



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3328.34 Department payments; per-pupil boarding amount.

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(A) For each child enrolled in a college-preparatory boarding school, as reported under section 3328.31 of the Revised Code, the department of education and workforce shall pay to the school the sum of the amount eighty-five per cent of the operating expenditure per pupil of the city, local, or exempted village school district in which the child is entitled to attend school plus the per-pupil boarding amount specified in division (B) of this section.

As used in this division, a district's "operating expenditure per pupil" is the total amount of state payments and other nonfederal revenue spent by the district for operating expenses during the previous fiscal year, divided by the district's enrolled ADM, as that term is defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, for the previous fiscal year.

(B) For the first fiscal year in which a college-preparatory boarding school may be established under this chapter, the "per-pupil boarding amount" is twenty-five thousand dollars. For each fiscal year thereafter, that amount shall be adjusted by the rate of inflation, as measured by the consumer price index (all urban consumers, all items) prepared by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor, for the previous twelve-month period.

(C) The department may accept funds from federal and state noneducation support services programs for the purpose of funding the per pupil boarding amount prescribed in division (B) of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, the department shall coordinate and streamline any noneducation program requirements in order to eliminate redundant or conflicting requirements, licensing provisions, and oversight by government programs or agencies. The applicable regulatory entities shall, to the maximum extent possible, use reports and financial audits provided by the auditor of state and coordinated by the department to eliminate or reduce contract and administrative reviews. Regulatory entities other than the department may suggest reasonable additional items to be included in such reports and financial audits to meet any requirements of federal law. Reporting paperwork prepared for the department shall be shared with and accepted by other state and local entities to the maximum extent feasible.



(D)(1) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, if, in any fiscal year, a college-preparatory boarding school receives federal funds for the purpose of supporting the school's operations, the amount of those federal funds shall be deducted from the total per-pupil boarding amount for all enrolled students paid by the department to the school for that fiscal year, unless the school's board of trustees and the department determine otherwise in a written agreement. Any portion of the total per-pupil boarding amount for all enrolled students remaining after the deduction of the federal funds shall be paid by the department to the school from state funds appropriated to the department.

(2) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, if, in any fiscal year, the department receives federal funds for the purpose of supporting the operations of a college-preparatory boarding school, the department shall use those federal funds, not including any portion of those funds designated for administration, to pay the school the total per-pupil boarding amount for all enrolled students for that fiscal year. Any portion of the total per-pupil boarding amount for all enrolled students remaining after the use of the federal funds shall be paid by the department to the school from state funds appropriated to the department.

(3) If any federal funds are used for the purpose prescribed in division (D)(1) or (2) of this section, the department shall comply with all requirements upon which the acceptance of the federal funds is conditioned, including any requirements set forth in the funding application submitted by the school or the department and, to the extent sufficient funds are appropriated by the general assembly, any requirements regarding maintenance of effort in expenditures.