisory Council and related activities.
- The PK-12 Learning Division oversees public and accredited nonpublic primary and secondary schools.

The DE also provides some support and oversight of Iowa PBS, though Iowa PBS has an independent governing board.

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.

Funding

The General Fund appropriation for Administration funds the general operations of the DE, including salaries, benefits, and travel costs. 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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