

# K-12 Budget and Policy Overview 2011

<b>Article 1: General Education</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Calculation of income.</b> Clarifies the investment income earned for the purposes of the permanent school fund.	
<b>2, 7 28, 29, 30</b>	<b>Home School Reporting.</b> First school year after the age of seven, 7 <sup>th</sup> grade and within 15 days of moving; annual letter. Documents for required instruction: standardized test scores and others; also to a county attorney in certain circumstances. Superintendents report to commissioner on the total number of nonpublic children in the district. Maintains the obligations of the compulsory attendance statute. Allows for Drivers Ed instruction.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Length of school year.</b> Establishes a minimum number of hours for student instruction.	
<b>4-6 20 22</b>	<b>Early graduation Achievement Scholarship &amp; Military Award</b> Is open and standing appropriation.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Charter School defined as district</b> March 1, 2012, and later.	
<b>9, 10</b>	<b>Electronic Textbooks and instructional materials for non public.</b> Effective June 30, 2014.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Capital project levy referendum.</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Levy Recognition.</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Pupil of limited English proficiency.</b> Non-proficient gets aid.	
<b>14</b>	<b>Definitions.</b> Charter schools Spec ed excess cost.	
<b>15, 17</b>	<b>Small Schools Revenue</b> part of general education: Adjusted marginal cost; 1000 or fewer.	
<b>16</b>	<b>Basic revenue.</b> Increases the basic formula allowance from \$5,124 to \$5,174 in fiscal year 2012, to \$5,224 for fiscal year 2013.	
<b>18</b>	<b>Scarcity revenue for school districts that close facilities.</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>Uses of total operating capital.</b> Leasing vehicles, closing a school including moving and storage costs.	
<b>21</b>	<b>Building allocation.</b> Cooperatives compensatory to school site.	
<b>23</b>	<b>Retired employee health benefits.</b> Limits and adjusts to costs.	
<b>24</b>	<b>Safe schools levy.</b> Strikes the maintenance of effort provision.	
<b>25</b>	<b>Tax and aid anticipation borrowing; definitions.</b>	
<b>26</b>	<b>School endowment fund</b> Changed to pupils served effective March 1, 2012 and later.	
<b>27</b>	<b>Charters accelerated special education payments if 90%.</b>	
<b>31</b>	<b>Alternative compensation forecast revenue recapture.</b>	
<b>32/33</b>	<b>Kittson Central &amp; Northland Community School closing.</b>	
<b>34</b>	<b>School district levy adjustments.</b> 2011 omnibus tax bill.	

<b>35</b>	<b>Reserved revenue for staff development; temporary suspension.</b>	
<b>37</b>	<b>Repealer.</b> Home School visits; T & E and C&TE	
<b>Article 2: Education Excellence</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>School boards;</b> interactive technology meetings	
<b>2</b>	<b>Career &amp; Technical qualify for chemistry , physics credit</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Reading proficiently no later than the end of grade 3.</b> Parent notification and involvement.; Staff development;. Local literacy plan; Commissioner to help.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Statewide testing.</b> Notation on transcripts to "Pass"/"Not Pass"	
<b>5</b>	<b>Reporting.</b> Provides cross-references to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, Title 34, Section 99.3) and the Government Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. § 13.34).	
<b>6</b>	<b>Access to tests</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Student performance data.</b> Removes demographic analysis.	
<b>8, 9</b>	<b>School performance report cards &amp; AYP.</b> Adds 30 days to release school when new standards.	
<b>10</b>	<b>License and rules BOT initial licenses – differentiated licenses</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Highly qualified teacher definition updated</b> year and later.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Probationary period.</b> Three periodic written evaluations; one with 90 days. Service year at least 120 teaching days. Applicable to all collective bargaining agreements ratified after September 1, 2013.	
<b>13</b>	<b>Peer Review for probationary teachers.</b> Consistent with the annual teacher evaluation process. (2014-2015 school year and later.)	
<b>14 17, 18 &amp; 19 for First Class Cities</b>	<b>Teacher Evaluation for continuing contract teachers.</b> School board and teachers to develop through joint agreement a teacher evaluation and peer review process. If no agreement is reached must implement the plan the commissioner develops. Requirements established including 35% tied to growth. Department to work with stakeholders to develop evaluation plan. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year and later.	
<b>15</b>	<b>Grounds for termination.</b> Inefficiency in managing a school added as grounds for termination effective for collective bargaining agreements ratified after September 1, 2014.	
<b>16</b>	<b>Demotion redefined</b> Amends the definition of "demote" Makes this section immediately effective.	
<b>21 22 46 &amp; 47</b>	<b>Implementing a performance-based evaluation system for principals.</b> Annual evaluation of school principals in the list of duties a school superintendent is required to perform. Effective for the 2013-2014 school year and later. Sets specifications. Commissioner to convene a group of experts and stakeholders to develop a model performance-based system.	
<b>23 24</b>	<b>Full-service school zones allowed.</b> . Effective July 1, 2011. Changes definition of "Regular Transportation" and "Excess Transportation" to allow for full-service school zones.	
<b>25 &amp; 27</b>	<b>Authorization; notification.</b> Allows ninth and tenth grade students to enroll in college in the school's classes if, after all the 11th and 12th grade students have applied, more students are needed to offer the course. Set	

	limitations on number of years.	
<b>26</b>	<b>Dissemination of PSEO information.</b> To eighth and ninth graders.	
<b>28</b>	<b>Eligibility.</b> Expands eligibility for concurrent enrollment program aid to include rigorous career and technical education programs.	
<b>29, 30</b>	<b>Charter schools.</b> Lifts cap on single purpose authorizers; provides indemnification for authorizers and MDE; deletes cooperatives; makes other minor changes; Removes the grandfather lease aid effective for fiscal year 2012 and later. Valid contact before aid payments.	
<b>32 - 37</b>	<b>ServeMinnesota Innovation Act.. Program. &amp; Grants</b>	
<b>38 - 40</b>	<b>Reading Corps Program</b>	
<b>41</b>	<b>Career and technical levy.</b>	
<b>42</b>	<b>School segregation prohibited</b>	
<b>43</b>	<b>Literary incentive aid.</b> In FY 2013 and later, creates literacy incentive aid as the sum of proficiency aid and growth aid based pm third and fourth grade scores.	
<b>44</b>	<b>Charter school start-up aid.</b> Makes a charter school in its first year of operating during fiscal year 2012 or later ineligible for charter school start-up aid.	
<b>45</b>	<b>Literacy incentive aid limit.</b> Directs the Commissioner to adjust the literacy incentive aid entitlement, in fiscal year 2013 only, to ensure that the entitlement doesn't exceed \$48,585,000.	
<b>46</b>	<b>English Language Proficiency Standards. WIDA</b>	
<b>48</b>	<b>Tiered licensure advisory task force.</b>	
<b>49</b>	<b>Integration revenue replacement advisory task force.</b> 12-members; to develop recommendations for repurposing integration revenue funds. Report to the legislature by February 15, 2012, how best to allocate funds previously allocated as integration revenue funds to achieve improved educational outcomes for students. Sets the base appropriation and levies for FY 2014 and 2015.	
	<b>Repealer</b> Magnet/metropolitan magnet school grants for fiscal year 2012 and later; contract deadline penalty; charter school start-up costs; integration revenue effective for revenue for fiscal year 2014.	
<b>Article 3: Special Education</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Child with a disability.</b> Updates statutory terms to conform with federal terminology and Minnesota rule.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Physical holding or seclusion.</b> Allows a school district to continue to use prone restraints with certain conditions until August 1, 2012.	
<b>3, 8</b>	<b>Placement in another district; responsibility.</b> Commissioner to designate the district of residence if there is a dispute.	

4 - 7	<b>Third-party reimbursement.</b> For children enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare, directs a school district to provide an initial and then annual notice to the parent of a child with disabilities of the district's intent to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or MinnesotaCare for the individualized education program health-related services that the district provides to the child. Districts to use the payments for individualized education program health-related services.	
9	<b>Students without a disability from other states.</b>	
10	<b>Minnesota Academy for the Deaf or the Minnesota Academy for the Blind</b> Parent may submit application directly a 60- to 90-day trial period	
<b>Article 4: Facilities and Technology</b>		
1	<b>Debt service appropriation.</b> Sets the fixed standing appropriation	
2	<b>Capital expenditures; health and safety.</b> Streamlines the process	
3	<b>Capital project levy referendum.</b> Modifies ballot language	
4	<b>Review and Comment</b> Allows conceptual drawings	
6	<b>TIES building</b> or land lease	
7	<b>Wayzata eligible for alternative facilities revenue.</b> 2013 and later	
8	<b>Early repayment of capitol loan</b>	
9	<b>Health and safety policy.</b>	
<b>Article 5: Nutrition and Accounting</b>		
1, 2	<b>Additional revenues; priority</b> to repay property tax recognition shift <b>Levy recognition.</b> Strikes the state paid tax credits from the early recognition	
3	<b>Payment of aids to charter schools</b>	
4, 5	<b>Violations of law.</b> Clarified	
	<b>Aid reduction; levy revenue recognition change</b>	
7	<b>Definitions.</b> Sets the aid payment percentage to 60 %	
8, 9	<b>Payment dates and percentages</b> <b>Payment to creditors.</b> Directs the education commissioner to make state aid payments only to school districts, charter schools, and other educational organizations that provide education services.	
10, 11	<b>Levy aid recognition timing.</b> Requires the commissioner to schedule the portion of the aid adjustment for fiscal year 2011 attributable to the exclusion of levy portions assumed by the state from the levy calculation to occur with the final 2011 payment made on October 30, 2011.	
	<b>Fund transfer; fiscal years 2012 and 2013.</b> Authorizes a school district to transfer any money from one fund or account to another in fiscal years 2012 and 2013 as long as the transfer does not increase state aid obligations or increase local property taxes. Excludes transfers from the community service fund or the food service fund. Allows a school board to approve a fund transfer only after the board adopts a resolution stating that	

	the transfer will not diminish instructional opportunities for students.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Appropriations.</b> See fiscal tracking worksheets.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Repealer.</b> Repeals section 127A.46 (the state's ability to delay school aid payments in lieu of state short-term borrowing).	
<b>Article 6: Libraries</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Funding.</b> Removes the maintenance of effort requirements of cities and school districts for jointly operated libraries retroactively to fiscal year 2011 and later.	
<b>Article 7: Early Childhood Education</b>		
<b>1</b>	Strikes the commissioners requirement to collect and evaluate literacy data on children from age three	
<b>Article 8: Prevention</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Community education director.</b> District with fewer than 6,000 residents, instead of 2,000 residents, a person with a valid Minnesota principal or superintendent license can serve as the community education director	
<b>Article 9: Self-Sufficiency and Lifelong Learning</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Adult basic education aid</b> Reduces the program growth factor from 1.03 to 1.02. effective for revenue for fiscal year 2012 and later.	
<b>Article 10: Student Transportation</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Area learning center pupils between buildings.</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Definitions.</b> Includes transportation of pupils for a curricular field trip activity on a school bus with a power lift when the lift is required by the student's disability or section 504 plan in the definition of "transportation services for pupils with disabilities."	
<b>3</b>	<b>District reports.</b> More consistent method to measure transportation	
<b>Article 11: State Agencies</b>		
	<b>Appropriations; Department of Education.</b> 5% Reduction <b>Appropriation; Minnesota State Academies.</b> <b>Appropriation; Perpich Center for Arts Education.</b>	

**Other Laws:**

**Chapter 5: Alternative pathways to teacher licensure created.**

- Board of Teaching to approve qualified programs offering alternative pathways to teacher licensure in order to improve academic excellence, improve ethnic and cultural diversity in the classroom, and close the academic achievement gap.
- Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, alternative licensure programs may be created by a school district or charter school in partnership with a college or university with a board-approved alternative teacher preparation program, or in consultation with such an institution in partnership with an education-related nonprofit organization. Among other criteria, alternative licensure programs must require 200 student teaching and instructional hours before a teacher is assigned to classroom duties.
- Alternative licensure candidates who meet all criteria will be granted a two-year limited license that the board may renew for an additional year, and may prepare for a standard teaching license. Candidates must have a 3.0 or higher grade-point average or a waiver from the board; pass basic reading, writing and math skills exams; and obtain qualifying scores on board-approved content and pedagogy exams.
- Board to streamline the path for teachers holding out-of-state licensure from accredited programs. Candidates who have completed another state's alternative teacher preparation program may apply for a standard Minnesota license.

Effective March 8, 2011, and applicable to those completing a teacher preparation program by the end of the 2013-2014 school year or later, all teacher candidates in traditional and alternative licensure programs must be measured by content-specific examinations and performance-based assessments of teachers focusing on three areas: planning for instruction, engaging students and assessing student learning.

The board may revoke an alternative teacher preparation program that fails to meet requirements.

By Feb. 15, 2013, the board must submit to the Legislature an interim report on the subject, and its final report is due Feb. 15, 2015.

Effective Aug. 1, 2011, current alternative licensure is repealed.

#### **Chapter 27:**

- Charter school reauthorization deadline extended to July 1, 2012.
- Allows school districts to hire retired teachers as athletic coaches without violating pension laws, just as they have been able to hire retirees as substitute teachers.
- Effective May 19, 2011

#### **What didn't pass:**

- **A-F Grading**
- **Third Grade Reading Retention**
- **Collective Bargaining Changes—QEO**
- **Prohibition on Common Core and other Rulemaking (Social Studies Standards)**
- **Charter Districts**