Public Education

The total FY 2014 appropriated budget for Public Education is $3,830.5 million, with $2,664.9 million coming from General and Education Funds. This represents an increase of 4.6 percent in state funding. The table below details the FY 2012 actual budget, the FY 2013 revised budget, the FY 2014 appropriated budget, and the respective percent changes.

Appropriations made as part of the State's public education budget provide the majority of operating revenues to Utah's 41 school districts and 85 charter schools. These local education agencies (LEAs) receive funding through the Minimum School Program and the School Building Program. The budget also includes various statewide support agencies. Changes in each of these major budget areas are detailed throughout this brief.

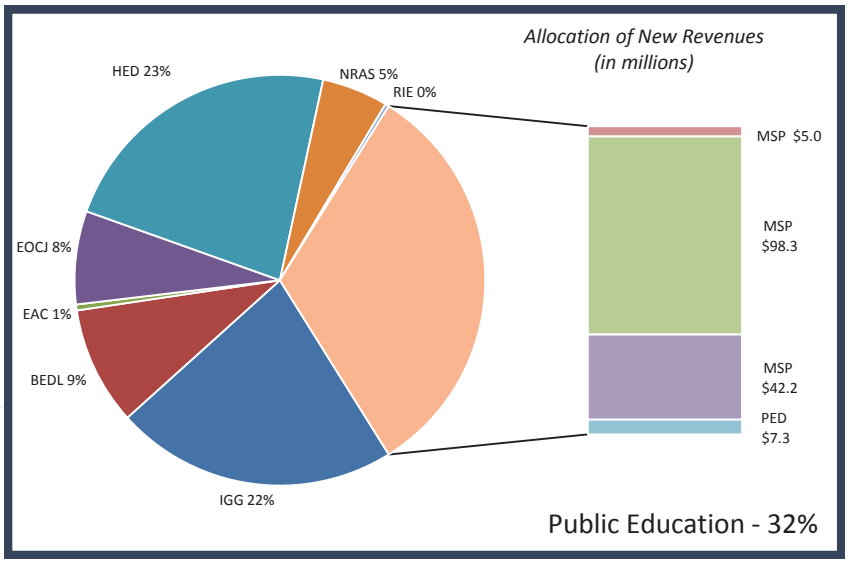
Fall 2013 projections indicate that 614,224 students will enroll in the LEAs, an increase of 13,254 or 2.2 percent over fall 2011. Approximately 7,133 of this growth will occur in school districts and the remaining 6,141 in charter schools.

Appropriations by Budget Area

The following table details budgetary changes enacted by the Legislature during the 2013 General Session. The pie chart details the distribution of new revenues appropriated by the Legislature by major budget category with a break-out specific for this subcommittee.

Public Education
(in millions)

Operating/Capital	All Sources	GF/EF
FY 2012 Actual	$3,554.1	$2,423.2
FY 2013 Revised	$3,695.2	$2,548.1
Percent Change	*4.0%*	*5.2%*
FY 2014 Appropriated	$3,830.5	$2,664.9
Percent Change	*3.7%*	*4.6%*



Budget Highlights

The following bullets highlight significant items funded by the Legislature. Programs funded one-time or as a supplemental in FY 2013 are noted.

Minimum School Program

- **Enrollment Growth - $68.5 million**

  Adjusts certain programs for impacts related to the estimated increase in new students in fall 2013. Funding primarily supports increased Weighted Pupil Units (WPUs) in the Basic School Program but also adjusts funding for some programs in the Related to Basic School Program (Below-the-Line) and the Voted & Board Local Levy Programs.

- **Enrollment Growth (FY 2013) - $2.3 million one-time**

  Increases funding for the Educator Salary Adjustment program to fund costs associated with new teachers hired by LEAs in the current year.

- **WPU Value Increase - $47.7 million**

  Funds a two-percent increase in the WPU Value. Most

programs increased from $2,842 to $2,899. The Special Education and Career & Technical Education Add-on Programs increased from $2,607 to $2,659.

- **Early Intervention - $10.0 million**

  Provides ongoing funding to support early intervention programs. Funding includes $7.5 million for voluntary enhanced kindergarten programs and $2.5 million for early intervention technology programs.

- **Dual Language Immersion - $1.0 million**

  Replaces FY 2013 one-time funding of $800,000 with an ongoing appropriation of the same amount. Increased funding by an additional $240,000 for further program expansion in FY 2014.

- **Teacher Supplies & Materials - $5.0 million one-time**

  Maintains funding to reimburse teachers for out-of-pocket expenditures on classroom supplies & materials.

- **Necessarily Existent Small Schools - $2.2 million**

  Provides an additional 655 WPUs for the NESS program, costing $1.9 million. Secondary impacts related to this increase include the Professional Staff Cost Formula with 59 WPUs at a cost of $171,000 and the Voted & Board Local Levy Programs at a cost of $121,900.

- **Statewide Computer Adaptive Testing Infrastructure Grants - $6.6 million one-time**

  Continues a grant program to LEAs to purchase infrastructure (computers, networking, etc.) to facilitate the state's online adaptive assessment system.

- **Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program - $4.0 million one-time**

  Continues the BTS Elementary Arts program that provides subject-area arts specialists in participating elementary schools.

Governor's Office of Economic Development

Legislators approved two programs with joint public education and economic development focus. The funding for these programs was appropriated to the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED). [Note: These items are provide for information only. Program amounts are totaled in the Business, Economic Development and Labor budget.]

- **STEM Action Center - $1.5 million ongoing and $8.5 million one-time**

  Establishes a science, technology, engineering, and math center within GOED ($1.5 million ongoing for an executive director and staff), and authorizes $8.5 million one-time for education related instructional technology and professional development in STEM areas for students in grades six through twelve.

- **Smart School Technology - $2.4 million one-time**

  Provides funding for a whole-school technology program. The program provides a one-to-one student to mobile learning device ratio and schools are selected to participate through a competitive process.

Education Agencies

- **Utah State Office of Education - $1.1 million ongoing and $1.4 million one-time**

  The following items were funded by the Legislature:

  1. Utah Core Academy - $1.0 million one-time
  2. Assessment of College Readiness - $850,000
  3. Student Achievement Backpack - $250,000 one-time
  4. Financial Management Programming - $100,000
  5. Youth Suicide Prevention - $100,000
  6. Statewide Online Education Program - $150,000 one-time

- **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind - $215,300**

  Funds costs associated with educator steps (longevity, a 3.4 percent increase) and lanes (professional training and preparation, a 4 percent increase).

- **USOE Initiative Programs - $2.7 million ongoing and $1.0 million one-time**

  1. Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarships - $242,000
  2. UPSTART - $500,000 one-time
  3. ProStart Student Culinary Arts - $25,000 one-time
  4. Peer Assistance & Review Pilot - $37,500 one-time
  5. Information Technology Academy - $300,000 one-time
  6. Seismic Safety - $150,000 one-time
  7. Early Intervention Technology - $2.5 million

- **Educator Licensing - ($1.0 million)**

  Reduced educator licensing fees by about $1.0 million.

- **Fine Arts & Science Outreach - $725,000**

  Increases funding for the Professional Outreach Program in the Schools (POPS) by $250,000; the Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE) by $250,000; and restores the Science Outreach RFP program with the remaining $225,000.

Retirement and Independent Entities

The total FY 2014 appropriated budget for Retirement and Independent Entities is $40.6 million, with $22.0 million coming from General and Education Funds. This represents an increase of 6.8 percent in state funding. The table below details the FY 2012 actual budget, the FY 2013 revised budget, the FY 2014 appropriated budget, and the respective percent changes.

The Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee oversees the operating budgets of the Department of Human Resource Management, Career Service Review Office, and Utah Education Network.

The subcommittee considers issues related to health insurance, retirement programs, personnel recruitment and review, and independent entities authorized by the State. New to the subcommittee this year is Utah Education Network (UEN). UEN delivers education statewide through the use of technology, including public television station KUEN-9, Interactive Video-Conferencing (IVC), and internet connections for schools.

Appropriations by Budget Area

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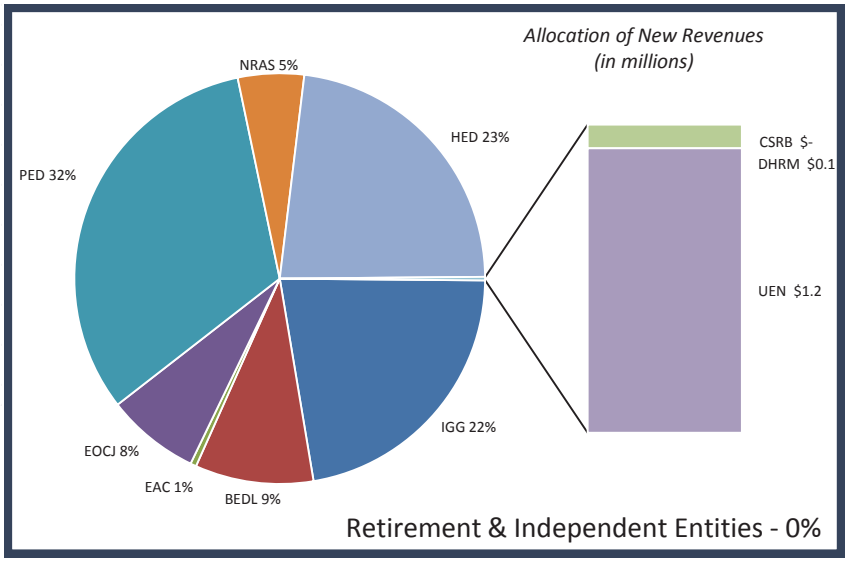
Retirement & Independent Entities
(in millions)

Operating/Capital	All Sources	GF/EF
FY 2012 Actual	$45.4	$20.2
FY 2013 Revised	$39.8	$20.6
Percent Change	*-12.4%*	*2.0%*
FY 2014 Appropriated	$40.6	$22.0
Percent Change	*2.1%*	*6.8%*



Budget Highlights

Major Funding Initiatives (General and Education Funds)

- **Health Insurance - $9.0 million**

  A nine percent rate increase for health insurance benefits for state and higher education employees.

- **State Contract Provider Salary Adjustment - $1.5 million**

  A one percent cost of living adjustment for state contract providers.

- **State Employee Salary Adjustment - $6.7 million**

  A one percent cost of living adjustment for state and Utah College of Applied Technology employees and step and lane increases for employees of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

- **State Employee Retirement - $8.0 million**

  Retirement rate increases for state and higher education employees.

- **UEN Capital Equipment Maintenance and Replacement - $800,000 one-time**

  To update critical network equipment.

- UEN Elementary Connectivity - $250,000

  To equalize circuit costs for school districts.

- Department of Human Resource Management

  Field Service Rate Increase to $560/FTE.

Passed Bills with Fiscal Impact

- S.B. 95, Whistleblower Amendments

  Includes an ongoing General Fund appropriation of $35,000 to the Career Services Review Office.

- S.B. 191, Administrative Law Judge Amendments

  Includes an ongoing General Fund appropriation of $75,200 and one time General Fund appropriation of $31,700 to the Department of Human Resource Management.

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Note: *All figures represented in this summary are preliminary. Final appropriation figures, including gubernatorial vetoes, will be reflected in the 2013-14 Appropriations Report. A comprehensive list of budget actions is available upon request.*