

CHANGES FOR 2009–10 BUDGETS

STATE FUNDING FORMULA CHANGES

State Basic Education Allocated Salaries

There is no salary increase. House Bill 2363 temporarily suspends the I-732 COLA.

Learning Improvement Days

The state funded learning improvement days is reduced from two days to one day.

Health Benefit Rate Increase

The health benefit funding rate is increased from \$732.00 per employee per month to \$745.00.

K-4 Certificated Instruction Staff Funding Ratio

The K-4 certificated instructional staff funding ratio is 53.2 regardless of the actual ratio for districts that enroll fewer than 25 percent of grades K-4 enrollment in digital or online learning programs.

I-728 Student Achievement Funds

The rate for student achievement funding is \$131.16 per FTE student. House Bill 2356 moves the rates from RCW to the appropriations act. The September through June payments will be from Federal Stimulus – State Fiscal Stabilization funding in account 6113. The payments in account 6113 will be based on approved claims.

Vocational Equipment Replacement Allocations

The Vocational Equipment Replacement funding is discontinued.

Local Effort Assistance (LEA)

The amount appropriated for the 2010 LEA allocation is based on funding at 84.15%. However RCW 28A.500.030 requiring that LEA be funded at 100 percent was not changed. Therefore unless there is a special session to pass a bill amending the RCW, it is anticipated that LEA will be funded at 100 percent. The Governor has sent a letter to Superintendent Randy Dorn stating that she will not call a special session and that the state will make the full levy equalization payments.

The percent increase in basic education funding per pupil for use in calculating the 2010 levy lid and LEA is decreased to 4 percent. All of the September through December portion and 84.15% of the January through June portion will be funded under account 6113. Payments of the federal portion will be based on approved claims rather than the LEA payment schedule.

Pupil Transportation Assistance

The \$12.5 million for temporary assistance to school districts for pupil transportation programs is discontinued.

National Board Certified Teachers Bonus

The school eligibility for the additional \$5,000 National Board Bonus for teachers in challenging schools is posted on our website at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/SAFS/>

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Library Program Funding

The library program funding is discontinued.

Math and Science Professional Development Funding

The math and science professional development funding is discontinued.

Fringe Benefits Percentage

The legislative budget revised the employee fringe benefits and retirement rates.

	2008–09	2009–10
Certificated Maintenance	16.75	14.43
Classified Maintenance	18.72	16.58
Certificated Increase	16.11	13.79
Classified Increase	15.22	13.08
	DRS Rates for 2008–09	DRS Rates for 2009–10 (effective date)
TRS	8.46	6.14 (September 1, 2009)
PERS	8.31	5.29 (July 1, 2009)
SERS	7.54	5.43 (September 1, 2009)

For more information on DRS benefit rates visit their website at:

<http://www.drs.wa.gov/employer/default.htm>