

# Budget News

Winter 2024

## Annual Budget/Trustee Vote April 16

The 2024-25 budget is being presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval at their meeting on April 16, 2024. The budget is based on the 2024-25 enrollment of 2.72 million students. The budget includes a 1% increase in the state aid per student and a 1% increase in the state aid per student for career and technical education. The budget also includes a 1% increase in the state aid per student for special education. The budget is based on the 2024-25 enrollment of 2.72 million students. The budget includes a 1% increase in the state aid per student and a 1% increase in the state aid per student for career and technical education. The budget also includes a 1% increase in the state aid per student for special education.

Special education elementary programs at three locations provide instruction and support to children ages 5-12.

Career and technical education for secondary students is offered in diverse programs, including Medical Laboratory, at four Western Tech campuses.



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## The following answers are meant to clarify the most frequently asked questions about the BOCES budget.

**Q. What are the main parts of the BOCES Budget?**

**A.** The BOCES budget is divided into three main parts: Administrative, Instructional, and Capital. The Administrative portion covers the costs of running the BOCES system, including salaries and benefits for administrative staff, office supplies, and travel. The Instructional portion covers the costs of providing educational services to the districts, including salaries and benefits for teachers and other instructional staff, materials, and facilities. The Capital portion covers the costs of purchasing and maintaining physical assets, such as buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

**Q. How much state aid do districts receive for BOCES services?**

**A.** Districts receive state aid for BOCES services based on their enrollment and the state aid formula. For the fiscal year 2023-2024, the state aid formula provides a base amount of \$44.2 million for the BOCES system, which is then distributed to the districts based on their enrollment.

**Q. Why do districts only vote on the administrative portion of the BOCES budget?**

**A.** Districts only vote on the administrative portion of the BOCES budget because the administrative portion is the only portion of the budget that is directly controlled by the districts. The instructional and capital portions of the budget are controlled by the BOCES Board of Directors.

**Q. How is my district's share of the Administrative Charge calculated? Why does my share change?**

**A.** A district's share of the Administrative Charge is calculated based on its enrollment and the state aid formula. The share changes because the state aid formula is based on enrollment, and enrollment can change from year to year. Additionally, the state aid formula is subject to change by the state legislature.

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## What's my district's share?

\*based on 3 year average of Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA)

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