# WSPTA 2024 Legislative Session Scorecard<sup>1</sup>

Color Key: Green – much progress; Light Green – some progress; Yellow – progress but more to do; Red – no progress

WSPTA Priority	Bill Number or Budget <sup>2</sup>	What it does	Status
Top 5 Priorities (in	order of voting ir	n October 2022)	
<ul> <li>Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis: <ul> <li>Reduced ratios of students to mental health professionals.</li> <li>Programs and incentives to recruit, train, and retain mental health professionals.</li> <li>Resources to assist families.</li> <li>Training and support for educators and administrators.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u>HB 1946</u>	Creates a Behavioral Health Scholarship grant under the Washington Health Corps. The Corps was established in 2019 to encourage healthcare professionals to work in critical shortage areas. In exchange for service, healthcare professionals will receive financial assistance, such as loan repayments or conditional scholarships.	Passed (Chapter 369, Laws of 2024)
NOTE: In the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature passed <u>2SHB</u> <u>1664</u> , which increased the ratios of physical, social, and emotional support staff, starting with the 2022-23 school year. Significant ratio increases will begin with the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year, and the 2023 Legislature supports the increases through the 2023-25 operating budget. During the 2024-25 school year, school districts must use one state- funded professional development day on social and emotional learning.	<u>E2SHB 2247</u>	Changes licensing requirements, practice settings, and reimbursement requirements for various behavioral health professions. Of interest, it creates a new licensed psychological associate credential who may practice under supervision of a licensed supervisor. Also, the minimum hours of continuing education are eliminated and will now be established in rules adopted by the Department of Health for licensed clinical social workers, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists (master's level behavioral health professionals).	Passed (Chapter 371, Laws of 2024)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All budget numbers are 2024 supplemental amounts unless otherwise specified. May not include all policy level changes; objective is to provide major investments.

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	<u>ESHB 2256</u>	Modifies the membership and requirements for the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group and extends the group through 12/30/29.	Passed (Chapter 372, Laws of 2024)
	\$1.2 million	Funding is provided to expand the existing Student Assistance Professional program through the ESDs. Funding also supports intervention specialists in schools to serve students at risk or, or who have initiated, substance abuse.	
		<ul> <li>Failed to pass:</li> <li>HB 2239 would have created a grant program to support social and emotional learning in schools. (Timmons)</li> <li>HB 2280/SB 6216 would have established a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health. (Rule, Nobles)</li> </ul>	
Addressing Critical Gaps in Education Funding that helps resolve critical education funding gaps and inequities with predictable,	<u>SHB 2180</u>	Lifts the total enrollment cap for special education funding from 15% to 16%.	Passed (Chapter 229,
progressive, and sustainable revenue sources:         Resources for students needing additional academic/physical/	\$19.63M		Laws of 2024)
<ul> <li>emotional support.</li> <li>Services for students with disabilities.</li> </ul>	<u>ESHB 2494</u>	Increases the Materials, Supplies & Operating Costs per student amount by \$21, beginning in	Passed (Chapter 262,
<ul> <li>Categorical funding to support highly mobile students.</li> <li>Student transportation.</li> <li>Unfunded mandates to school districts.</li> <li>School construction.</li> </ul>	\$43.61M	the 2023-24 school year. The funding increases must be used to cover expenses in these three categories: utilities & insurance, professional development, and security and central office.	Laws of 2024)
	<u>2SSB 5882</u>	Changes the term "teaching assistance" to "paraeducators" in the prototypical school model,	Passed (Chapter 191,
	\$71.78M	and increases the staffing ratios for paraeducators, office supports, and	Laws of 2024)
		noninstructional aides, beginning in the 2023-24	Some
		school year. OSPI must adopt rules that require school districts to use the additional funding to	movement but could

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		support increased staffing provent laveffs, or	have been
		support increased staffing, prevent layoffs, or increase salaries for the three categories in the	more
		2024-25 school year.	financially
			robust
	<u>ESSB 5949</u>	The 2024 supplemental capital budget increases	Passed
		the per square foot cost allocation from \$271.61	(Chapter 375
	\$79.21M	to \$375 in FY25, and to adjust according to the	Laws of 2024
	•••===	inflation rate used by OFM's C-100 form in future	
		years. (2024 supplemental capital budget)	
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	<u>SSB 5804</u>	Funding is provided for the purchase and	Passed
		distribution of naloxone administered by nasal	(Chapter 214
	\$345,000	inhalation to high school students through	Laws of 2024
	through Dept	contracts between ESDs and school districts.	
	of Health to		
	support this	Failed to pass:	
	unfunded	• HB 2212 would have increased the	
	mandate	prototypical school funding model for	
		school principals, asst principals, and	
		other certificated building-level	
		administrators, beginning in the 2024-25	
		school year. (Rule)	
		<ul> <li>HB 2458 would have required the</li> </ul>	
		Experience Factor to be recalculated	
		annually, based on current staffing-level	
		data. (Rule)	
		• SB 5873 would have required OSPI to	
		update the transportation funding	
		formula. (Wellman)	
		• SB 6031 would have allowed school	
		district boards of directors to determine	
		the type of vehicle appropriate for	
		student transportation and would have	

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		added 10-passenger vans to the depreciation schedule. (Braun)	
<ul> <li>Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide <ul> <li>Addressing the disproportionate impact on BIPOC and LGBTQ+ youth.</li> <li>Funding community-based prevention and intervention programs. (2023)</li> <li>Promoting safe storage of medication and firearms. (2023)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u>SHB 1903</u>	Adds requirements related to lost or stolen firearms, including making it a civil infraction and \$1,000 penalty for failure to report the loss or theft of a firearm to local law enforcement within 24 hours. The bill includes "good cause" exemptions, such as illness or hospitalizations.	Passed (Chapter 286, Laws of 2024)
<ul> <li>Prohibiting the sale or transfer of military-style assault weapons. (2023)</li> <li>Expanding existing law to prohibit firearms where families and youth congregate in public places, such as parks, zoos, and libraries. (2024)</li> <li>Restoring local government authority to enhance state firearm regulations to protect children and youth.</li> </ul>	<u>ESHB 2021</u>	Authorizes local governments and law enforcement agencies, including the Washington State Patrol, to dispose of forfeited firearms or firearms bought through the "buy back" program to be destroyed if they are no longer of any value to a court case or museum.	Passed (Chapter 287, Laws of 2024) Passed
	<u>ESHB 2118</u>	Establishes additional requirements for licensed firearm dealer businesses, including requiring them to have security systems (alarms, cameras, and good storage practices), along with insurance.	(Chapter 288, Laws of 2024) Passed
	<u>2SSB 5444</u>	Prohibits firearms in sensitive places like zoos, aquariums, libraries, and transit facilities.	(Chapter 285, Laws of 2024)
	<u>ESSB 5985</u>	Makes changes related to firearms background check programs.	Passed (Chapter 289, Laws of 2024)
		<ul> <li>Failed to pass:</li> <li>HB 1902/SB 6004 would have prohibited a dealer from transferring a firearm to a purchaser or transferee unless the person had a valid permit to purchase firearms. (Berry, Liias)</li> </ul>	

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	orbauget	<ul> <li>HB 2054 would have prohibited firearms dealers from delivering more than one firearm to a purchaser or transferee within any 30-day period, subject to various exceptions. (Farivar)</li> <li>HB 2238 would have imposed a new 11% sales and use tax on the sale or transfer of ammunition. (Thai)</li> <li>SB 5963 would have required individuals who own a firearm to keep and maintain a residential dwelling insurance policy that covers losses or damages resulting from the accidental or unintentional discharge of the firearm. (Kuderer)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Addressing Funding, Inclusion, and Supports in Special Education <ul> <li>Fully funding special education services with no caps on funding enrollment.</li> <li>Developing solutions to address a statewide special education staffing shortage.</li> <li>Promoting full inclusion in general education classrooms.</li> <li>Promoting high leverage teaching practices.</li> <li>Assessing needs for and providing assistive technology and multi-tiered systems of support.</li> <li>Simplifying the safety net reimbursement process to school districts.</li> <li>Banning student isolation in schools.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u>HB 2180</u> <u>SB 5852</u>	Enrollment cap lift from 15% to 16%. Limits the Safety Net Award Committee decisions when determining award eligibility and amounts to relevant documentation that illustrates adherence to award criteria and not on the content of the IEPs. Also requires that safety net awards may only be adjusted for errors in safety net applications or IEPs that materially affect the demonstration of need. Requires OSPI to survey districts with 3,000 or fewer students, and then by December 1, 2025 OSPI must use the feedback to implement a simplified, standardized safety net application for all school districts that reduces barriers to safety net funding.	Passed (Chapter 229, Laws of 2024) Passed (Chapter 127, Laws of 2024) Some movement to improve the pipeline.
	\$3.5M	Funding is provided for cohorts of special education teacher residents who will complete a year-long program that combines professional training and coursework with in-the-classroom	

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		co-teaching experience alongside a mentor teacher. Failed to pass:	
		<ul> <li>HB 1479 would have created new procedures, definitions, and reporting for the use of isolation and restraint in schools. (Callan)</li> <li>HB 1923 would have phased out the cap and offered immediate new funding in three categories of students. (Couture)</li> <li>HB 2174 would have allowed school districts that exceed 15% of total student enrollment for special education funding to receive additional dollars under certain conditions. (OSPI request, Pollet)</li> <li>HB 2175 would have addressed the practice of isolation and restraint. (Wilson)</li> <li>SB 5966 would have provided an additional \$1.05 million to the Education Ombuds to fund at least one special education ombuds in each ESD region. (Braun)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Building and Maintaining Safer School Facilities</li> <li>Fund school safety changes, including emergency signs, improving indoor air quality and other environmental hazards, seismic upgrades, and an earthquake early warning system in all schools.</li> <li>Require safety plans to include persons with disabilities and all people in school buildings, and to conduct annual emergency reunification training.</li> </ul>	\$45M	Indoor Air Quality grants. Of this amount, \$29.5M is not eligible for distribution until January 1, 2025, following the I-2117 decision (repealing the Climate Commitment Act). Also breaks the funding down between districts with equal or less than 3,000 students and those with 3,001 or more students.	Funding for indoor air quality grants

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• Increase the transparency of the condition of school facilities to allow public review	<u>SB 5647</u>	Requires safe school plans to include how substitute teachers and other temporary employees will receive necessary information about safe school plans, including school safety policies and procedures, and the three basic functional drill responses (shelter-in-place, lockdown and evacuation).	Passed (Chapter 21, Laws of 2024)

# Also Supported Priorities (listed alphabetically) – All bills may be found here

Creating a Diverse and Effective Educator Workforce	<u>ESHB 1277</u>	Directs the Paraeducator Board to update rules and publish guidance related to the Fundamental	Passed (Chapter 173,
Ensure that every child has outstanding paraeducators, educators and		Course of Study (FCS) and requires school districts	Laws of 2024)
administrators by preparing all educators to support inclusionary		to provide two of the four days in person by	2000 01 202 17
practices, expanding programs that grow, recruit and retain an effective		specific deadlines unless the school district is	
and diverse workforce, and providing equitable access to preparation or certificate programs.		granted an exemption by the Paraeducator Board.	
	<u>SB 5180</u>	Adopts the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact,	Passed
		which is designed to help increase the mobility of	(Chapter 317,
		a teaching certificate. For active military members	Laws of 2024)
		and eligible military spouses who hold a license	
		that is not unencumbered, the receiving state	
		shall grant an equivalent license regardless of the	
		other state's participation in the Compact, except when the receiving state does not have an	
		equivalent license.	
	\$5 million	For inclusionary practices, particularly in schools	
		with higher incidents of isolation and restraint.	
		Failed to pass:	
		HB 1565 would have created a Joint	
		Legislative Task Force on the Educator	
		Workforce (revised this session to be 3SHB 1565). (Ortiz-Self)	

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		• SB 6012 would have required the Professional Educator Standards Board to develop a list of changes to the educational system in statute and rule during the last 10 years that might require pedagogical changes tin teacher preparation programs. Also, would have directed PESB to convene a work group to consider a learning gap analysis and work group, with a summary of findings by March 1, 2025. Funding through budget	
		proviso was provided instead. (Wellman)	
Expanding School Construction Funding Options	ESSB 5949	2024 Supplemental Capital Budget	Passed (Chapter 375,
Increase state funding and funding options for school construction projects and improvements so that school districts can provide equitable, safe, and effective learning environments to their students regardless of ZIP code. We also encourage the Legislature to lower the 60 percent threshold to pass school bonds.	\$79.21 million	Increases per square foot cost allocation from \$271.61 to \$375 in FY25, and to adjust according to the inflation rate used by OFM's C-100 form in future years.	Laws of 2024)
	\$293.65 million	2023-25 School Construction Assistance Program (reduced from \$588.172 million, due to lack of passage of bonds).	
	\$86 million	Funding for Small District Modernization Grants ( <u>LEAP OSPI-1-2024</u> ), not to exceed \$6 million per grant, to school districts that were awarded a planning grant during the 2023-25 fiscal biennium pursuant to <u>LEAP capital document No. OSPI-1-</u> 2023. Small districts awarded a planning grant pursuant to this list that do not receive a modernization grant in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium are eligible for the maximum state funding level of \$12,000,000 established under subsection (5)(a) of this section. OSPI shall report the status and award amounts of all grants	

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		awarded pursuant to this section to the governor and appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature no later than October 15, 2024. Small districts awarded a planning grant in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium are eligible for the maximum state funding level of \$12 million. OSPI shall report on the status and award amounts of all grants by October 15, 2024.	
	\$8.21 million	Emergency, urgent and ADA compliance grant programs increased: \$6 million for Emergency Repair; \$1.1 million for Urgent Repair; and \$1 million for ADA compliance.	
		<ul> <li>Failed to pass:</li> <li>HB 1044 would have created a new capital financial assistance program for small school districts that couldn't pass bonds or had low debt limits. (McEntire)</li> <li>HB 1843 would have asked voters to reduce the threshold to pass bonds to 55%. The constitutional amendment was HJR 4207. (Harris)</li> <li>HB 2017 would have created a school construction program for districts with more than 1,001 students that had a history of failing school bonds. (McClintock)</li> <li>HB 2092 would have created a school construction assistance program for early learning and before/after school care programs. (Callan)</li> <li>HB 2411/SB 5969 would have expanded the specific purposes for which a school district could contract indebtedness</li> </ul>	

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		<ul> <li>without a vote of district voters. (Callan, Dhingra)</li> <li>SB 5344 would have created a new school construction revolving loan fund. (Schoesler)</li> <li>SB 5789 would have authorized the reimbursement of sales tax on SCAP-matched school construction projects. (Mullet)</li> <li>SB 5823 would have asked voters to reduce the threshold to pass bonds to 50% plus 1. (Hunt)</li> <li>SB 5978 would have authorized OSPI to act as a guarantor for a county when the county provides a loan to a school district. (Robinson)</li> </ul>	
Harnessing the Benefits of Mastery-based Learning		Failed to pass:	Introduced
Harness the banefits of mastery based learning to ensure all students		<ul> <li>SB 6264 would have defined "competency- based education" and directed OSPI to</li> </ul>	but didn't
Harness the benefits of mastery-based learning to ensure all students			pass Opp Chamber
experience learning through a positive progression of demonstrated		adopt rules authorizing full-time	
mastery that increases learning outcomes through inclusivity,		enrollment funding for students in	Committee.
communicated performance indicators, and timely feedback and		qualifying competency-based education	
supports to reach learning goals.		programs. (Wellman)	

# Improving Equitable Identification and Access for Highly Capable Students

Require school districts to offer universal screening at least twice before six grade so that under-represented and under-served student populations have access to high-quality Highly Capable (HiCap) services. Encourage the Legislature to require OSPI to publish HiCap demographic data by district and ask that all educators receive relevant professional development in the academic, social and emotional needs of HiCap students. Not addressed this session

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Increasing Education Equity by Closing the Digital Divide		Failed to pass:	Several bills
Ensure equitable digital inclusion and access for all students, families, and staff through adequate funding and the implementation of a statewide digital equity plan, including adoption of best practices and strategies for use of technology to improve student education and behavioral outcomes.		<ul> <li>HB 1933/SB 6276 would have established the Right to Repair Act. (Multiple years this has been introduced and failed to advance.) (Gregerson, Stanford)</li> <li>HB 2313 would have expanded the purpose and duties of the Washington state Office of Equity to include digital equity. (Gregerson)</li> <li>HB 2327 would have created a new revenue stream to fund digital equity programs. (Gregerson)</li> <li>HB 2360 would have created the Washington digital empowerment and workforce inclusion act to support verifiable levels of digital literacy, and IT and IT-enabled careers. (Slatter)</li> </ul>	introduced but nothing advanced this session.

#### Increasing Support for Equitable Family Engagement

Not addressed this session

*Require adoption and implementation of the Washington State Family* Engagement Framework, including funding and technical assistance for school district implementation. Encourage the Legislature to provide funding to expand the ratio of Family Engagement Coordinators in middle and high schools and offer professional development in effective family engagement to all district staff. Reduce barriers for parents and caregivers to participate in engagement opportunities.

## Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change

Build a socially, economically, and environmentally resilient world for children and youth by promoting sustainability and greenhouse gas emission reduction through funding, planning and implementation resources to schools and communities. We encourage the Legislature to declare climate change is a public health crisis to raise awareness about

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	purchase zero emission vehicles to replace diesel	(Chapter 345,
\$19.715	buses and for charging infrastructure. Grants are	Laws of 2024)
million	prioritized in the law and will be administered by	
(transportation	the Ecology Department (\$15 million is available	
budget)	immediately; \$4 million effective January 1,	Funding from
	2025).	Climate

Creates a grant program for school districts to

Passed

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the health impacts of climate change and to strengthen our public health and health care infrastructure.	\$45 million (capital budget)	<ul> <li>Indoor air quality grants. Of this amount, \$29.5M is not eligible for distribution until January 1, 2025, following the I-2117 decision (repealing the Climate Commitment Act).</li> <li><i>Failed to pass:</i> <ul> <li>HB 1935 would have established a voluntary Washington State Green Schools Program at OSPI to create and expand resource conservation practices in public schools and added a grant program. (Bergquist)</li> <li>HB 2198 would have directed OSPI to appoint an advisory committee to develop recommendations for indoor temperature standards. (Reeves)</li> <li>HB 2297 would have required new school construction to install solar energy systems on new school buildings. (Orwall)</li> <li>SB 6016 would have created a green energy community fund to support school districts or non-profit organizations through a contribution program by clean energy project developers. (Shewmake)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Commitment Act auctions and state general fund supporting efforts
Multi and Heritage Language Education for All Advance and fully fund opportunities for all K-12 students, including students with disabilities, to access the myriad benefits of being multilingual and multiliterate; expand dual, immersion, and heritage/tribal language education programs, including American Sign Language; and increase the number of multilingual educators working		Lays the groundwork for expanding and establishing dual language programs in every school district by 2040, with the goal of sustaining a bi-literate workforce statewide. A grant program was established in the 2023 session, and this bill directs the Legislature to annually fund 10 new dual language education programs, with an	Passed (Chapter 202, Laws of 2024)

average award of about \$40,000. Also directs OSPI and its Office of Native Education to establish and expand tribal language programs.

in all schools state-wide.

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	The bill also requires school districts to award the Seal of Biliteracy to any student who demonstrates proficiency in another language other than English and requires a notation on the student's transcript.	
<u>HB 1146</u>	Requires school districts to notify students and their parents about opportunities to earn high school and college credit, and any financial assistance, prior to students selecting their courses.	Passed (Chapter 44, Laws of 2024)
<u>HB 2110</u>	Reorganizes the various high school graduation statutes without modifying the requirements or the related school district and state agency duties and authorizations.	Passed (Chapter 66, Laws of 2024)
<u>E2SSB 5670</u>	Authorizes "Rising 11 <sup>th</sup> grade students," defined as students who have completed their 10 <sup>th</sup> grade year and not yet begun their 11 <sup>th</sup> grade year, may enroll for up to 10 quarter credits, or the semester equivalent, during the summer academic term.	Passed (Chapter 159, Laws of 2024)
\$4.6 million	<ul> <li>Funding is provided to create a universal High School &amp; Beyond Plan online platform.</li> <li><i>Failed to pass:</i> <ul> <li>HB 2326/SB 6239 would have required the state to pay for AP, IB, and Cambridge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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Safe Travel Routes and Parking Lots (Res. 2.1)	\$31.55 million	From the Motor Vehicle Account	Increases in
	\$21.15 million	From the Multimodal Transportation Account	all funding levels
	\$45.4 million	From the Climate Active Transportation Account	
Child Sex Trafficking (Res. 2.17)	<u>2SSB 6006</u>	Removes the statute of limitations for various crimes, including trafficking if a victim was under the age of 18; commercial sexual abuse of a minor; promoting commercial sexual abuse or travel for commercial sexual abuse of a minor; and permitting commercial sexual abuse of a minor. The civil statute of limitations to recover damages for injury is modified to include trafficking or commercial sexual abuse of a minor. The crimes of trafficking in the first and second degree are modified and new definitions are established for coercion, kidnapping, maintain, and sexual motivation.	Passed (Chapter 298, Laws of 2024)
LGBTQ+ Inclusion (Res. 2.19)	<u>ESHB 2331</u>	Establishes new requirements for school districts and boards of directors regarding instructional and supplemental materials, including the removal of and prohibition against materials on the basis that they include the contributions of people from a protected class.	Passed (Chapter 316, Laws of 2024)
	<u>ESB 5462</u>	Requires the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) to update policies and procedures for instructional materials covering such groups as Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, people of different religions and immigrants, and school board to adopt the new	Passed (Chapter 157 Laws of 2024

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		policies by October 1, 2025. Also requires the inclusion of histories, contributions, and perspectives of gay and queer people in age- appropriate school curricula after a review of learning standards by OSPI and the state LGBTQ Commission. Directs OSPI to update learning standards to comply with the law.	
Gun Violence Prevention & Safety – Students and School Staff (Res. 2.23)	<u>ESSB 5891</u>	Creates a gross misdemeanor crime for school bus trespass. The crime is committed if the person knowingly and maliciously enters or remains unlawfully in a school bus, dos any other act that creates a substantial risk of harm to passengers of the driver and causes a substantial interruption or impairment to serves rendered by the school bus. Named after Richard Lenhart, a school bus driver in the Pasco School District who was stabbed to death with students on board the bus.	Passed (Chapter 302, Laws of 2024)
Allergies and Asthma (Res. 11.22)	<u>HB 1608</u>	Requires the Department of Health to issue a statewide standing medical order to prescribe epinephrine and epinephrine autoinjectors to any school districts and schools for use by school nurse or other designated trained school personnel for any student or individual experiencing anaphylaxis on school property, a school bus, a field trip, or a designated school activity. School districts may maintain a supply but are not required to stock the medications.	Passed (Chapter 81, Laws of 2024)
Paid Sick and Family Leave (Res. 11.24)	<u>ESSB 5793</u>	Expands the use of sick leave to apply when an employee's child's school or place of care is closed after the declaration of an emergency by a local or state government or agency, or by the federal government. In addition, the definition of family	Passed (Chapter 356, Laws of 2024)

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		member is modified to also include any individual who regularly resides in the employee's home or where the relationship creates an expectation the employee care for the person and that person depends on the employee for care.	
Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Contaminants in Schools (Res. 11.25)	\$750,000, DOH	Funding is provided solely to review and update the rules for school environmental health and safety. The State Board of Health and DOH shall conduct the review in collaboration with a multi- disciplinary technical advisory committee. The proposed new rules shall establish the minimum statewide health and safety standards for schools, and must consider the size of school districts, regional cost differences, the age of the schools, the feasibility of implementing the proposed rules by section or subject area, and any other variables that may affect the implementation of the rules. The advisory group must have broad representation, and OSPI must develop a fiscal analysis of the proposed rules. A report is due June 30, 2025.	Funding for Technical Advisory Committee
School Nutrition, Breakfast and Lunch Policies (Res. 11.29)	\$12.23 million state and \$12.23 million federal	Solely for the implementation of the summer electronic benefit transfer program for the summer break months following the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. The program implementation must align with the federal summer electronic benefit program requirements defined in the consolidated appropriations act, 2023 (136 Stat. 4459). The department may use a third-party entity to administer the program.	Funding
Substance Use Disorder Education and Prevention (Res. 11.32)	E2SHB 1956	Directs the Department of Health to develop, implement, and maintain a statewide drug overdose prevention and awareness campaign	Passed (Chapter 201, Laws of 2024)

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		that meets certain requirements. Also requires OSPI to make available substance use prevention and awareness materials for school and classroom uses and directs OSPI to update the state health learning standards for middle and high school students to reference opioids.	
	<u>SB 5804</u>	Requires all school districts and all schools to have at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication doses. School districts must also adopt an opioid overdose reversal medication in each first aid kit maintained on school property and in any coach or sports first aid kits. The sum of \$345,000 through the Department of Health (DOH) is provided to support medication doses in high schools.	Passed (Chapter 214, Laws of 2024)
	<u>ESB 5906</u>	Directs DOH to develop, implement, and maintain a drug overdose prevention campaign, including information on dangers and harms related to drug use.	Passed (Chapter 216, Laws of 2024)
Supporting K-12 Career and Technical Education (Res. 18.41)	<u>ESHB 2236</u>	Directs OSPI to develop an Allied Health Professions Career and Technical Education Program, and requires that the curriculum and other instructional materials for the Allied Health Program must be available for option use in school districts and skill centers beginning in the 2027-28 school year. Establishes a temporary statewide CTE Task Force, with a report and recommendations due November 15, 2025.	Passed (Chapter 234, Laws of 2024)
Increasing Access and Affordability of Post-Secondary Education (Res. 18.43)	<u>2SHB 2214</u>	Allows Basic Food Program or Food Assistance Program recipients in the 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades to automatically qualify as income-eligible	Passed (Chapter 116, Laws of 2024)

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		for the Washington College Grant (formerly the	
		State Need Grant).	
	<u>SB 5904</u>	A student is eligible to receive an award under the	Passed
		Washington College Grant, College Bound	(Chapter 323
		Scholarship, Passport to College, or Passport to	Laws of 2024
		Apprenticeships for six years or up to 150% of the	
		published length of the student's program, or the	
		credit or clock-hour equivalent. The requirement	
		that a student use a passport award before age 26	
		is eliminated.	
	<u>SSB 6053</u>	The Washington Student Achievement Council	Passed
		(WSAC) must enter into data-sharing agreements	(Chapter 324
		with OSPI to facilitate the transfer of high school	Laws of 202
		student directory information. Accordingly, OSPI	
		must make the information collected from school	
		districts available for WSAC. The purpose of the	
		data-sharing agreements for WSAC and	
		institutions of higher education is modified to	
		include postsecondary financial aid opportunities	
		in addition to educational opportunities. Data-	
		sharing agreements entered into for these	
		purposes must provide for the ERDC to share	
		student enrollment and outcome information	
		from institutions of higher education to OSPI.	
		Agreements entered into between WSAC and	
		OSPI must obligate WSAC to maintain the	
		statewide student identifier for each student.	

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High-Quality Preschool to Third Grade Early Learning (Res. 18.45)	<u>SHB 2195</u>	Removes the Early Learning Facilities program grant and loan limits, effected July 1, 2025. Prioritizes grants and loan awards to facilities that are ready for construction. Includes translation services as an eligible administrative cost. Centers co-located with housing developments may receive state funding for up to 90% of the project cost. NOTE: These are awards to non-school district facilities.	Passed (Chapter 230, Laws of 2024)

Additional Funding of Possible Interest – all 2024 supplemental operating budget unless otherwise noted			
Transportation – STARS correction	\$76.89 million, OSPI	Funding is provided to account for OSPI's increased allocation of transportation funding to school districts	Funding
Community Eligibility Provision	\$45 million, OSPI	Funding is provided for additional reimbursements to school districts participating in the federal Community Eligibility Provision for meals not reimbursed at the federal free meal rate.	Funding
Multilingual and heritage dual language programs	\$3.3 million (ongoing), OSPI	To OSPI to expand dual language K-12 grants ((included in 2023-25 biennium)	Funding
Tribal Since Time Immemorial grants	\$400,000, OSPI	\$200,000 to school districts, and \$200,000 to federally recognized tribes, including federally recognized Indian tribes whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington but now reside in Oregon, Idaho, or British Columbia.	Funding
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Success Program	\$3 million, OSPI	Funding is provided for grants to school districts for Ninth Grade Success. The program is administered through Stand for Children.	Funding

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District Access to Skill Centers	\$1.4 million, OSPI	Funding is provided for grants to small school districts (less than 2,750 students) with students who attend regional skills centers for career and technical education. <i>Per bill language</i> .	Funding
Contract Bus Driver Benefits	\$425,000, OSPI	Funding is provided to allow contract bus drivers and related staff to opt into health and retirement benefits as proposed in ESHB 1248 (Pupil transportation).	Funding
Teacher Preparation Program Analysis	\$188,000, PESB	Provides funding for the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) to convene two work groups to review implementation of new and existing standards in teacher preparation programs and to perform preparation program gap analyses. <i>Work is similar to that proposed in</i> <i>SB 6012.</i>	Funding
School District Technical Assistance – grant programs	\$150,000, OSPI	Funding is provided for OSPI to hire 1.0 FTE to support smaller school districts with applying for state, local or other public or private grant sources. <i>Similar to HB 2448</i> .	Funding
Free & Reduced Price Meals alternative metric study	\$150,000, OSPI	Funding is provided for a study to examine how free and reduced-price school meal data is used as a funding driver for programs and to provide recommendations for an alternative metric or metrics to the legislature.	OSPI Report
Statewide IEP Portal Feasibility study	\$500,000, OSPI	Funding is provided to conduct a feasibility study for an online, statewide Individualized Education Program (IEP) system.	OSPI Report
Seasonal Farmworkers Children study	\$183,000, OSPI	Funding is provided for OSPI to study the factors that impact education outcomes for children of	OSPI Report

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		seasonal farm workers in comparison to migrant students.	
School District Compliance Review	\$1.5 million, OSPI	Funding is provided for OSPI to conduct a one- time compliance review of every school district in Washington between July 2024 and July 2025 related to compliance with state non- discrimination laws, Chapters 28A.640 RCW and 28A.642 RCW, and federal nondiscrimination laws.	OSPI Review
School Environmental Health & Safety rules	\$750,000, DOH	Funding is provided solely to review and update the rules for school environmental health and safety. The State Board of Health and DOH shall conduct the review in collaboration with a multi- disciplinary technical advisory committee. The proposed new rules shall establish the minimum statewide health and safety standards for schools, and must consider the size of school districts, regional cost differences, the age of the schools, the feasibility of implementing the proposed rules by section or subject area, and any other variables that may affect the implementation of the rules. The advisory group must have broad representation, and OSPI must develop a fiscal analysis of the proposed rules. A report is due June 30, 2025.	Funding
Initiative 2081 Technical Assistance to school districts	\$500,000, OSPI	Funding is provided for OSPI to develop guidance and provide technical assistance to school districts on the implementation of Initiative 2081 (Parental rights/schools)	Funding
New School District Requirement:	\$25,000 to OSPI	By November 1, 2024, each district shall report to the superintendent on the district's utilization of funds provided by the legislature under chapter	OSPI Report

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475, Laws of 2023 (special education increase from 13.5% to 15%) and this act (increase from 15% to 16%), including under subsections (13) and (14) of this section.

The report shall include the following:

- To what extent the district has increased special services, programs, and supports to students with disabilities for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years;
- (ii) How the district has modified staffing ratios during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years in special programs to provide more intensive staff support to students enrolled in special education programs;
- (iii) How the district has used the resources provided under chapter 475, Laws of 2023 and this act to increase employee compensation for both certificated and classified staff during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years to improve staff retention and recruitment of new staff;
- (iv) To what extent the district has increased staff development programs and curriculum that is both timely and relevant to the needs of students with disabilities during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years; and
- (v) To what extent the district has used the resources provided under chapter 475, Laws of 2023 and this act to

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		purchase staff safety equipment during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years in order to reduce work- related injuries.	
Energy Assessment Grants to School Districts	\$4.95 million (capital), OSPI	Solely for energy assessment grants to school districts for buildings that exceed 220,000 gross square feet pursuant to compliance with the state's energy-related building standards in chapter 19.27A RCW. Assessments funded under this subsection must include professional cost estimates for mitigating the energy use intensity deficiencies identified. OSPI must collect the cost estimate data from school districts receiving a grant under this subsection and report a summary of the collected cost data, as well as a list of specific capital projects for school districts developed.	Funding
Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools	\$1.5 million (capital), OSPI	Funding is increased for this grant program. All districts are eligible.	Funding
School-based Health and Behavioral Health Clinics	\$68.2 million (capital), OSPI	Skill Center projects are named (e.g., Tri-Tech to receive \$45.5 million and Wenatchee Valley Technical to receive \$14.463 million)	Funding
School Construction Assistance Program Revision (SCAPR)	\$1 million (capital), OSPI	School construction assistance study. Interim report due March 15, 2025, and final report due September 30, 2025. Meant to completely revamp SCAP, including use of common designs, ranking projects, and bringing lists to the Legislature for funding each biennium.	Funding
2023-25 Community Solar Resilience Hubs	\$38 million (capital), Commerce	For the purposes of this section "community buildings" means K-12 schools, community colleges, community centers, recreation centers,	Funding

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		libraries, tribal buildings, state and local government buildings, and other publicly owned infrastructure.	
EV Charging Infrastructure	\$105 million (capital), Commerce	Projects that receive funding under this section must be implemented by, or include partners from, one or more of the following: Local governments, federally recognized tribal governments, or public and private electrical utilities that serve retail customers in the state. The department must prioritize funding for projects in the following order: multifamily housing; publicly available charging at any location; schools and school districts; state and local government buildings and office buildings;	Funding
		all other eligible projects.	
Additional bills of interest that failed to	pass in 2024 – in numerical or	der – All bills can be revied at the Bill Info page <u>here</u>	
		HB 1714 would have created a grant program for financial literacy education professional development. (Stonier)	Didn't pass
		HB 1915 would have made financial education a graduation requirement for the class of 2031. (Rude)	Didn't pass
		HB 2005 would have required school districts to show a weighted grade point average on high school transcripts. (McClintock)	Didn't pass
		HB 2018 would have required school districts to restrict mobile device use by public school students. (McClintock)	Didn't pass

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		HB 2037/SB 5851 would have required instruction in the Holocaust and genocide in grades 6-12, when the topic aligned with the social studies learning standards, beginning in the 2027-28 school year. (Couture, Braun)	Didn't pass
		HB 2079 would have increased penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and athletic activities. (Schmidt)	Didn't pass
		HB 2130 would have extended special education services to the age of 22. (Pollet)	Didn't pass
		HB 2123 would have established a Running Start for the Trades program. (Orwall)	Didn't pass
		HB 2146/SB 5850 would have created several grant programs to support districts seeking to address chronically absent students. (Rule, Braun)	Didn't pass
		HB 2148 would have required the state Employment Security Department to conduct a comparable wage analysis as a way of addressing inequities caused by regionalization. (Reeves)	Didn't pass
		HB 2215/SB 5956 would have increased the maximum per-pupil limit used for enrichment levies for school districts with fewer than 40,000 students by the school district's regionalization factor used for state salary allocations. (Slatter, Wellman)	Didn't pass
		HB 2267 would have allowed students to show one cultural representation at graduation ceremonies. (McEntire)	Didn't pass

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		HB 2282/SB 6275 would have created a work group to begin identifying African American studies curricula for students in grades 7-12. (Morgan, Nobles)	Didn't pass
		HB 2284 would have required schools to begin using evidence-based instructional practices in reading and writing literacy for public elementary students. (Pollet)	Didn't pass
		HB 2309 would have created the Washington 13 free guarantee program, a free 1 <sup>st</sup> year of community college. (Bergquist)	Didn't pass
		HB 2374 would have established the Washington Promise Program, to provide up to 90 credits of tuition-free community or technical college to eligible students. (Pollet)	Didn't pass
		SB 5849 would have required students in the graduating class of 2030 to demonstrate proficiency in the computer science learning standards to graduate from high school. (Wellman)	Didn't pass
		SP 6019 would have funded an early learning	Didn't nace
		SB 6018 would have funded an early learning coordinator at each of the nine Educational Service Districts. (Callan)	Didn't pass
		SB 6205 would have mandated instruction on the meaning and history of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools, beginning in the 2025-26 school year. (McCune)	Didn't pass

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		SB 6253 would have increased Learning Assistance Program funding in high-poverty schools from 1.1 to 2.2 hours per week in extra instruction with a class size of 15 LAP students per teacher, distributed to the school that generated the high-poverty LAP funding. (Nobles)	Didn't pass