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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

K-12 public school finance.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Finance  
Recalibration

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to K-12 public school finance; implementing  
2 the 2025 cost of education study as modified by the  
3 legislature; modifying the education resource block grant  
4 model; modifying cash reserves; restricting expenditure of  
5 funds distributed through the school foundation program  
6 account; modifying health insurance; making conforming  
7 amendments; repealing provisions; and providing for  
8 effective dates.

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10 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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1       **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-309.1, 21-13-339 and 21-13-340  
2 are created to read:

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4       **21-13-309.1. Education resource block grant model**  
5 **components; retirement; health insurance.**

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7       (a) This section is intended to specify the education  
8 resource block grant model components and computations  
9 necessary to execute the 2025 cost of education study as  
10 required by W.S. 21-13-309(t) and as adopted and modified  
11 by the legislature.

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13       (b) As used in this section:

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15               (i) "Average daily membership" or "ADM" means as  
16 defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(i);

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18               (ii) "Education resource block grant model" means  
19 as defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv);

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21               (iii) "Co-located school" means two (2) or more  
22 schools, each with its own administrative structure, that  
23 operate within the same physical facility, regardless of

1 whether the schools serve the same or different grade  
2 bands.

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4 (iv) "FTE" means full-time equivalency basis as  
5 computed in accordance with the department of education  
6 rule;

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8 (v) "Grade band" means a school grade  
9 configuration that falls within one (1) of the following  
10 configurations:

11

12 (A) An elementary school grade band that  
13 includes grades kindergarten through grade six (K-6) or any  
14 combination of those grades;

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16 (B) A middle school grade band that  
17 includes grade five (5) through eight (8) or grade six (6)  
18 through grade nine (9) or any combination of grades within  
19 those ranges;

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21 (C) A high school grade band that includes  
22 grade eight (8) through grade twelve (12) or any  
23 combination of those grades.

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2 (c) The education resource block grant model  
3 components and associated resources are as follows:

4

5 (i) Full day kindergarten. Funded for all  
6 elementary school grade bands;

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8 (ii) Core teachers. For any school with greater  
9 than fifty (50) ADM, one (1.0) FTE for grades kindergarten  
10 through three (3) for every fifteen (15) ADM and one (1.0)  
11 FTE for grades four (4) through twelve (12) for every  
12 twenty-five (25) ADM;

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14 (iii) Elective/specialist teachers.

15

16 (A) Elementary school grade bands. FTE equal  
17 to twenty percent (20%) of the core teachers calculated  
18 pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

19

20 (B) Middle school grade bands. FTE equal to  
21 twenty percent (20%) of the core teachers calculated  
22 pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

23

1 (C) High school grade bands. FTE equal to  
2 thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the core  
3 teachers calculated pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this  
4 subsection.

5  
6 (iv) For any school with greater than fifty (50)  
7 ADM, additional career and technical education teachers.  
8 FTE equal to thirty-four percent (34%) of each school's  
9 career and technical education students reported pursuant  
10 to W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (D) (I), divided by twenty-five (25);

11  
12 (v) Minimum teachers. Resourced at the highest  
13 prototypical school model prototype:

14  
15 (A) For any school with greater than fifty  
16 (50) ADM, if the combined total FTE calculated pursuant to  
17 paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this subsection is less  
18 than the applicable minimum specified in subdivisions (I)  
19 through (III) of this subparagraph, the school shall be  
20 provided the applicable minimum teacher FTEs as follows:

21  
22 (I) Six (6) FTE for an elementary  
23 school;

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(II) Seven (7) FTE for a middle school;

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(III) Nine (9) FTE for a high school.

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(B) For any school with fifty (50) ADM or less, the minimum teacher FTEs specified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be reduced on a pro rata basis, calculated by multiplying the applicable minimum teacher FTEs by a fraction, the numerator of which is the school's ADM and the denominator of which is fifty (50).

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(vi) Summer school teachers. One (1.0) FTE for every one hundred and twenty (120) at-risk students identified pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (A);

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(vii) Extended day school teachers. One (1.0) FTE for every one hundred and twenty (120) at-risk students identified pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (A);

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(viii) English language learner teachers. One (1.0) FTE for every one hundred (100) students identified as limited English proficient in accordance with rules

23

1 enacted by the department of education pursuant to W.S.  
2 21-13-309(m) (v) (A);

3

4 (ix) Instructional facilitators. Resourced at the  
5 highest prototypical school model prototype using total  
6 school ADM:

7

8 (A) Elementary schools. One and one-half  
9 (1.5) FTE for every three hundred thirty (330) ADM;

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11 (B) Middle schools. One and one-half (1.5)  
12 FTE for every three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

13

14 (C) High schools. One and one-half (1.5) FTE  
15 for every three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

16

17 (D) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A)  
18 through (C) of this paragraph, each school district shall  
19 receive a minimum of one (1.0) FTE.

20

21 (x) At-risk/core tutors. Resourced at the highest  
22 prototypical school model prototype. One (1.0) FTE for

1 every one hundred (100) at-risk students identified  
2 pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (A), plus:

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4 (A) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE for  
5 every three hundred thirty (330) ADM;

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7 (B) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for every  
8 three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

9

10 (C) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for every  
11 three hundred fifteen (315) ADM.

12

13 (xi) Substitute teachers. An amount equal to:

14

15 (A) Five and seven hundred fifteen  
16 thousandths percent (5.715%) of the combined total FTEs  
17 generated by paragraphs (ii) through (x);

18

19 (B) The amount calculated in subparagraph  
20 (A) of this paragraph multiplied by a daily salary as  
21 specified in subparagraph (xxxi) (R) of this subsection,  
22 multiplied by seven and sixty-five hundredths percent



1 (7.65%) for employer paid social security and Medicaid  
2 benefits.

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4 (xii) Counselors. One (1.0) FTE for every two  
5 hundred fifty (250) middle and high school ADM;

6

7 (xiii) Pupil support positions. The greater of:

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9 (A) One (1.0) FTE for every one hundred  
10 (100) at-risk students computed under W.S.  
11 21-13-309(m) (v) (A); or

12

13 (B) Resourced at the highest prototypical  
14 school model prototype:

15

16 (I) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE  
17 for every three hundred thirty three (330) ADM;

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19 (II) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for  
20 every three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

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22 (III) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for  
23 every three hundred fifteen (315).

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2           (xiv) Supervisory aides. Resourced at the  
3 highest prototypical school model prototype:

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5           (A) Elementary schools. Two (2.0) FTE for  
6 every three hundred thirty three (330) ADM;

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8           (B) Middle schools. Two (2.0) FTE for every  
9 three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

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11           (C) High schools. Three (3.0) FTE for every  
12 six hundred thirty (630) ADM.

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14           (xv) Librarians. Resourced at the highest  
15 prototypical school model prototype:

16

17           (A) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE for  
18 every three hundred thirty (330) ADM up to three hundred  
19 thirty (330) ADM;

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21           (B) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for every  
22 three hundred fifteen (315) ADM up to three hundred fifteen  
23 (315) ADM;

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2 (C) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for every  
3 six hundred thirty (630) high school ADM up to six hundred  
4 thirty (330) ADM.

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6 (D) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A)  
7 through (C) of this paragraph, each school district shall  
8 receive a minimum of one-half (0.5) FTE.

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10 (xvi) Library aides. Resourced at the highest  
11 prototypical school model prototype:

12

13 (A) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE for  
14 each additional three hundred thirty (330) ADM above three  
15 hundred thirty (330) ADM;

16

17 (B) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for each  
18 additional three hundred fifteen (315) ADM above three  
19 hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

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21 (C) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for each  
22 additional six hundred thirty (630) above six hundred  
23 thirty (630) ADM.

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2           (xvii) Principals. Resourced at the highest  
3 prototypical school model prototype:

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5           (A) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE for  
6 each school with at least one hundred ten (110) ADM;

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8           (B) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for each  
9 school with at least one hundred five (105) ADM;

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11           (C) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for each  
12 school with at least one hundred five (105) ADM.

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14           (xviii) Assistant principals. Resourced at the  
15 highest prototypical school model prototype:

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17           (A) Elementary schools.

18

19           (I) One (1.0) assistant principal  
20 position for each additional three hundred thirty (330) ADM  
21 above three hundred thirty (330) ADM; or

22

1 (II) One (1.0) FTE for schools with  
2 less than one hundred ten (110) elementary ADM.

3

4 (B) Middle schools.

5

6 (I) One (1.0) assistant principal  
7 position for each additional three hundred fifteen (315)  
8 ADM above three hundred fifteen (315) ADM; or

9

10 (II) One (1.0) FTE for middle and high  
11 schools with less than one hundred five (105) ADM.

12

13 (B) High schools.

14

15 (I) One (1.0) assistant principal  
16 position for each additional three hundred fifteen (315)  
17 ADM above three hundred fifteen (315) ADM; or

18

19 (II) One (1.0) FTE for middle and high  
20 schools with less than one hundred five (105) ADM.

21

22 (xix) School site secretaries. Resourced at the  
23 highest prototypical school model prototype:

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2 (A) Elementary schools. Two (2) FTE for  
3 three hundred thirty (330) ADM, prorated down to one and  
4 one-half (1.5) FTE for two hundred twenty (220) ADM,  
5 prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for one hundred ten (110)  
6 ADM, one (1.0) FTE prorated below one hundred ten (110)  
7 ADM. For schools with greater than three hundred thirty  
8 (330) ADM, one (1.0) additional FTE for each additional one  
9 hundred sixty-five (165) ADM;

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11 (B) Middle schools. Two (2.0) FTE for three  
12 hundred fifteen (315) ADM, prorated down to one and one-  
13 half (1.5) FTE for two hundred ten (210) ADM, prorated down  
14 to one (1.0) FTE for one hundred five (105) ADM, one (1.0)  
15 FTE prorated below one hundred five (105) ADM. For schools  
16 with ADM greater than three hundred fifteen (315) ADM, one  
17 (1.0) additional FTE for each additional one hundred fifty-  
18 seven and one-half (157.5) ADM;

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20 (C) High schools. Three (3.0) FTE for six  
21 hundred thirty (630) ADM, prorated down to two (2.0) FTE  
22 for three hundred fifteen (315) ADM, prorated down to one  
23 and one-half (1.5) FTE for two hundred ten (210) ADM,

1 prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for one hundred five (105)  
2 ADM, one (1.0) FTE prorated below one hundred five (105)  
3 ADM. For schools with ADM greater than six hundred thirty  
4 (630) ADM, one (1.0) additional FTE for each additional two  
5 hundred ten (210) ADM.

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7 (xx) Instructional and library materials. Three  
8 hundred dollars (\$300.00) per ADM;

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10 (xxi) Technology and equipment. Two hundred  
11 fifty dollars (\$250.00) per ADM;

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13 (xxii) Gifted and talented students. Twenty-five  
14 dollars (\$25.00) per ADM;

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16 (xxiii) Student activities.

17

18 (A) School districts with two thousand  
19 (2,000) or more ADM: eight hundred thirty-three dollars  
20 (\$833.00) per high school grade band ADM, four hundred  
21 forty-seven dollars (\$447.00) per middle school grade band  
22 ADM and thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per elementary school  
23 grade band ADM.

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(B) School districts with five hundred (500) ADM: two thousand eighty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$2,082.50) per high school grade band ADM, one thousand one hundred seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$1,117.50) per middle school grade band ADM and eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$87.50) per elementary school grade band ADM;

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(D) For school districts with less than two thousand (2,000) ADM and more than five hundred (500) ADM the per ADM amounts specified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be proportionally adjusted on a linear per ADM basis to the per ADM amounts specified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph;



1                   (E) For school districts with less than  
2 five hundred (500) ADM and more than one hundred fifty  
3 (150) ADM the per ADM amounts specified in subparagraph (B)  
4 of this paragraph shall be proportionally adjusted on a  
5 linear per ADM basis to the per ADM amounts specified in  
6 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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8                   (xxiv) Professional development. One hundred  
9 ninety-one dollars and forty-three cents (\$191.43) per ADM;

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11                   (xxv) Short cycle and formative assessments.  
12 Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per ADM;

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14                   (xxvi) Central office staff. Central office  
15 staff shall be calculated utilizing the school district's  
16 ADM, as follows:

17

18                   (A) For school districts with five hundred  
19 (500) ADM or less:

20                               (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent  
21 position;

22                               (II) One and one-half (1.5) FTE for  
23 deputy/assistant superintendent positions;

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2 (III) Two (2.0) FTE for  
3 secretary/accounting positions;

4

5 (IV) One (1.0) FTE for a computer  
6 technician position.

7

8 (B) For school districts with more than five  
9 hundred (500) ADM and less than or equal to one thousand  
10 (1,000) ADM:

11

12 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent  
13 position;

14

15 (II) Two (2.0) FTE for deputy/assistant  
16 superintendent positions prorated down to one and one-half  
17 (1.5) FTE for five hundred (500) ADM;

18

19 (III) Three (3.0) FTE for  
20 secretary/accounting positions prorated down to two (2.0)  
21 FTE for five hundred (500) ADM;

22

1 (IV) Two (2.0) FTE for computer  
2 technician positions prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for  
3 five hundred (500) ADM.

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5 (C) For school districts with more than one  
6 thousand (1,000) ADM and less than or equal to two thousand  
7 (2,000) ADM:

8

9 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent  
10 position;

11

12 (II) Three (3.0) FTE for  
13 deputy/assistant superintendent positions prorated down to  
14 two (2.0) FTE for one thousand (1,000) ADM;

15

16 (III) Six and one-half (6.5) FTE for  
17 secretary/accounting positions prorated down to three (3.0)  
18 FTE for one thousand (1,000) ADM;

19

20 (IV) Two and one-half (2.5) FTE for  
21 computer technician positions prorated down to two (2.0)  
22 FTE for one thousand (1,000) ADM.

23

1 (D) For school districts with more than two  
2 thousand (2,000) ADM and less than or equal to four  
3 thousand (4,000) ADM:

4  
5 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent  
6 position;

7  
8 (II) Four (4.0) FTE for  
9 deputy/assistant superintendent positions prorated down to  
10 three (3.0) FTE for two thousand (2,000) ADM;

11  
12 (III) Ten (10.0) FTE for  
13 secretary/accounting positions prorated down to six and  
14 one-half (6.5) FTE for two thousand (2,000) ADM;

15  
16 (IV) Five (5.0) FTE for computer  
17 technician positions prorated down to two and half (2.5)  
18 FTE for two thousand (2,000) ADM;

19  
20 (V) Three (3.0) FTE for  
21 director/coordinator positions prorated down to zero (0.0)  
22 FTE for two thousand (2,000) ADM;

23

1 (VI) One (1.0) FTE for a network  
2 supervisor position prorated down to zero (0.0) FTE for two  
3 thousand (2,000) ADM;

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5 (VII) One (1.0) FTE for a software  
6 manager position prorated down to zero (0.0) FTE for two  
7 thousand (2,000) ADM.

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9 (E) For school districts with more than  
10 four thousand (4,000) ADM and less than or equal to twelve  
11 thousand (12,000) ADM:

12

13 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent  
14 position;

15

16 (II) Four (4.0) FTE for  
17 deputy/assistant superintendent positions;

18

19 (III) Twenty (20.0) FTE for  
20 secretary/accounting positions prorated down to ten (10.)  
21 FTE for four thousand (4,000) ADM;

22

1 (IV) Fifteen (15.0) FTE for computer  
2 technician positions prorated down to five (5.0) FTE for  
3 four thousand (4,000) ADM;

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5 (V) Nine (9.0) FTE for  
6 director/coordinator positions prorated down to three (3.0)  
7 FTE for four thousand (4,000) ADM;

8

9 (VI) Two (2.0) FTE for network  
10 supervisor positions prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for  
11 four thousand (4,000) ADM;

12

13 (VII) Two (2.0) FTE for software  
14 manager positions prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for four  
15 thousand (4,000) ADM;

16

17 (VIII) Ten (10.0) FTE for other central  
18 office professional positions prorated down to zero (0.0)  
19 FTE for four thousand (4,000) ADM.

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21 (F) For school districts with more than  
22 twelve thousand (12,000) ADM:

23

1 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent  
2 position;

3

4 (II) Four (4.0) FTE for  
5 deputy/assistant superintendent positions;

6

7 (III) Twenty (20.0) FTE for  
8 secretary/accounting positions prorated up from twelve  
9 thousand (12,000) ADM;

10

11 (IV) Fifteen (15.0) FTE for computer  
12 technician positions prorated up from twelve thousand  
13 (12,000) ADM;

14

15 (V) Nine (9.0) FTE for  
16 director/coordinator positions prorated up from twelve  
17 thousand (12,000) ADM;

18

19 (VI) Two (2.0) FTE for network  
20 supervisor positions prorated up from twelve thousand  
21 (12,000) ADM;

22

1 (VII) Two (2.0) FTE for software  
2 manager positions prorated up from twelve thousand (12,000)  
3 ADM;

4  
5 (VIII) Ten (10.0) FTE for other central  
6 office professional positions prorated up from twelve  
7 thousand (12,000) ADM.

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9 (xxvii) Central office non-personnel resources.  
10 Six hundred six dollars (\$606.00) per ADM;

11  
12 (xxviii) School custodians. Resourced at the  
13 highest prototypical school model prototype:

14  
15 (A) For schools with more than fifty (50)  
16 ADM, calculated using the average of the following four (4)  
17 factors specified under subdivisions (I) through (IV) of  
18 this subparagraph, plus an additional one-half (0.5) FTE  
19 for middle or high schools:

20  
21 (I) One (1.0) FTE for every thirteen  
22 (13) FTE resourced under paragraphs (ii) through (v) of  
23 this subsection;



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2 (II) One (1.0) FTE for every three  
3 hundred twenty-five (325) ADM;

4

5 (III) One (1.0) FTE for every thirteen  
6 (13) classrooms;

7

8 (IV) One (1.0) FTE for every eighteen  
9 thousand (18,000) square feet of authorized education  
10 space, as determined by W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (G) .

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12 (B) District custodians. One (1.0) FTE for  
13 every eighteen thousand (18,000) square feet of authorized  
14 education space, applied to ten percent (10%) of the total  
15 authorized education space for all school buildings in the  
16 district, as determined under W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (G) ;

17

18 (xxix) Maintenance workers. Resourced at the  
19 highest prototypical school model prototype:

20

21 (A) A base FTE resourced using the average  
22 of the four (4) factors specified under subdivisions (I)  
23 through (IV) of this subparagraph, plus the additional

1 adjustments to the base FTE amount as provided in  
2 subdivision (V) of this subparagraph:

3

4 (I) One and one-tenth (1.1) FTE per  
5 school building;

6

7 (II) One (1.0) FTE for every sixty  
8 thousand (60,000) square feet of authorized education  
9 space, as determined under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(G),  
10 multiplied by one and two-tenths (1.2);

11

12 (III) One (1.0) FTE for every one  
13 thousand (1,000) ADM, multiplied by one and three-tenths  
14 (1.3);

15

16 (IV) One (1.0) FTE for every five  
17 million dollars (\$5,000,000) of the school district's  
18 school year 2004-2005 general fund operating expenditures,  
19 multiplied by one and two-tenths (1.2);

20

21 (V) The base FTE calculated under this  
22 subparagraph for each school building shall be adjusted as  
23 follows:

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(1) A school level adjustment for elementary schools equal to the product of the base FTE multiplied by a factor of eight-tenths (0.8) less the base FTE and for high schools equal to the product of the base FTE multiplied by two (2) less the base FTE;

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(2) A building age adjustment for a school building that is less than ten (10) years old equal to the product of the base FTE multiplied by a factor of ninety-five hundredths (0.95) less the base FTE and for a school building that is more than thirty (30) years old equal to the product of the base FTE multiplied by a factor of one and one-tenth (1.1) less the base FTE;

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16

(3) A small district adjustment for a school district with less than one thousand (1,000) ADM equal to the base FTE plus the adjustments under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subdivision, then multiplied by a factor of one and one-tenth (1.1).

21

(xxx) Groundskeepers. In making calculations under this subparagraph:

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2 (A) For school land acreage containing more  
3 than one (1) school building, the resources shall be  
4 generated at the highest applicable prototypical school  
5 model prototype using the total ADM of all schools on the  
6 land acreage;

7

8 (B) Acreage acquired by a district after  
9 July 1, 1997 shall be calculated using the lesser of the  
10 actual site acreage on which the facility is situated or  
11 the acreage specified in state construction department's  
12 rules, provided that this limitation shall not apply if the  
13 acreage was acquired through an exchange with another  
14 governmental entity and the acreages involved in the  
15 exchange were originally acquired by the district and the  
16 governmental entity on or prior to July 1, 1997;

17

18 (C) A base groundskeeper FTE for each school  
19 site shall be equal to the authorized acreage computed  
20 under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph  
21 multiplied by ninety-three (93) hours per acre divided by  
22 two thousand eight (2,008) hours of work per year. The base  
23 groundskeeper FTE shall be adjusted by a factor equal to

1 the base groundskeeper FTE multiplied by one and  
2 five-tenths (1.5) for middle school sites and two and  
3 five-tenths (2.5) for high school sites;

4

5 (D) Groundskeeper FTE positions for district  
6 level sites shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the  
7 school level groundskeeper FTE positions calculated under  
8 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

9

10 (xxxi) Operations and maintenance supplies. The  
11 authorized education space for each school building, as  
12 determined under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(G), multiplied by one  
13 dollar and two cents (\$1.02) per square foot and adjusted  
14 by a factor of one and one-tenth (1.1);

15

16 (xxxii) Utilities. Actual school year 2024-2025  
17 general fund expenditures by school district excluding  
18 amounts reimbursed under W.S. 21-13-320 and 21-13-321  
19 adjusted by the external cost adjustment in accordance with  
20 W.S. 21-13-309(o). For additional buildings added or  
21 removed from school district building inventories after  
22 school year 2024-2025, one hundred percent (100%) of 2024-  
23 2025 district average utility expenditures per gross square

1 foot for district school buildings multiplied by the  
2 additional or decreased square footage;

3

4 (xxxiii) Salaries. The average salaries for the  
5 positions specified in this subsection shall be as follows:

6

7 (A) Superintendents: one hundred sixty-four  
8 thousand three hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$164,367.00);

9

10 (B) Deputy/assistant superintendents: one  
11 hundred twenty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-four  
12 dollars (\$124,994.00);

13

14 (C) Director/coordinators: one hundred  
15 fifteen thousand nine hundred five dollars (\$115,905.00);

16

17 (D) Other central office professional  
18 personnel: ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00);

19

20 (E) Network supervisor/software managers:  
21 sixty-eight thousand five hundred sixteen dollars  
22 (\$68,516.00);

23

1                   (F) Computer technicians: sixty thousand  
2 three hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$60,358.00);

3

4                   (H) Principals: one hundred fifteen  
5 thousand nine hundred five dollars (\$115,905.00);

6

7                   (J) Assistant principals: one hundred eight  
8 thousand nine hundred fifty-one dollars (\$108,951.00);

9

10                  (M) Teachers: seventy thousand five hundred  
11 sixty dollars (\$70,560.00);

12

13                  (N) Secretary/accounting personnel: forty-  
14 seven thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars  
15 (\$47,432.00);

16

17                  (O) Supervisory/library aides: twenty-nine  
18 thousand four hundred thirty-four dollars (\$29,434.00);

19

20                  (P) Maintenance workers: fifty-three  
21 thousand seven hundred twenty-four dollars (\$53,724.00);

22

1                   (Q) Groundskeepers/custodians: thirty-seven  
2 thousand six hundred five dollars (\$37,605.00);

3

4                   (R) Substitute teachers: one hundred  
5 eighty-five dollars (\$185.00) per day.

6

7                   (xxxiv) In determining the resources allocated to  
8 each school district, each salary specified in paragraph  
9 (xxxiii) of this subsection shall be adjusted in the  
10 following order:

11

12                   (A) Multiplied by the external cost  
13 adjustment adopted by the legislature pursuant to W.S. 21-  
14 13-309(o) and in accordance with paragraph (xxxvii) of this  
15 section;

16

17                   (B) Multiplied by the lowest regional cost  
18 adjustment determined in subsection(g) of this section for  
19 the applicable school year to establish a baseline salary;

20

21                   (C) The baseline salary for each position  
22 computed in subparagraph (B) of this subsection shall be  
23 further multiplied by each school district's rebased



1 regional cost adjustment determined in subsection(g) of  
2 this section for the applicable school year to determine  
3 the salary for each school district for each position.

4  
5 (xxxv) Employer-paid payroll costs. Each salary  
6 shall be multiplied by eight and forty-one hundredths  
7 percent (8.41%), including:

8  
9 (A) Social security at six and two-tenths  
10 percent (6.2%);

11  
12 (B) Medicare at one and forty-five  
13 hundredths percent (1.45%);

14  
15 (C) Workers' compensation at seven-tenths  
16 percent (0.7%);

17  
18 (D) Unemployment insurance at six-hundredths  
19 percent (0.06%).

20  
21 (xxxvi) Health insurance. For school year 2026-  
22 2027 only, health insurance benefits computed under W.S.  
23 21-13-309(m)(v)(F), multiplied by the total FTEs computed

1 under this subsection except for those FTEs computed under  
2 paragraphs (vi) and (vii).

3

4 (xxxvii) External cost adjustment. The following  
5 categories of model components shall be annually adjusted  
6 by the external cost adjustment adopted by the legislature  
7 pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(o):

8

9 (A) "Education materials category" includes  
10 the following components:

11

12 (I) Instructional and library materials  
13 component resourced under paragraph (xx) of this  
14 subsection;

15

16 (II) Student activities component  
17 resourced under paragraph (xxiii) of this subsection;

18

19 (III) Professional development  
20 component resourced under paragraph (xxiv) of this  
21 subsection;

22

1 (IV) Central office non-personnel  
2 resources under paragraph (xxvii) of this subsection;

3

4 (V) Operations and maintenance supplies  
5 resources under paragraph (xxxi) of this subsection.

6

7 (B) "Professional labor category" includes  
8 salaries for superintendents, deputy and assistant  
9 superintendents, directors and coordinators, other central  
10 office professional personnel, network supervisors and  
11 software managers, computer technicians, principals,  
12 assistant principals, and teachers identified under  
13 paragraph (xxxiii) of this subsection;

14

15 (C) "Nonprofessional labor category"  
16 includes salaries for secretaries and accounting staff,  
17 supervisory and library aides, groundskeepers and  
18 custodians and maintenance workers identified under  
19 paragraph (xxxiii) of this subsection;

20

21 (D) "Energy category" includes the utilities  
22 component resourced under paragraph (xxxii) of this  
23 subsection.

1

2 (d) Amounts resourced through the education resource  
3 block grant model for FTE generated pursuant to paragraphs  
4 (c)(ii) through (x) of this section shall only be expended  
5 by a school district for instructional purposes and shall  
6 not be expended or transferred for any other purpose.

7

8 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
9 amounts paid for a superintendent's salary by a school  
10 district shall not exceed two and one-third percent (2  
11 1/3%) of the average teacher salary, plus benefits, paid by  
12 that district for the applicable school year.

13

14 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, co-  
15 located schools shall be treated as a single school for  
16 purposes of funding, staffing, and resource allocation  
17 through the education resource block grant model. The ADM  
18 for co-located schools shall be aggregated, and no  
19 component of the education resource block grant or any  
20 categorical allocation shall be calculated or distributed  
21 on a separate or duplicative basis for co-located schools,  
22 unless expressly authorized by statute.

23

1       (g) The salary for each staffing category shall be  
2 further adjusted for regional cost differences as measured  
3 by the hedonic wage index as computed in the 2025 cost of  
4 education study. For school year 2027-2028 and each year  
5 thereafter, the hedonic wage index shall be updated  
6 annually by the legislative service office until it is  
7 recalibrated in accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(t). Each  
8 salary under paragraph (e)(xxxi) of this section shall be  
9 adjusted by the lowest annual hedonic wage index to  
10 establish a baseline state average salary for each position  
11 in the education resource block grant model. The baseline  
12 state average salary shall be further adjusted by each  
13 school district's rebased hedonic wage index with a minimum  
14 of one hundred (100) index value,

15

16       **21-13-339. Retirement; K-12 public school employees.**

17

18 In addition to amounts resourced and computed by the  
19 education resource block grant model and amounts reimbursed  
20 under W.S. 21-13-320 21-13-321, the department of education  
21 shall provide an amount for each school district for  
22 retirement benefits equal to the percentage paid for state  
23 employee members under W.S. 9-3-413 and 9-3-413.1 only for

1 those employees' salaries paid from amounts specified by  
2 W.S. 21-13-309.1, 21-13-320 or 21-13-321. If a portion of  
3 an employee's total salary is paid from funds other than  
4 those amounts specified W.S. 21-13-309.1, 21-13-320 or 21-  
5 13-321, only the proportional amount shall be subject to  
6 reimbursement. The department shall promulgate rules  
7 regarding the allowable employees eligible for  
8 reimbursement under this section and any other necessary  
9 information required to be collected from school districts  
10 to reimburse the necessary amount for retirement benefits  
11 under this section. The department may reimburse the amount  
12 computed under this section to each school district in the  
13 same schedule of distributions under W.S. 21-13-313(c).

14

15 **21-13-340. State employees' and officials' group**  
16 **insurance reimbursements for K-12 public school employees.**

17

18 (a) Commencing school year 2027-2028, in addition to  
19 amounts resourced by the education resource block grant  
20 model and reimbursed under W.S. 21-13-320 and 21-13-321,  
21 each school district shall receive from the department of  
22 education a monthly amount equal to the employer  
23 contribution established by the department of

1 administration and information for school district  
2 employees enrolled in the state employees' and officials'  
3 group insurance plan pursuant to W.S. 9-3-210 only for  
4 those employees hired from amounts specified by W.S. 21-13-  
5 309.1, 21-13-320 or 21-13-321. If a portion of an  
6 employee's total salary is paid from funds other than those  
7 amounts specified W.S. 21-13-309.1, 21-13-320 or 21-13-321,  
8 a proportional amount for employer contribution shall be  
9 subject to reimbursement. Each school district shall remit  
10 to the department of administration and information the  
11 applicable monthly premium for each covered employee or  
12 official. The department shall promulgate rules regarding  
13 the allowable employees eligible for reimbursement under  
14 this section and any other necessary information required  
15 to be collected from school districts to reimburse the  
16 necessary amount for the employer contribution under this  
17 section. The department may reimburse the amount computed  
18 under this section to each school district in the same  
19 schedule of distributions under W.S. 21-13-313(c).

20

21 (b) Commencing school year 2027-2028, each school  
22 district shall participate in the state employees' and

1 officials' group insurance plan in accordance with W.S. 9-  
2 3-201 et seq.

3

4       **Section 2.** W.S. 9-3-413.1(a)(v), 16-4-105(b), 21-2-  
5 204(b), 21-3-314(c)(i) and (vi), 21-9-101(d), 21-13-  
6 101(a)(xiv), (xvi)(A)(II) through (IV) and (c), 21-13-  
7 102(e), 21-13-307 by creating new subsection (c), 21-13-  
8 309(m)(iv)(intro), (A), (v)(intro), (B)(intro), (IV),  
9 (G)(I) and (II), (vi)(C), (o), (u), 21-13-310(a) by  
10 creating new paragraph (xv), and renumbering (xv) as (xvi),  
11 21-13-313(b), (c), (e) and (g), 21-13-320(b), (f),  
12 (g)(intro), (v)(intro), (A), (vi), (m), 21-13-321(b) and  
13 (d), 21-13-338(a), (c)(intro), (ii) and (iii) and (e), 21-  
14 13-504(a) and by creating new paragraph (b) and 21-15-  
15 109(f) are amended to read:

16

17       **9-3-413.1. Members' and employers' contributions**  
18 **based on actuarially determined contribution rates;**  
19 **calculation of rates; reports.**

20

21       (a) Beginning with the 2027-2028 fiscal biennium, the  
22 retirement system shall calculate the percentage of salary  
23 for members' contributions required under W.S. 9-3-412(a)



1 and for the employers' contribution required under W.S. 9-  
2 3-413 based on an actuarially determined contribution rate  
3 in accordance with the following:

4  
5 (v) After calculation of the actuarially  
6 determined contribution rate under paragraph (ii) of this  
7 subsection, the state budget department and the retirement  
8 system shall calculate necessary amounts to account for any  
9 changes in the appropriations necessary to fund the  
10 contributions for the public employee retirement plan and  
11 shall include those amounts in the budget prepared under  
12 W.S. 9-2-1010 through 9-2-1014, including changes in  
13 amounts for school districts necessary to account for the  
14 employer's share of the actuarially determined contribution  
15 rate in accordance with this section for benefits paid ~~from~~  
16 ~~the education resource block grant model defined in W.S.~~  
17 ~~21-13-101(a)(xiv) and as enumerated in Attachment~~  
18 ~~A(b)(xxxviii), as defined in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii) in~~  
19 accordance with W.S. 21-13-339;

20  
21 **16-4-105. Accumulated retained earnings or fund**  
22 **surplus; capital improvements reserve.**  
23

1           (b) Except as specifically prohibited under W.S. 21-  
2 13-504(b) for school district boards of trustees, a  
3 municipality may appropriate funds from estimated revenue  
4 in any budget year to a reserve for capital improvements  
5 and for depreciation within any capital improvements fund,  
6 and for the purpose of purchasing or replacing specified  
7 equipment or a depreciation reserve for equipment, which  
8 has been duly established by ordinance. Money in the  
9 reserves may be allowed to accumulate from year to year  
10 until the accumulated total is sufficient to permit  
11 economical expenditure for the specified purposes.  
12 Disbursements from reserves shall be made only by transfer  
13 to a revenue account within a capital improvements fund  
14 pursuant to an appropriation for the fund. The amount  
15 appropriated to reserves under this subsection in any  
16 budget year shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the  
17 municipality's total revenues for that budget year.

18

19           **21-2-204. Wyoming Accountability in Education Act;**  
20 **statewide education accountability system created.**

21

22           (b) A statewide education accountability system shall  
23 be established by the state board through the department of

1 education in accordance with this section, which implements  
2 the components of the education resource block grant model  
3 as defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv) and as contained in  
4 ~~Attachment "A" as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii)~~  
5 21-13-309.1. The first phase of this system shall be a  
6 school-based system that is based on student performance as  
7 determined through multiple measures of school performance.  
8 The goals of the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act  
9 are to:

10  
11 **21-3-314. Students counted among district ADM;**  
12 **determination of charter school funding.**  
13

14 (c) The charter school shall be entitled to the  
15 following amounts:

16  
17 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (vi) of this  
18 subsection, one hundred percent (100%) of the foundation  
19 program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(m) based upon  
20 the average daily membership of the charter school, less  
21 amounts generated by the charter school's membership under  
22 ~~paragraph (b)(xxix) of "Attachment A" as defined in W.S.~~  
23 ~~21-13-101(a)(xvii)~~ W.S. 21-13-309.1(c)(xxiii) and (xxvi)

1 and less amounts specified under W.S. 21-13-  
2 309(m) (v) (E) (III) through (V);

3  
4 (vi) A percentage amount calculated by dividing  
5 the charter school's average daily membership by the total  
6 average daily membership of the charter school's respective  
7 school district multiplied by the amounts generated from  
8 the foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-  
9 309(m) and ~~paragraph (b) (xxix) of "Attachment A" as defined~~  
10 ~~in W.S. 21-13-101(a) (xvii)~~ W.S. 21-13-309.1(c) (xxiii) and  
11 (xxvi).

12  
13 **21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;**  
14 **standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs**  
15 **programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.**

16  
17 (d) In addition to subsections (b) and (c) of this  
18 section, each school district within this state shall  
19 endeavor to maintain when practicable, in kindergarten  
20 through grade three (3) within the district, an average  
21 class size of no more than ~~sixteen (16)~~ fifteen (15)  
22 students per teacher, excluding children with disabilities

1 who spend more than fifty percent (50%) of their time  
2 outside of regular classroom instruction.

3  
4 **21-13-101. Definitions.**

5  
6 (a) As used in this chapter:

7  
8 (xiv) "Education resource block grant model"  
9 means the block grant model for Wyoming school finance  
10 contained within the enumeration of model components  
11 summarizing and executing ~~recommendations within~~ the ~~2010~~  
12 ~~2025~~ cost of education study as modified by the legislature  
13 and as ~~referenced in paragraph (xvii) of this subsection~~  
14 ~~contained in W.S. 21-13-309.1~~. "Education resource block  
15 grant model" or "model" includes model spreadsheets updated  
16 with technical corrections, all of which are enacted into  
17 law, on file with the secretary of state and are maintained  
18 and made available for public inspection by the state  
19 superintendent under W.S. 21-2-202(e), and as may be  
20 subsequently modified by the legislature prior to future  
21 model recalibration required under W.S. 21-13-309(t);

22

(xvi) "Prototypical school model" means a school level, comprised of cost, resource and enrollment parameters, as described within the education resource block grant model. The separate school levels identified with the model are as follows:

(A) Elementary school - kindergarten through grade five (5) modeled at cost and resource levels for:

(II) ~~Ninety-six (96)~~ One hundred ten (110) ADM;

(III) ~~One hundred ninety-two (192)~~ Two hundred twenty (220) ADM; and

(IV) ~~Two hundred eighty-eight (288)~~ Three hundred thirty (330) ADM.

(c) The education resource block grant model as defined under paragraph (a)(xiv) of this section and as ~~included in "Attachment A" referenced in paragraph (a)(xvii) of this section~~ contained in W.S. 21-13-309.1 and

1 operationalized through the model spreadsheets, as each are  
2 enacted into law, and including any technical correction  
3 which may be implemented by rule ~~and regulation~~ of the  
4 state superintendent under W.S. 21-2-202(e), shall be filed  
5 with the secretary of state.

6  
7 **21-13-102. Maximum rate of school district tax;**  
8 **recapture of excess; equalization of permissive levies.**  
9

10 (e) Annually on or before ~~August 15~~ September 1 the  
11 department shall notify each district subject to recapture  
12 of the estimated amount due to the state during the current  
13 fiscal year, using data from the previous school year. Upon  
14 receipt of the state assessed values by school districts,  
15 and not later than ~~March 1~~ May 31 of the current fiscal  
16 year, the department shall certify to each district subject  
17 to recapture the amount of recapture for the fiscal year to  
18 be remitted to the state. The amount certified shall  
19 supersede the estimates certified on or before ~~August 15~~  
20 September 1. If a district can demonstrate financial  
21 inability to make payments to the state as provided in  
22 subsection (b) of this section, the superintendent of  
23 public instruction may adjust the schedule of payments

1 provided by subsection (b) of this section if the financial  
2 integrity of the foundation program will not be  
3 jeopardized.

4  
5 **21-13-307. Eligibility to share in distribution of**  
6 **money from foundation account; mandatory financial**  
7 **reporting; prohibition of spending foundation program funds**  
8 **on capital construction.**

9  
10 (c) In no event shall any school district transfer or  
11 expend any foundation program amounts, defined under W.S.  
12 21-13-101(a)(v), including but not limited to revenues  
13 collected under W.S. 21-13-310 and amounts paid to the  
14 school district for the purpose of funding operational  
15 expenses under this chapter, for major building and  
16 facility repair or replacement, defined under W.S.  
17 21-15-109(a)(iii), or for a project, defined under W.S.  
18 21-15-111(a)(iv), for any educational building, office  
19 building, portable building, teacherage or warehouse  
20 building, defined under W.S. 21-15-109(a).

21  
22 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**  
23 **foundation program for each district.**



1

2 (m) In determining the amount to be included in the  
3 foundation program for each district, the state  
4 superintendent shall:

5

6 (iv) Based upon reports from each district on  
7 schools operating within that district for the current  
8 school year and on grade configurations contained within  
9 each reported school during that school year, compute the  
10 average daily membership (ADM) for each reported school and  
11 each grade within each reported school: ~~in accordance with~~  
12 ~~identified grade configurations subject to the following:~~

13

14 (A) ~~If the district's average ADM for the~~  
15 ~~three (3) immediately preceding school years is greater~~  
16 ~~than the district's ADM from the previous school year, each~~  
17 ~~reported school shall be computed based upon the average of~~  
18 ~~the school's ADM counts completed at the end of the three~~  
19 ~~(3) immediately preceding school years, otherwise each~~  
20 ~~reported school within the district shall be computed~~ Based  
21 on the school's ADM for the ~~previous~~ immediately preceding  
22 school year;

23

1           (v) Based upon ADM computations and identified  
2 school configurations within each district pursuant to  
3 paragraph (iv) of this subsection, compute the foundation  
4 program amount for each district as prescribed by the  
5 education resource block grant model adopted by the Wyoming  
6 legislature as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as  
7 contained within the spreadsheets and accompanying reports  
8 referenced under W.S. ~~21-13-101(a)(xvii)~~ 21-13-101(a)(xiv).  
9 The following criteria shall be used by the state  
10 superintendent in the administration of the education  
11 resource block grant model:

12

13           (B) Alternative schools ~~qualifying for~~  
14 ~~separate consideration under the education resource block~~  
15 ~~grant model~~ may be established by a school district for  
16 offering educational programs to students with educational  
17 needs which the district finds are not appropriately met by  
18 other schools in the district, excluding charter schools  
19 established under W.S. 21-3-301 through 21-3-314.  
20 Alternative schools included within a district's  
21 configuration of schools identified under paragraph (iv) of  
22 this subsection shall for purposes of the education  
23 resource block grant model be approved by the state

1 superintendent as an alternative school, subject to the  
2 following:

3  
4 (IV) ~~Except as otherwise provided in~~  
5 ~~subdivision (V) of this subparagraph, on and after July 1,~~  
6 ~~2014, and if not qualifying under subdivision (I) of this~~  
7 ~~subparagraph, Be approved by the state superintendent~~  
8 subject to the following:

9  
10 (G) Amounts within the education resource  
11 block grant model for maintenance and operations shall be  
12 based upon the lesser of the actual educational gross  
13 square footage of school buildings and facilities or the  
14 education space prescribed by statewide adequacy standards  
15 under W.S. 21-15-115 subject to the following:

16  
17 (I) Actual square footage of school  
18 buildings and facilities shall be separated into education  
19 ~~and noneducation~~ space categories by school and by  
20 district, including leased square footage but excluding  
21 square footage not used for delivering the required  
22 educational program and the square footage of any building

1 or facility closed and not operational as provided under  
2 W.S. 21-15-109(c)(iv);

3  
4 (II) Actual gross square footage of  
5 education space shall be the gross square footage  
6 prescribed by statewide building adequacy standards  
7 promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-15-115. ~~Except as otherwise~~  
8 ~~provided in this subdivision,~~ Education space capacity in  
9 excess of one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the  
10 standard space level shall not be included in actual gross  
11 square footage computations under this subdivision. ~~For~~  
12 ~~school year 2025-2026, education space capacity in excess~~  
13 ~~of one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the standard~~  
14 ~~space level shall not be included in actual gross square~~  
15 ~~footage computations under this subdivision;~~

16  
17 (vi) Except for charter schools established  
18 under W.S. 21-3-301 through 21-3-314 and alternative  
19 schools approved under subdivision (v)(B)(IV) of this  
20 subsection, any alteration of the configuration of grades  
21 within a district, school or school facility which differs  
22 from the configuration of grades during the immediately  
23 preceding school year as reported under paragraph (iv) of

1 this subsection shall be considered a reconfiguration and  
2 shall be documented by the district and reported to the  
3 state superintendent and the director of the state  
4 construction department. Following review and evaluation,  
5 the state superintendent and the director of the state  
6 construction department shall, each acting independently,  
7 approve or deny the reconfiguration for purposes of  
8 application to the education resource block grant model and  
9 the determination of school facility needs and remedies.

10 The following shall apply:

11  
12 (C) ~~Effective for the school year~~  
13 ~~commencing after July 1, 2012, and each school year~~  
14 ~~thereafter,~~ No reconfiguration of grades within any  
15 district, school or facility shall differ from the previous  
16 school year such that more than one (1) school is included  
17 within any one (1) school facility to be reported under  
18 paragraph (iv) of this subsection for purposes of  
19 determining the foundation program amount for that  
20 district;

21  
22 (o) To the extent specifically provided by the  
23 legislature, and between periods of model recalibration

1 required under subsection (t) of this section, the amount  
2 computed for each district under subsection (m) of this  
3 section shall be adjusted to provide for the effects of  
4 inflation, excluding those amounts specified under  
5 subparagraphs (m) (v) (E) and (F) of this section, the  
6 technology and equipment component as specified in W.S. 21-  
7 13-309.1(c) (xxi), the gifted and talented students  
8 component as specified in W.S. 21-13-309.1(c) (xxii) and the  
9 short cycle and formative assessment component ~~contained in~~  
10 ~~paragraph (b) (xxviii) of "Attachment A" as referenced as~~  
11 specified in ~~W.S. 21-13-101(a) (xvii)~~ W.S.  
12 21-13-309.1(c) (xxv). The adjustment under this subsection  
13 shall not be applied until the expiration of the school  
14 year immediately following the first school year of  
15 application of the recalibrated model, and shall be  
16 adjusted on a cumulative basis each school year thereafter  
17 and until the first school year of application of a  
18 subsequent model recalibration. Following analysis of  
19 information reported under subsection (u) of this section,  
20 the joint appropriations ~~interim~~ committee shall submit a  
21 recommendation to the legislature and the governor not  
22 later than November 1 of each applicable year on an  
23 external cost adjustment for purposes of this subsection.

1  
2 (u) To ensure model components specified under the  
3 education resource block grant model defined under W.S.  
4 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as enumerated and enacted by the  
5 legislature and ~~in "Attachment A" referenced in W.S.~~  
6 ~~21-13-101(a)(xvii)~~ as specified by W.S. 21-13-309.1, remain  
7 resourced at cost-based levels between periods of model  
8 recalibration required under subsection (t) of this  
9 section, and prior to adjustment for the effects of  
10 inflation for any school year under subsection (o) of this  
11 section, the joint education interim committee shall  
12 annually receive and review reports in accordance with this  
13 subsection and report to the joint appropriations ~~interim~~  
14 committee as required by this subsection. The legislative  
15 service office shall assemble information necessary to  
16 develop a model monitoring process and other reports for  
17 the committee using data maintained by the department of  
18 education and other state agencies. For this purpose, the  
19 department shall annually update and compile information,  
20 in a format contained within reports provided during ~~2010~~  
21 2025 model recalibration, reported at the model component  
22 level, on school district allocation of model resources, as  
23 well as other information provided for purposes of

1 developing and completing the ~~2010~~2025 cost of education  
2 studies. Each year excluding the first school year of  
3 application of any model recalibration performed under  
4 subsection (t) of this section, the information and  
5 analysis assembled by the legislative service office under  
6 this subsection shall be reported to the joint education  
7 interim committee in sufficient time to allow committee  
8 review of and deliberation on the report and the submission  
9 of recommendations to the joint appropriations ~~interim~~  
10 committee by October 15 of the applicable school year.  
11 Report recommendations shall be used by the joint  
12 appropriations ~~interim~~ committee in its determination of  
13 legislative recommendation on model adjustment under  
14 subsection (o) of this section.

15

16 **21-13-310. Annual computation of district revenues.**

17

18 (a) To ensure revenues available to each district are  
19 uniformly sufficient to enable compliance with the uniform  
20 standards for educational programs prescribed under W.S.  
21 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and to secure state board  
22 accreditation of educational programs under W.S. 21-2-  
23 304(a)(ii), the revenues specified under this subsection



1 shall be deemed state revenues and shall be considered in  
2 determining the amount to be distributed to each district  
3 under W.S. 21-13-311. A district shall make an annual  
4 computation of the following revenues:

5  
6 (xv) The amount of realized investment earning  
7 received on school district investments;  
8

9 ~~(xv)~~ (xvi) All other revenues received or  
10 collected by the district during the previous school year,  
11 but excluding any amount received from private  
12 contributions and gifts, excluding any revenues dedicated  
13 by law to the payment of bonded indebtedness, and any  
14 revenues from the disposition of school buildings and land  
15 pursuant to W.S. 21-15-123(f)(vi), and excluding fees or  
16 other charges imposed by the district for goods or  
17 services, such as rental fees and the price paid for  
18 admission into any place for recreation, entertainment or  
19 an athletic event. Upon application of a district, the  
20 department shall exclude from this paragraph revenue  
21 received by the district if the department finds that the  
22 revenue could not be used by the district to provide  
23 educational services to students.

1

2           **21-13-313. Distribution of funds from foundation**  
3 **account; property tax and cash reserve adjustment;**  
4 **regulations.**

5

6           (b) The state superintendent shall determine on or  
7 before ~~August 1~~ September 1 of each year the tentative  
8 allotment of foundation funds to which each district is  
9 entitled under this article. In making this determination,  
10 the state superintendent may, if current fiscal information  
11 required by law to compute the tentative allotment is not  
12 available for any district, ~~by August 1 of that year,~~ use  
13 fiscal information available to the state superintendent  
14 from the foundation program computations of the previous  
15 school year for that district. The previous year's fiscal  
16 information shall be adjusted to reflect current fiscal  
17 changes and other information known by or available to the  
18 state superintendent. Upon receiving actual fiscal  
19 information from a district, the state superintendent shall  
20 accordingly adjust future foundation program determinations  
21 for that district such that foundation program payments  
22 appropriately reflect current fiscal information for the  
23 applicable school year.

1

2 (c) ~~Fifteen percent (15%)~~ Ten percent (10%) of each  
3 district's entitlement shall be paid to the district on or  
4 before ~~August 15~~ July 15 of each year and subject to any  
5 adjustment under subsections (d) and (e) of this section,  
6 ~~ten percent (10%)~~ nine percent (9%) of each district's  
7 entitlement shall be paid on or about the fifteenth day of  
8 each month through April of each year. The final payment  
9 for the balance of each district's entitlement shall be  
10 distributed on or before May 15 of each year. If, ~~after~~  
11 ~~March 1 and before April 1,~~ the state superintendent  
12 determines that the entitlement to be paid to a district  
13 for that school year is not accurate, the state  
14 superintendent shall adjust payments to or payments from  
15 that district as necessary to correct the inaccuracy as  
16 soon as practicable. Except as provided under W.S. 21-2-  
17 202(e) and 21-13-307(b), after ~~March 31~~ June 30 of any  
18 school year, the state superintendent shall not adjust any  
19 district's entitlement or fiscal information used to  
20 compute a district's entitlement for that school year, and  
21 the entitlement or fiscal information shall only be  
22 adjusted thereafter in accordance with audit review  
23 pursuant to W.S. 9-1-513.

1

2 (e) Not later than January 31 of each fiscal year,  
3 and except where a different percentage is otherwise  
4 specified in this subsection, the department shall compute  
5 the amount by which each district's operating balance and  
6 cash reserves at the end of the preceding fiscal year  
7 exceed ~~fifteen percent (15%)~~ twenty percent (20%) of the  
8 total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-  
9 309 for the preceding fiscal year. ~~In making this~~  
10 ~~calculation, the entire operating balance and cash reserves~~  
11 ~~for each district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997,~~  
12 ~~as computed by the department, shall be separately~~  
13 ~~accounted for and excluded, until it has been completely~~  
14 ~~expended by the district.~~ Revenues from settlements of  
15 protested amounts attributable to levies assessed under  
16 W.S. 21-13-102(a)(i)(A) and (ii)(A) and 21-13-201,  
17 regardless of the assessment year, shall be accounted for  
18 and excluded from the calculation under this subsection for  
19 a period of not more than one (1) year following that  
20 fiscal year in which the revenue was received by a  
21 district, as verified in writing by the district and  
22 certified by the county treasurer. Except ~~as otherwise~~  
23 ~~provided in 1997 Special Session Laws, chapter 3, section~~

1 ~~306(e), as amended, and except~~ as excluded under this  
2 subsection, that excess shall be deemed to be a state  
3 revenue under W.S. 21-13-310(a) for the purpose of  
4 determining distributions under W.S. 21-13-311 and amounts  
5 to be rebated under W.S. 21-13-102. The department shall  
6 promulgate rules, including reporting requirements and  
7 procedures for districts, to implement this subsection. As  
8 used in this section, "operating balance and cash reserves"  
9 means those financial resources of the district which are  
10 not encumbered by the district board of trustees for  
11 expenditure to meet an existing legal obligation or  
12 otherwise restricted by law or regulation for expenditure  
13 on specific educational programs. For purposes of this  
14 subsection, any balance within a district's separate  
15 account established under W.S. 21-15-109(e) for major  
16 building and facility repair and replacement shall be  
17 deemed restricted by law for expenditure as provided by  
18 W.S. 21-15-109(e) and shall not be considered an operating  
19 balance and cash reserve under this section. For the fiscal  
20 year ending June 30, 2022 through the fiscal year ending  
21 June 30, 2028, the department shall compute the amount by  
22 which each district's operating balance and cash reserves  
23 at the end of the preceding fiscal year exceed thirty

1 percent (30%) of the total foundation program amount  
2 computed under W.S. 21-13-309 for the preceding fiscal  
3 year. ~~During this period, the amount of a district's~~  
4 ~~operating balance and cash reserves that may be increased~~  
5 ~~from fifteen percent (15%) to thirty percent (30%) of the~~  
6 ~~total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-~~  
7 ~~309 for the preceding fiscal year shall be accounted for~~  
8 ~~and reported separately and shall not be transferred or~~  
9 ~~expended for purposes of capital construction. For purposes~~  
10 ~~of this subsection, "capital construction" does not include~~  
11 ~~major building and facility repair and replacement as~~  
12 ~~defined under W.S. 21-15-109(a)(iii).~~

13

14 (g) In addition to subsections (b) and (c) of this  
15 section, the state superintendent shall, for any district  
16 subject to W.S. 21-13-102(b) as determined by the  
17 department for any school year, or for any district not  
18 subject to W.S. 21-13-102(b) whose entitlement amount  
19 determined under W.S. 21-13-311(a) for any school year is  
20 equal to or less than twenty percent (20%) of the  
21 foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p),  
22 and upon demonstration by the district of financial need as  
23 documented by cash flow analysis, provide payments from the

1 public school foundation program account in an amount not  
2 to exceed one-fifth (1/5) of the foundation program amount  
3 computed for that district for that school year in  
4 accordance with W.S. 21-13-309. The computed amount shall  
5 be paid to each eligible district on or ~~before September 1~~  
6 after July 1 based upon tentative computations under W.S.  
7 21-13-309, for which the department may use fiscal  
8 information available from foundation program computations  
9 for the previous school year in the manner provided under  
10 subsection (b) of this section. Any district receiving a  
11 payment under this subsection shall repay the public school  
12 foundation program account not later than ~~December 15~~ June  
13 15 of that school year.

14

15 **21-13-320. Student transportation; amount within**  
16 **school foundation program formula for transportation**  
17 **maintenance and operations expenditures and school bus**  
18 **purchases; district reporting requirements.**

19

20 (b) There shall be an amount computed for each school  
21 district equal to ~~the base price amount for bus purchase~~  
22 ~~and lease payment expenditures made by the district during~~  
23 ~~the previous school year pursuant to subsection (g) of this~~

1 ~~section and for~~ the amount actually expended by the  
2 district during the previous school year for:

3  
4 (f) The department of education shall adopt necessary  
5 rules and regulations to implement and enforce state  
6 standards established under this section and to administer  
7 this section. District expenditures computed under  
8 subsection (b) of this section shall not include  
9 expenditures for ~~employee~~ contributions to the Wyoming  
10 retirement system exceeding the amount specified in ~~W.S. 9-~~

11 ~~3-413.1(b)(iii)~~ W.S. 21-13-339 of any member employee's  
12 salary. Beginning school year 2027-2028, district  
13 expenditures computed under subsection (b) of this section  
14 shall not include expenditures for employer contributions  
15 to the state group insurance plan specified in W.S. 21-13-  
16 340. In addition, the department shall, in accordance with

17 procedures prescribed by department rule ~~and regulation~~,  
18 establish a base price for each school bus type or other  
19 student transportation vehicle type for the applicable  
20 fiscal period that complies with minimum state standards  
21 for vehicle specifications and equipment. The department  
22 shall also establish a process including competitive  
23 bidding which guarantees the acquisition of school buses



1 and other student transportation vehicles approved for  
2 reimbursement and complying with state minimum standards  
3 and district fleet size restrictions at the established  
4 base price for the applicable fiscal year. Department rules  
5 shall establish appropriate restrictions on how and under  
6 which conditions a school district may procure a school bus  
7 or other student transportation vehicle, ~~either through~~  
8 ~~purchase or lease,~~ to ensure that the procurement method  
9 used is the most cost effective. School districts shall  
10 notify the department of school bus and other student  
11 transportation vehicle needs and requirements for the  
12 appropriate fiscal year in the manner and within the times  
13 prescribed by department rule ~~and regulation,~~ and shall  
14 report expenditures, ~~and~~ purchases ~~and lease arrangements~~  
15 for the applicable reporting period, including vehicles  
16 replaced by purchases, ~~and leases,~~ as required by  
17 department rule ~~and regulation.~~ The department shall  
18 annually review and conduct audits as necessary of  
19 information submitted under this section. As authorized  
20 under W.S. 21-13-307(b), the department may correct the  
21 information reported by districts under this section as  
22 necessary to fairly and accurately reflect the data type,  
23 classification and format required to administer this

1 section in accordance with law and department rules and  
2 regulations.

3  
4 (g) In addition to amounts provided pursuant to  
5 subsection (b) of this section, ~~and for purchases and~~  
6 ~~leases conducted~~ in a manner consistent with department  
7 rules, the ~~transportation adjustment for each district~~  
8 ~~under this section shall include~~ department shall reimburse  
9 each school district ~~an for the~~ amount ~~computed under this~~  
10 ~~subsection~~ expended for the purchase ~~or lease~~ of school  
11 buses and other vehicles used primarily for the  
12 transportation of students to and from school and to and  
13 from school activities. ~~Computations of~~ Amounts reimbursed  
14 under this subsection shall be based upon the base price  
15 established by the department under subsection (f) of this  
16 section for the student transportation vehicle type.  
17 ~~Amounts included within the adjustment under this~~  
18 ~~subsection~~ and shall be subject to the following:

19  
20 (v) ~~The adjustment~~ Reimbursement for the  
21 purchase ~~or lease~~ of buses and other student transportation  
22 vehicles authorized under this subsection shall be paid by  
23 the department not later than three months in which the

1 school district expends the funds for the purchase and  
2 shall be in an amount equal to:

3

4 (A) ~~One-fifth (1/5) of~~ The base price  
5 established under subsection (f) of this section for each  
6 ~~purchased~~ school bus or other ~~purchased~~ student  
7 transportation vehicle ~~for which reimbursement is~~  
8 ~~authorized and which is made~~ purchased by the district;  
9 ~~during the preceding five (5) years;~~

10

11 (vi) ~~Amounts included within the adjustment for~~  
12 School bus purchases ~~or leases~~ that are fully or partially  
13 paid for or rebated under the Diesel Emissions Reduction  
14 Act, 42 U.S.C. § 16131 et seq., or other similar program,  
15 shall be made in accordance with department rule and  
16 regulation.

17

18 (m) No district shall purchase ~~or lease~~ a school bus  
19 unless it first demonstrates to the department and the  
20 department determines that the school district has in good  
21 faith attempted to purchase ~~or lease~~ a bus that will be  
22 fully or partially paid for or rebated under the Diesel

1 Emissions Reduction Act, 42 U.S.C. 16131 et seq., or other  
2 similar program.

3  
4 **21-13-321. Special education; amount provided for**  
5 **special education programs and services; reimbursement for**  
6 **out-of-district placements; district reporting**  
7 **requirements; billing for Medicaid authorized school based**  
8 **services.**

9  
10 (b) Except for expenditures for out-of-district  
11 special education placements, the amount provided to a  
12 school district for special education shall be equal to one  
13 hundred percent (100%) of the amount actually expended by  
14 the district during the previous school year for special  
15 education programs and services, which shall include the  
16 amount actually expended by the district during the  
17 previous school year for reasonable administrative costs to  
18 bill for authorized Medicaid services under subsection (h)  
19 of this section. Amounts awarded under this section shall  
20 be in addition to and shall not be considered in  
21 determining the school foundation program amount under the  
22 education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-  
23 13-309. Except for expenditures for out-of-district special

1 education placements, the department of education shall  
2 distribute the amount computed under this section to each  
3 school district in the same proportion and schedule of  
4 distributions under W.S. 21-13-313(c). Expenditures by a  
5 district for out-of-district special education placements  
6 shall be reimbursed in the year in which the costs are  
7 incurred and shall be distributed to each school district  
8 on a quarterly basis in accordance with rule adopted by the  
9 department of education.

10  
11 (d) The department of education shall adopt necessary  
12 rules and regulations to implement and administer this  
13 section. Districts shall report special education program  
14 expenditures for the applicable reporting period as  
15 required by department rule and regulation. District  
16 expenditures computed under subsection (b) of this section  
17 shall not include expenditures for ~~employee~~ contributions  
18 to the Wyoming retirement system ~~exceeding the amount~~  
19 specified in ~~W.S. 9-3-413.1(b)(iii)~~ W.S. 21-13-339 of any  
20 member employee's salary. Beginning school year 2027-2028,  
21 district expenditures computed under subsection (b) of this  
22 section shall not include expenditures for employer  
23 contributions to the state group insurance plan specified

1 in W.S. 21-13-340. The department shall annually review and  
2 report to the joint education interim committee regarding  
3 services provided to special education students by school  
4 districts. In addition, the department shall when  
5 necessary, conduct audits of information submitted by  
6 districts under this section and may, in accordance with  
7 W.S. 21-13-307(b), correct the information reported by  
8 districts as necessary to fairly and accurately reflect the  
9 data type, classification and format required to administer  
10 this section in accordance with law and department rule and  
11 regulation.

12

13 **21-13-338. Career and technical education supplies,**  
14 **materials, equipment and repair of equipment; criteria;**  
15 **limitations.**

16

17 (a) Commencing with school year 2025-2026, to augment  
18 amounts within the education resource block grant model  
19 available to districts for career and technical education  
20 programs, the department of education shall distribute  
21 career and technical education supplies, materials,  
22 equipment and repair of equipment funding in accordance  
23 with this section.

1

2 (c) Amounts distributed to each school district for  
3 career and technical education supplies, materials,  
4 equipment and repair of equipment funding under this  
5 section shall be calculated as follows:

6

7 (ii) If a school's FTE career and technical  
8 education teachers reported in subsection (b) of this  
9 section is less than two (2), the amount of funding for the  
10 school's career and technical education supplies,  
11 materials, equipment and repair of equipment funding shall  
12 be equal to twenty-eight thousand three hundred sixty-nine  
13 dollars and thirty-six cents (\$28,369.36);

14

15 (iii) The department shall further adjust the  
16 amounts for career and technical education supplies,  
17 materials, equipment and repair of equipment funding in  
18 paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection by any external  
19 cost adjustment enacted by the legislature for the  
20 educational materials category of the educational resource  
21 block grant model.

22

1       (e) Each district shall report to the department on  
2 the expenditure of amounts distributed under this section  
3 and shall provide other information as required by rule of  
4 the department. Amounts distributed under this section  
5 shall only be expended on supplies, materials, equipment  
6 and repair of equipment for career and technical education  
7 programs.

8  
9       **21-13-504. Special reserve fund.**

10  
11       (a) Except as prohibited under subsection (b) of this  
12 section, the board of trustees of each Wyoming school  
13 district may create a special reserve fund of a specified  
14 amount, for the purpose of purchasing or replacing  
15 specified equipment or a depreciation reserve for equipment  
16 and school building repair. The board may annually include  
17 in its budget for the ensuing fiscal year, the amount so  
18 designated, as a special fund, expendable only for the  
19 purposes stated and segregated as such, from general and  
20 other special school funds, disbursements therefrom to be  
21 made from time to time by the school clerk's warrants drawn  
22 against said special fund, as duly ordered by said board;  
23 provided, that said amount so specially budgeted for any



1 fiscal year shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total  
2 amount budgeted for the same year; and further provided,  
3 that any difference in the amount so specially budgeted for  
4 any such year and the amount expended from said fund during  
5 such year, may be retained in and carried over as a part of  
6 the special reserve fund.

7  
8 (b) In no event shall any funds generated by the  
9 school foundation program, defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(v),  
10 that are transferred to a special reserve fund be expended  
11 by the board of trustees of a school district for major  
12 building and facility repair or replacement, defined under  
13 W.S. 21-15-109(a)(iii), or for a project, defined under  
14 W.S. 21-15-111(a)(iv), for any educational building, office  
15 building, portable building, teacherage or warehouse  
16 building, defined under W.S. 21-15-109(a).

17  
18 **21-15-109. Major building and facility repair and**  
19 **replacement payments; computation; square footage**  
20 **allowance; use of payment funds; accounting and reporting**  
21 **requirements.**

22

1           (f) Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this section, a  
2 district may expend up to ten percent (10%) of the amount  
3 distributed during any school year under subsection (b) of  
4 this section for major building and facility repair and  
5 replacement needs of the district which are not specified  
6 in the district's facility plan, ~~including~~excluding  
7 expenditures for maintenance of district enhancements. In  
8 no event shall funds distributed under this section be  
9 expended by districts on maintenance of district  
10 enhancements. Expenditures shall be made under this  
11 subsection only after the district's building and facility  
12 repair and replacement needs specified in its facility plan  
13 have been addressed in accordance with subsection (e) of  
14 this section and the department has approved the district's  
15 proposed expenditures under this subsection. Amounts not  
16 expended for purposes of this subsection during any school  
17 year may be accumulated by a district and earmarked within  
18 the separate account established under subsection (e) of  
19 this section for expenditure under this subsection in  
20 subsequent school years, provided the unexpended amount  
21 during any school year to be accumulated does not exceed  
22 ten percent (10%) of the amount distributed to the district  
23 under subsection (b) of this section for that school year.

1 Each district shall include expenditures under this  
2 subsection and any amounts accumulated from year-to-year  
3 under this subsection within the annual report required  
4 under subsection (e) of this section. Nothing in this  
5 subsection shall prohibit or limit the application of  
6 subparagraph (c)(i)(D) of this section in computing a  
7 district's building and facility gross square footage for  
8 purposes of determining payment amounts under this section.  
9 If any school district exceeds expenditure limitations  
10 prescribed by this subsection or fails to comply with  
11 expenditure levels for facility adequacy needs identified  
12 within its facility plan, the payments for that district in  
13 the immediately succeeding year shall be reduced by the  
14 excess expenditure amount including any excess expenditure  
15 of amounts accumulated under this subsection.

16

17 **Section 3.** Effective July 1, 2027, W.S. 9-3-201(a),  
18 (c) through (e), 9-3-203(a)(iv), 9-3-205(a)(xvi), 9-3-  
19 207(a) and (b), 9-3-201(a), (e) and (f), 9-3-211(a), 9-3-  
20 217(a) and (b) and 21-13-309(o) are amended to read:

21

22 **9-3-201. Group prepaid plans authorized; agreements**  
23 **with insurance companies authorized; limitation on**

1 authorized plans and companies; payroll deductions; self-  
2 insurance programs; school district and boards of  
3 cooperative services participation.

4  
5 (a) Expect as otherwise specified in this subsection,  
6 the state of Wyoming and its political subdivisions and  
7 school districts may obtain group prepaid plans or  
8 insurance for life, health, accident or hospitalization for  
9 their employees and for elected officials, except for  
10 members of the legislature, and enter into agreements with  
11 prepaid plans or insurance companies to provide this  
12 coverage. Each school district and board of cooperative  
13 educational services shall provide insurance coverage for  
14 ~~school district or board of cooperative educational~~  
15 ~~services~~ its employees meeting the definition of employee  
16 under W.S. 9-3-203(a)(iv), ~~shall, if elected by the~~  
17 ~~district or board under subsection (e) of this section, be~~  
18 ~~provided~~ through the state employees' and officials' group  
19 insurance plan in accordance with W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-  
20 218. Insurance coverage for retired school district or  
21 board of cooperative educational services employees ~~shall,~~  
22 ~~if elected by the board or district under subsection (e) of~~  
23 ~~this section and if the retired employee was~~ who were

1 continuously covered under the board's or district's  
2 insurance plan prior to ~~the election~~ July 1, 2027, shall be  
3 provided through the state employees' and officials' group  
4 insurance plan in accordance with W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-

5 218. ~~If a school district or board of cooperative~~  
6 ~~educational services elects to cease participation in the~~  
7 ~~group insurance plan pursuant to subsection (f) of this~~  
8 ~~section, the election shall apply to retired employees of~~  
9 ~~that board or district who are receiving coverage under~~  
10 ~~this subsection.~~

11  
12 (c) Upon a request in writing from any employee of  
13 the state of Wyoming, any covered political subdivision  
14 thereof or ~~a participating~~ school district, the state  
15 auditor or the proper officer in any political subdivision  
16 or school district may deduct from the wages of the  
17 employee the amount of the premium which the employee has  
18 agreed to pay for the prepaid plans or insurance, and to  
19 pay or remit the payment directly to the prepaid plan or  
20 insurance company issuing the group plan or insurance.

21  
22 (d) The state and any political subdivision are  
23 authorized to utilize a self-insurance program, provided

1 that a defined plan with proper funding is first adopted  
2 and the cost of the plan is included in the annual budget  
3 and provided the self-insurance program includes any  
4 coverage mandated by Wyoming insurance law. Any self-  
5 insurance program, including the Wyoming state employees'  
6 and officials' group insurance plan, adopted pursuant to  
7 this section shall be within the jurisdiction of the  
8 insurance commissioner under the provisions of title 26,  
9 Wyoming statutes. This subsection shall not be construed to  
10 authorize a school district or board of cooperative  
11 educational services to provide insurance coverage for  
12 employees outside the state employees' and officials' group  
13 insurance plan.

14  
15 (e) Each school district or board of cooperative  
16 educational services ~~may elect to~~ shall participate in the  
17 state employees' and officials' group insurance plan by  
18 filing notification of election with the department of  
19 administration and information on a form and in a manner as  
20 prescribed by the department. Participation in the plan  
21 ~~for any electing board or district~~ by all boards and  
22 districts shall commence ~~not less than one hundred twenty~~  
23 ~~(120) days following the date on which the board or~~

1 ~~district filed notification under this subsection~~ July 1,  
2 2027 and shall be identical to plans and coverage provided  
3 other enrollees under this act. ~~The department shall~~  
4 ~~notify the electing board or district of the date on which~~  
5 ~~the board or district is eligible to participate in the~~  
6 ~~state group insurance plan. An election by a board or~~  
7 ~~district to participate in the state group insurance plan~~  
8 ~~under this subsection is irrevocable for a period of five~~  
9 ~~(5) years from the date on which plan participation~~  
10 ~~originally commenced. In addition to all other remedies~~  
11 ~~available to the department, if a district or board~~  
12 ~~withdraws from the state group insurance plan during the~~  
13 ~~period of irrevocability, the department may assess against~~  
14 ~~the withdrawing board or district the amount by which all~~  
15 ~~claims paid on behalf of employees of the board or district~~  
16 ~~exceeds total premiums paid by the board or district and~~  
17 ~~their employees. A board or district may renew its initial~~  
18 ~~participation in the state group insurance plan without~~  
19 ~~interruption upon submitting notification of renewal to the~~  
20 ~~department prior to expiration of the initial five (5) year~~  
21 ~~participation period. Renewal of plan participation shall~~  
22 ~~be irrevocable for an additional period of not less than~~  
23 ~~five (5) years.~~

1

2       **9-3-203. Definitions.**

3

4       (a) As used in this act:

5

6               (iv) "Employee" means any employee of a  
7 ~~participating~~ school district or ~~participating~~ board of  
8 cooperative educational services whose salary is paid by  
9 funds of the district or board, a volunteer firefighter,  
10 volunteer emergency medical technician or a volunteer  
11 search and rescue person as provided by W.S. 9-3-220 or any  
12 official or employee of the state of Wyoming whose salary  
13 is paid by state funds, including employees and faculty  
14 members of the University of Wyoming and various community  
15 colleges in the state, except persons employed on  
16 intermittent, irregular, or less than halftime basis and  
17 any at-will contract employee who does not meet the  
18 requirements established under W.S. 9-2-3207(a)(xi)(F)(III)  
19 or (IV). "Employee" shall not include employees of the  
20 agricultural extension service of the University of Wyoming  
21 who hold federal civil service appointments, are required  
22 to participate in federal civil service retirement and who



1 elect to participate in the federal employees' health  
2 benefit program as authorized in W.S. 9-3-210(d);

3  
4 **9-3-205. Administration and management of group**  
5 **insurance program; powers and duties; adoption of rules and**  
6 **regulations; interfund borrowing authority.**

7  
8 (a) The department shall administer and manage the  
9 state employees' and officials' group insurance program in  
10 accordance with all provisions of title 26 of the Wyoming  
11 statutes governing group health benefit plans and rules  
12 promulgated thereto. The department, subject to the  
13 provisions of this act:

14  
15 (xvi) Have authority to audit payroll records of  
16 ~~voluntary participating employers~~ school districts and  
17 boards of cooperative services to ensure compliance with  
18 requirements of this act.

19  
20 **9-3-207. Eligibility for membership in plan; state**  
21 **employees; thirty-one (31) day period to elect enrollment;**  
22 **new employees; later enrollment.**

1           (a) Any state employee, school district or board of  
2 cooperative services eligible for membership in the group  
3 insurance plan at the time the plan becomes effective shall  
4 have thirty-one (31) days to either elect to be enrolled or  
5 not be enrolled in the plan. The department shall establish  
6 the procedure by which eligible employees shall notify the  
7 department of their decision within the prescribed thirty-  
8 one (31) day period.

9  
10           (b) An eligible employee who enters state service,  
11 enters service as a volunteer firefighter, volunteer  
12 emergency medical technician or volunteer search and rescue  
13 person ~~or enters service of a voluntary participating~~  
14 ~~employer~~ has thirty-one (31) days from the initial date of  
15 employment or ninety (90) days from the initial date of  
16 becoming a volunteer firefighter, volunteer emergency  
17 medical technician or volunteer search and rescue person as  
18 provided by W.S. 9-3-220 to elect to be enrolled or not be  
19 enrolled in the group insurance plan. A person who enters  
20 service as a volunteer firefighter, volunteer emergency  
21 medical technician or volunteer search and rescue person  
22 shall volunteer for ninety (90) days before becoming  
23 eligible for coverage under the group insurance plan. After

1 the ninety (90) day period is over, a volunteer shall have  
2 thirty-one (31) days to elect to be enrolled or not be  
3 enrolled in the group insurance plan.

4  
5 **9-3-210. Amount of state's contribution; estimates**  
6 **submitted to state budget officer; specified employees**  
7 **participation in federal program; participating employers**  
8 **contributions.**

9  
10 (a) Except for ~~voluntary participating employers,~~  
11 school districts, boards of cooperative services, volunteer  
12 firefighters, volunteer emergency medical technicians and  
13 volunteer search and rescue persons under W.S. 9-3-220, the  
14 state shall contribute monthly the amount established and  
15 appropriated by the legislature for each employee and  
16 official enrolled in the plan in accordance with  
17 subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

18  
19 (e) ~~A participating~~ Each school district shall pay to  
20 the department the monthly premium established by the  
21 department for coverage of each eligible employee or  
22 official of that district ~~electing~~ to become covered by any  
23 portion of the group insurance plan. Monthly premiums

1 shall be at minimum no less than rates assessed for  
2 coverage of other enrollees qualified under W.S. 9-3-  
3 203(a)(iv), and shall be based upon information reported by  
4 the ~~participating~~ district to the department, to be in a  
5 form and manner prescribed by the department.

6  
7 (f) ~~A participating~~ Each board of cooperative  
8 educational services shall pay to the department the  
9 monthly premium established by the department for coverage  
10 of each eligible employee of the employer ~~electing~~ to  
11 become covered by any portion of the group insurance plan.  
12 Additionally, each ~~participating~~ board of cooperative  
13 educational services shall pay to the department a monthly  
14 amount equal to the lowest premium for nonsupplemental  
15 coverage for each eligible employee of the employer not  
16 electing to become covered under the nonsupplemental  
17 portion of the group insurance plan. For purposes of this  
18 subsection an employee shall not be considered as not  
19 electing coverage if that employee is covered by other  
20 insurance with benefits comparable to or greater than the  
21 coverage provided by the least expensive non-supplemental  
22 plan available under this act. Monthly premiums shall be  
23 at minimum no less than rates assessed for coverage of

1 other enrollees qualified under W.S. 9-3-203(a)(iv), and  
2 shall be based upon information reported by ~~the~~  
3 ~~participating~~ board of cooperative educational services to  
4 the department, to be in a form and manner prescribed by  
5 the department.

6  
7 **9-3-211. Deductions from salaries of monthly**  
8 **contributions by employees and officials; establishment of**  
9 **procedure.**

10  
11 (a) The amount of monthly contribution to be made by  
12 eligible employees and officials, excluding volunteer  
13 firefighters, volunteer emergency medical technicians and  
14 volunteer search and rescue persons under W.S. 9-3-220,  
15 enrolled in the group insurance plan for themselves and  
16 their dependents shall be deducted from the monthly  
17 salaries of the employees and officials by the various  
18 agencies or ~~voluntary participating employers~~ school  
19 districts and boards of cooperative services and remitted  
20 to the department. The procedure for deductions and  
21 remittances shall be established by the department. If a  
22 flexible benefits plan is chosen, the employees' and  
23 officials' contribution shall be applied to the chosen

1 benefits in an amount determined by the employee or  
2 official.

3  
4 **9-3-217. Advisory panel; composition; compensation.**

5  
6 (a) The director of the department shall establish an  
7 advisory panel consisting of active plan participants  
8 employed by the state, ~~participating~~ school districts, the  
9 University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges and of  
10 retired employees who are plan participants. The panel  
11 shall consist of ~~no more than ten (10) members if there are~~  
12 ~~less than five (5) participating school districts or no~~  
13 ~~more than~~ twelve (12) members ~~if there are at least five~~  
14 ~~(5) participating school districts~~ and, insofar as  
15 possible, shall proportionally represent the specified  
16 employee groups participating in the group health insurance  
17 plan. The advisory panel shall be consulted regarding plan  
18 benefits and costs. ~~The director of the department shall,~~  
19 ~~upon receiving notification from at least five (5) school~~  
20 ~~districts electing group insurance plan participation under~~  
21 ~~W.S. 9-3-201(e), appoint two (2) additional advisory panel~~  
22 ~~members to increase the advisory panel to twelve (12)~~  
23 ~~members as provided in this section.~~

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2 (b) State, ~~participating~~ school district, university  
3 and community college employee members of the panel shall  
4 suffer no loss of wages for the time devoted to attending  
5 meetings of the panel called by the department. All  
6 members shall be provided per diem and travel expenses  
7 incurred for attending such meetings at the rates provided  
8 under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103.

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10 **21-7-301. Insurance and other fringe and employment**  
11 **benefits.**

12

13 (b) The board of trustees of each school district  
14 ~~which is a participating district in the state employees'~~  
15 ~~and officials' group insurance plan, as defined under W.S.~~  
16 ~~9-3-203(a)(xvi),~~ shall provide insurance under the state  
17 employees' and officials' group plan for the teachers,  
18 administrative personnel and other employees meeting the  
19 definition of employee under W.S. 9-3-203(a)(iv), as  
20 provided by W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-218. Each  
21 ~~participating~~ school district shall report to the  
22 department of administration and information and make  
23 payments for employer and employee contributions as

1 provided by W.S. 9-3-210 and 9-3-211. The amount of  
2 contributions paid under W.S. 9-3-211 for each employee  
3 electing coverage shall be deducted from the employee's  
4 monthly salary in accordance with W.S. 9-3-211.

5  
6 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**  
7 **foundation program for each district.**

8  
9 (o) To the extent specifically provided by the  
10 legislature, and between periods of model recalibration  
11 required under subsection (t) of this section, the amount  
12 computed for each district under subsection (m) of this  
13 section shall be adjusted to provide for the effects of  
14 inflation, excluding ~~those amounts~~ the amounts specified  
15 under ~~subparagraphs (m) (v) (E) and (F)~~ subparagraph  
16 (m) (v) (E), the technology and equipment component as  
17 specified in W.S. 21-13-309.1(c)(xxi), the gifted and  
18 talented students component as specified in W.S. 21-13-  
19 309.1(c)(xxii) and the short cycle and formative assessment  
20 component as specified in W.S. 21-13-309.1(c)(xxv). The  
21 adjustment under this subsection shall not be applied until  
22 the expiration of the school year immediately following the  
23 first school year of application of the recalibrated model,



1 and shall be adjusted on a cumulative basis each school  
2 year thereafter and until the first school year of  
3 application of a subsequent model recalibration. Following  
4 analysis of information reported under subsection (u) of  
5 this section, the joint appropriations committee shall  
6 submit a recommendation to the legislature and the governor  
7 not later than November 1 of each applicable year on an  
8 external cost adjustment for purposes of this subsection.

9  
10 **Section 4.** W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvi)(A)(I), (B)(I) and  
11 (C)(I) and (xvii), 21-13-309(m)(v)(B)(I) and (V), (C) and  
12 (G)(III), 21-13-320(g)(v)(B) and (h)(i) are repealed.

13  
14 **Section 5.** W.S. 9-3-201(f), 9-2-203(a)(xiv), (xv)  
15 and (xvi), 9-3-207(e), 21-13-309.1(c)(xxxvi), as created by  
16 this act, and 21-13-309(m)(v)(F) are repealed.

17  
18 **Section 6.** 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185,  
19 ATTACHMENT "A", 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99,  
20 Section 3, 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 205, Sections  
21 3 and 4, 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185 Sections 2  
22 and 3 and 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section 2,  
23 Section 205, Footnote No. 1 are repealed.

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2       **Section 7.**

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4       (a)     The     select     committee     on     school     finance  
5     recalibration as created by 2025 Wyoming Session Laws,  
6     Chapter 140 is hereby continued. As specified in subsection  
7     (b), the select committee shall continue the recalibration  
8     study of the education resource block grant model as  
9     required by W.S. 21-13-309(t) to ensure the model remains  
10    cost-based and to determine the possible incorporation of  
11    additional components into the education resource block  
12    grant. The study shall include any potential responses to  
13    court directives. The legislative service office shall  
14    staff the select committee.

15

16       (b)     At a minimum, the select committee on school  
17    finance recalibration shall study the following areas in  
18    the context of K-12 public education:

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20       (i)     Mental health supports, including core  
21    counselors, nurses and at-risk pupil support resources. The  
22    study shall include consideration of data collected from  
23    school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 for amounts

1 distributed pursuant to 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter  
2 118, Section 2, Section 331 to schools for mental health  
3 services;

4  
5 (ii) School safety and security personnel,  
6 including employment of school resource officers;

7  
8 (iii) School nutrition programs, including  
9 the school lunch programs;

10  
11 (iv) Technology, including the necessity of one  
12 computer for each student for all K-12 public students and  
13 district and school-level technology infrastructure and  
14 cyber security.

15  
16 (c) The select committee on school finance  
17 recalibration shall report its recommendations and any  
18 associated legislation to the legislature. The select  
19 committee may sponsor and introduce legislation as provided  
20 in W.S. 28-8-104(e).

21  
22 (d) The select committee on school finance  
23 recalibration shall remain in existence until December 31,

1 2025. Composition of the select committee and appointment  
2 of members shall be as contained in 2025 Wyoming Session  
3 Laws, Chapter 140, section 1(a) and (b). Any vacancy  
4 occurring on the select committee shall be filled without  
5 delay by the president of the senate or the speaker of the  
6 house, as appropriate.

7  
8 (e) The department of education, other state  
9 agencies, school districts and the school data advisory  
10 committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall collect  
11 and provide information requested by the select committee  
12 or professional consultant experts working with the select  
13 committee.

14  
15 **Section 8.** Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)  
16 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative  
17 service office to fund the model recalibration study in  
18 accordance with section 7 of this act and for the purposes  
19 of providing salary, including salary for the chairmen  
20 under W.S. 28-5-101(e)(i), mileage and per diem to members  
21 of the select committee on school finance recalibration and  
22 for other expenses of the select committee authorized by  
23 law or policy of the legislature. Funds appropriated under

1 this section expended to conduct the recalibration of the  
2 education resource block grant model shall be in accordance  
3 with a contractual agreement entered into between the  
4 management council and professional consultants. This  
5 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the  
6 effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2027.  
7 This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for  
8 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
9 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
10 by law on June 30, 2027.

11

12 **Section 9.**

13

14 (a) Fourteen million three hundred sixty-three  
15 thousand four hundred forty-two thousand dollars  
16 (\$14,363,442.00) is appropriated from the public school  
17 foundation program account to the department of education-  
18 school finance for the purpose to reimburse school  
19 districts for the remaining balance of buses and other  
20 student transportation vehicles previously authorized for  
21 reimbursed under W.S. 21-13-320. This appropriation shall  
22 be for the period beginning with the effective date of this  
23 section and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall

1 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and  
2 any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this  
3 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,  
4 2028.

5  
6 (b) XXXXX dollars (\$XXXXX.00) is appropriated from the  
7 public school foundation program account to the department  
8 of education-school finance for payments to school  
9 districts in accordance with W.S. 21-13-311, 21-13-313(b),  
10 (c) and (g), 21-13-339 and 21-13-340 to supplement amounts  
11 otherwise appropriated by the 2026 legislature in 2026  
12 House Bill / Senate File 0001 for the school foundation  
13 program. This appropriation shall be for the period  
14 beginning with the effective date of this section and  
15 ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be  
16 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any  
17 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this  
18 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,  
19 2028.

20  
21 **Section 10.**  
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1           (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of  
2   this section, this act is effective July 1, 2026;

4 (b) Sections 3 and 5 are effective July 1, 2027;

(c) Sections 7 and 8 are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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11 (END)