

Agency Legislative Budget								
Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2000	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2002	New Proposals Fiscal 2002	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 2002	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2003	New Proposals Fiscal 2003	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 2003	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 02-03
FTE	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00
Personal Services	165,764	18,898	0	184,662	19,840	0	185,604	370,266
Operating Expenses	130,077	7,451	23,000	160,528	4,047	23,000	157,124	317,652
Equipment	1,814	0	0	1,814	0	0	1,814	3,628
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$297,655</b>	<b>\$26,349</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$347,004</b>	<b>\$23,887</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$344,542</b>	<b>\$691,546</b>
General Fund	137,503	11,941	22,384	171,828	10,620	22,384	170,507	342,335
State/Other Special	160,152	14,408	616	175,176	13,267	616	174,035	349,211
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$297,655</b>	<b>\$26,349</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$347,004</b>	<b>\$23,887</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$344,542</b>	<b>\$691,546</b>

**Agency Description**

The seven-member Board of Public Education, under authority of Article X, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution, exercises "general supervision over the public school system", including the School for the Deaf and Blind. The board shares responsibility with the Board of Regents under Title 20, Chapter 2, MCA for general planning, coordination, and evaluation of the state education system. This includes school accreditation, teacher certification, standardization of policies and programs, and equalization of aid distribution. Board accreditation is the basis for local school district eligibility for state funds. The board also hears and acts on cases for adverse action on teacher certificates, and reviews programs for interstate reciprocity.

**Summary of Legislative Action**

The total budget for the Board of Public Education for the 2003 biennium includes \$50,236 in present law adjustments and \$46,000 in new proposals. Total budget increase over the 2001 biennium is \$66,520 including \$66,470 general fund, or 9.6 percent. The legislature applied statewide adjustments, and approved present law adjustments included \$8,000 for a technology upgrade to purchase computer hardware and connect board members via the Internet. The legislature approved two new proposals including: 1) \$16,000 to review standards for school improvement recommended by the Office of Public Instruction; and 2) \$30,000 for annual membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

Agency Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2000	Executive Budget Fiscal 2002	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2002	Leg - Exec. Difference Fiscal 2002	Executive Budget Fiscal 2003	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2003	Leg - Exec. Difference Fiscal 2003	Biennium Difference Fiscal 02-03
FTE	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	
Personal Services	165,764	184,662	184,662	0	185,604	185,604	0	0
Operating Expenses	130,077	137,528	160,528	23,000	134,124	157,124	23,000	46,000
Equipment	1,814	1,814	1,814	0	1,814	1,814	0	0
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$297,655</b>	<b>\$324,004</b>	<b>\$347,004</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$321,542</b>	<b>\$344,542</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>
General Fund	137,503	149,444	171,828	22,384	148,123	170,507	22,384	44,768
State/Other Special	160,152	174,560	175,176	616	173,419	174,035	616	1,232
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$297,655</b>	<b>\$324,004</b>	<b>\$347,004</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$321,542</b>	<b>\$344,542</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>

Program Legislative Budget								
Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2000	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2002	New Proposals Fiscal 2002	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 2002	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2003	New Proposals Fiscal 2003	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 2003	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 02-03
FTE	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00
Personal Services	103,090	6,135	0	109,225	6,527	0	109,617	218,842
Operating Expenses	45,838	5,806	23,000	74,644	4,093	23,000	72,931	147,575
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$148,928</b>	<b>\$11,941</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$183,869</b>	<b>\$10,620</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$182,548</b>	<b>\$366,417</b>
General Fund	137,503	11,941	22,384	171,828	10,620	22,384	170,507	342,335
State/Other Special	11,425	0	616	12,041	0	616	12,041	24,082
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$148,928</b>	<b>\$11,941</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$183,869</b>	<b>\$10,620</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$182,548</b>	<b>\$366,417</b>

**Program Description**

The Administration Program provides administration, research, clerical functions, and management of business affairs for all programs under the authority of the Board of Public Education. The Board of Public Education exists under Article X, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution, and exercises general supervision of the public school system.

**Funding**

The Administration Program is funded with a combination of general fund and teacher certification fees. Teacher certification fees fund indirect costs and support the Teacher Certification Council, which is entirely funded with these fees.

Present Law Adjustments										
-----Fiscal 2002-----					-----Fiscal 2003-----					
	FTE	General	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
Personal Services					6,135					6,527
Vacancy Savings					0					0
Inflation/Deflation					(13)					0
Fixed Costs					1,819					93
<b>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</b>					<b>\$7,941</b>					<b>\$6,620</b>
DP 2 - Technology Upgrade	0.00	4,000	0	0	4,000	0.00	4,000	0	0	4,000
<b>Total Other Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>					<b>\$11,941</b>					<b>\$10,620</b>

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law Adjustments" table shows the primary changes to the adjusted base budget made by the legislature. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Legislative decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies. The other numbered adjustments in the table correspond to the narrative descriptions.

DP 2 - Technology Upgrade - The legislature approved \$8,000 general fund in the 2003 biennium to allow the board to purchase computer equipment and a scanner, as well as to connect board members via the Internet. The intent is to reduce reliance on long distance phone calls, fax, and mail service.

New Proposals	-----Fiscal 2002-----					-----Fiscal 2003-----					
	Prgm	FTE	General	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Review of OPI State Improvement Standards											
01	0.00	7,384	616	0	8,000	0.00	7,384	616	0	8,000	
DP 2 - NASBE Dues											
01	0.00	15,000	0	0	15,000	0.00	15,000	0	0	15,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$22,384</b>	<b>\$616</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$22,384</b>	<b>\$616</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	

**New Proposals**

DP 1 - Review of OPI State Improvement Standards - The legislature approved \$16,000 for the 2003 biennium for the Board of Public Education to review the standards for school improvement established by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI). This funding includes \$15,768 general fund and \$1,232 state special revenue. The Board of Public Education will conduct an independent assessment of each OPI recommendation.

DP 2 - NASBE Dues - The legislature approved \$30,000 general fund in the 2003 biennium for annual Board of Education membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

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FTE	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00
Personal Services	62,674	12,763	0	75,437	13,313	0	75,987	151,424
Operating Expenses	84,239	1,645	0	85,884	(46)	0	84,193	170,077
Equipment	1,814	0	0	1,814	0	0	1,814	3,628
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$148,727</b>	<b>\$14,408</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$163,135</b>	<b>\$13,267</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$161,994</b>	<b>\$325,129</b>
State/Other Special	148,727	14,408	0	163,135	13,267	0	161,994	325,129
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$148,727</b>	<b>\$14,408</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$163,135</b>	<b>\$13,267</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$161,994</b>	<b>\$325,129</b>

**Program Description**

The seven-member Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council, authorized by Title 2-15-1522 of the MCA, studies issues and makes recommendations to the Board of Public Education relative to educator certification, certification standards, and changes and appeals in accordance with Title 20-4-133, MCA. The council submits recommendations to the board annually and as needed.

**Funding**

The Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council is funded by teacher certification fees. The current \$6 fee provides \$4 for council support and \$2 for research and study.

	-----Fiscal 2002-----					-----Fiscal 2003-----				
	FTE	General	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
Personal Services					12,763					13,313
Vacancy Savings					0					0
Inflation/Deflation					44					78
Fixed Costs					1,601					(124)
<b>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</b>					<b>\$14,408</b>					<b>\$13,267</b>
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>					<b>\$14,408</b>					<b>\$13,267</b>

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