



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3317.22 Additional funding for dropout prevention and recovery e-schools.

Effective: September 30, 2025

Legislation: House Bill 96 - 136th General Assembly

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible internet- or computer-based community school" means an internet- or computer-based community school that is a dropout prevention and recovery community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Statewide average base cost per-pupil" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of education and workforce shall establish a program to provide additional funding for students enrolled in grades eight through twelve in eligible internet- or computer-based community schools. An eligible internet- or computer-based community school may choose to participate in the program by notifying the department not later than the first day of February of the school year in which the school will participate in the program in a form and manner determined by the department.

(C) The department shall require each eligible internet- or computer-based community school that chooses to participate in the program to report all information that is necessary to make payments under division (D) of this section.

(D) The department shall calculate an additional payment for each eligible internet- or computer-based community school that chooses to participate in the program, as follows:

(1) Compute the lesser of the following for each student enrolled in grades eight through twelve:

(a) The statewide average base cost per-pupil X the maximum full-time equivalency for the portion of the school year for which the student is enrolled in the school;



(b) The sum of the following:

(i) A one-time payment of \$1,750. In the case of a student enrolled in the school for the first time for the school year for which the payment is being made, payment shall be made under division (D)(1)(b)(i) of this section at least thirty days after the student is considered to be enrolled in the school in accordance with division (H)(2) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code, provided the student has been continuously enrolled in the school during that time, as determined by the department. In the case of a student that was enrolled in the school for the prior school year, payment shall be made under division (D)(1)(b)(i) of this section at least thirty days after the student has started to participate in learning opportunities for the school year for which the payment is being made, provided the student has been continuously enrolled in the school during that time, as determined by the department.

(ii) The statewide average base cost per-pupil $\times (1/920)$ \times the lesser of the number of hours the student participates in learning opportunities in that fiscal year or 920;

(iii) The lesser of ($\$500 \times$ either the number of courses completed by the student in that fiscal year, in the case of a student enrolled in grade eight, or the number of credits earned by the student in that fiscal year, in the case of a student enrolled in grades nine through twelve) or \$2,500.

(2) Compute the sum of the amounts calculated under division (D)(1) of this section for all students enrolled in grades eight through twelve.

(3) Compute the school's payment in accordance with the following formula:

(The amount determined under division (D)(2) of this section) - (the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in grades eight through twelve in the school \times the statewide average base cost per-pupil)

If the amount computed under division (D)(3) is a negative number, the school shall not receive a payment under this section.



(E)(1) The department may complete a review of the enrollment of each eligible internet- or computer-based community school that chooses to participate in the program in accordance with division (K) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code. If the department determines a school has been overpaid based on a review completed under division (E)(1) of this section, the department shall require a repayment of the overpaid funds and may require the school to establish a plan to improve the reporting of enrollment.

(2) To the extent that an eligible internet- or computer-based community school that chooses to participate in the program had, for the prior school year, a percentage of student engagement in learning opportunities that was less than sixty-five per cent, the school shall provide to the department a meaningful plan for increasing student engagement.

(3) All eligible internet- or computer-based community schools that choose to participate in the program shall implement programming or protocol which documents enrollment and participation in learning opportunities in order to participate in the program.