



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3317.024 Amounts paid to school districts and schools for certain purposes.

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The following shall be distributed monthly, quarterly, or annually as may be determined by the department of education and workforce:

(A) An amount for each island school district and each joint state school district for the operation of each high school and each elementary school maintained within such district and for capital improvements for such schools. Such amounts shall be determined on the basis of standards adopted by the department. However, for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, an island district shall receive the lesser of its actual cost of operation, as certified to the department, or ninety-three per cent of the amount the district received in state operating funding for fiscal year 2011. If an island district received no funding for fiscal year 2011, it shall receive no funding for either of fiscal year 2012 or 2013.

(B) An amount for each school district required to pay tuition for a child in an institution maintained by the department of youth services pursuant to section 3317.082 of the Revised Code, provided the child was not included in the calculation of the district's formula ADM, as that term is defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, for the preceding school year.

(C)(1) An amount for the approved cost of transporting eligible pupils with disabilities attending a special education program approved by the department of education and workforce whom it is impossible or impractical to transport by regular school bus in the course of regular route transportation provided by the school district or educational service center. For fiscal years 2026 and 2027, this amount shall be equal to the actual costs incurred in the prior fiscal year by the district or service center when transporting those students, as reported to the department, multiplied by one of the following:

(a) For a district, the percentage determined for the district for that fiscal year under divisions (E)(1)(c)(i) and (ii) of section 3317.0212 of the Revised Code;



(b) For a service center, forty-five and eighty-three hundredths per cent for fiscal year 2026 and fifty per cent for fiscal year 2027.

(2) No district or service center is eligible to receive a payment under division (C) of this section for the cost of transporting any pupil whom it transports by regular school bus and who is included in the district's transportation ADM.

(3) For fiscal years 2026 and 2027, both of the following apply:

(a) The department of education and workforce shall also establish the deadline for each district and service center to report its actual costs for transporting students described in division (C)(1) of this section.

(b) The costs reported by each district and service center under division (C) of this section shall be subject to periodic, random audits by the department of education and workforce.

(D) An amount to each school district, including each cooperative education school district, pursuant to section 3313.81 of the Revised Code to assist in providing free lunches to needy children. The amounts shall be determined on the basis of rules adopted by the department of education and workforce.

(E)(1) An amount for auxiliary services to each school district, for each pupil attending a chartered nonpublic elementary or high school within the district that has not elected to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section.

(2)(a) An amount for auxiliary services paid directly to each chartered nonpublic school that has elected to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section for each pupil attending the school. To elect to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section, a school, by the first day of April of each odd-numbered year, shall notify the department of education and workforce and the school district in which the school is located of the election and shall submit to the department an affidavit certifying that the school shall expend the funds in the manner outlined in section 3317.062 of the Revised Code. The election shall take effect the following first day of July. The school subsequently may rescind its election, but it may do so only in an odd-numbered year by notifying the department and



the school district in which the school is located of the rescission not later than the first day of April of that year. Beginning the following first day of July after the rescission, the school shall receive funds under division (E)(1) of this section.

(b) Not later later than ten days after the notification of approval and issuance of a charter to a nonpublic school, that school may elect to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section. If no election is made, the chartered nonpublic school shall receive funds under division (E)(1) of this section. The school may subsequently change its election in accordance with division (E)(2)(a) of this section.

(c) A chartered nonpublic school that elects to receive auxiliary services funds under division (E)(2) of this section may designate an organization that oversees one or more nonpublic schools to receive those funds on its behalf.

(i) Each chartered nonpublic school that designates an organization to receive auxiliary services funds on its behalf shall notify the department of education and workforce of the organization's name not later than the first day of April of each odd-numbered year.

(ii) A school may rescind its decision, but may do so only in each odd-numbered year by notifying the department of that rescission not later than the first day of April of that year. A rescission submitted in compliance with this division takes effect on the following first day of July, and the school district may elect to then begin receiving auxiliary services funds directly or as specified under division (E)(1) of this section.

(iii) An organization shall disburse the auxiliary services funds of all chartered nonpublic schools that have designated the organization to receive funds on their behalf in accordance with division (E)(2)(c) of this section. If multiple chartered nonpublic schools designate the same organization to receive auxiliary services funds on their behalf, that organization may use one or more accounts for the purposes of managing the funds. The organization shall maintain appropriate accounting and reporting standards and ensure that each chartered nonpublic school receives the auxiliary services funds to which the school is entitled.

(iv) Each chartered nonpublic school that elects to receive funds directly in accordance with division



(E)(2) of this section or the organization designated to receive and disburse auxiliary services funds on behalf of a chartered nonpublic school shall maintain records of receipt and expenditures of the funds in a manner that conforms with generally accepted accounting principles.

(v) The department of education and workforce shall create and disseminate a standardized reporting form that chartered nonpublic schools and organizations designated to receive funds in accordance with division (E)(2)(c) of this section may use to comply with division (E)(2)(c)(iv) of this section. However, the department shall not require schools to use that form.

(vi) An organization that manages a school's auxiliary services funds pursuant to a designation made in accordance with division (E)(2)(c) of this section may require the school's governing authority to pay a fee for that service that does not exceed four per cent of the total amount of payments for auxiliary services that the school receives from the state. A school may pay any fee assessed pursuant to division (E)(2)(c)(vi) of this section using auxiliary services funds.

(d) The amount paid under divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section shall equal the total amount appropriated for the implementation of sections 3317.06 and 3317.062 of the Revised Code divided by the average daily membership in grades kindergarten through twelve in chartered nonpublic elementary and high schools within the state as determined as of the last day of October of each school year.

(F) An amount for each county board of developmental disabilities for the approved cost of transportation required for children attending special education programs operated by the county board under section 3323.09 of the Revised Code. For fiscal years 2026 and 2027, this amount shall be equal to the actual costs incurred in the prior fiscal year by the county board when transporting those students multiplied by forty-five and eighty-three hundredths per cent for fiscal year 2026 and fifty per cent for fiscal year 2027.

(G) An amount to each institution defined under section 3317.082 of the Revised Code providing elementary or secondary education to children other than children receiving special education under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code. This amount for any institution in any fiscal year shall equal the total of all tuition amounts required to be paid to the institution under division (A)(1) of section 3317.082 of the Revised Code.



The department of education and workforce or any board of education or governing board may provide for any resident of a district or educational service center territory any educational service for which funds are made available to the board by the United States under the authority of public law, whether such funds come directly or indirectly from the United States or any agency or department thereof or through the state or any agency, department, or political subdivision thereof.