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- Chicago Chalkbeat - Chicago will get smaller share of state's increased K-12 education budget for second year in a row

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Chicago will get \$1.77 billion for K-12 education from the state budget. The amount is slightly less than expected but still more than last year. Christian K. Lee / for Chalkbeat

Chicago Public Schools will once again get less state education money than officials anticipated, according to new data released by the state on Tuesday.

Although Chicago will still see an increase in state education funding, a drop in the percentage of students considered low-income and a bump in property wealth in the city means the district is not getting the largest share of the new money. In May, state lawmakers passed a \$50.6 billion state budget that allocated \$10.3 billion to education. That included a \$350 million increase to be distributed to K-12 school districts through an evidence-based

formula.

Chicago was expecting to get \$27 million of that increase. But new calculations posted on the Illinois State Board of Education website show that the state is allocating \$23.3 million of the increase to CPS.

The largest share of the state's new K-12 funding – \$35 million – will go to **Elgin U-46**, Illinois' second largest district. Plainfield School District 202, the state's fifth largest district, will receive \$13.1 million of the increase.

In all, Chicago will get \$1.77 billion in K-12 funding, up from \$1.75 billion last year. The amount doesn't include millions it gets for things such as pre-K and transportation. The new state data indicates CPS is now getting more than \$17,000 per student from the state and is considered 80% of the way to "adequately funded."

A district spokesperson did not say how the change might impact the already-approved \$9.4 billion budget. In a statement, they said the district is "eager to work with the General Assembly toward increased and targeted State funding that more equitably supports the students most in need in Chicago and across Illinois."

Last year, Chicago Public Schools planned on getting \$50 million in new state money, but instead received a little more than \$27 million after losing 10,000 students and seeing an increase in property wealth.

Funding for public education has been steadily increasing in Illinois since 2017, when state lawmakers overhauled the formula used to distribute tax dollars to school districts. The goal was to add more money over time to bring all districts to a level of "adequacy" and shed Illinois' reputation as a state that **ranked near the bottom** when it came to support for public education.

"When you consider how much progress Illinois has made in the last five years, it's nothing short of remarkable," said Robin Steans, president of Advance Illinois, a nonprofit advocacy and policy organization based in Chicago that focuses on public school education. "But that does not mean our work is done."

Steans said the latest calculations make her hopeful that the state can fully fund schools in the next five years, but there is still a need to increase state funding for schools by at least \$550 million a year to reach that goal.

Lawmakers have increased education funding every year since 2018, **with the exception of**

2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

State education officials calculate how much each school district gets based on a number of factors, including the needs of the students enrolled and a local district's ability to fund schools using local resources such as property taxes. For example, districts that serve more students from low-income families or English language learners get more state money.

Chicago Public Schools is [facing a looming deficit](#) when federal COVID recovery money runs out next fall. District officials and school board members have said they hope for more state funding to fill the gap.

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- The Daily Herald - 2023 Fox Valley football schedule

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Aurora Central Catholic at St. Edward, 7 p.m

Crystal Lake Central at Huntley, 7 p.m.

Dundee Crown at Crystal Lake South, 7 p.m.

Elgin at Fenton, 7:30 p.m.

Geneva at Metea Valley, 7 p.m.

Glenbard East at Larkin, 7 p.m.

Jacobs at Prairie Ridge, 7 p.m.

Marmion Academy at Maine West, 6:30 p.m.

Marquette at Aurora Christian, 7 p.m.

McHenry at Hampshire, 7 p.m.

Palatine at St. Charles North, 7 p.m.

Phillips at Batavia, 7 p.m.

St. Charles East at Lincoln Way Central, 7:30 p.m.

Streamwood at Bartlett, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Kaneland, 7:30 p.m.

West Aurora at Proviso East, 7 p.m.

West Chicago at South Elgin, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 1

Aurora Central Catholic at East Peoria, 7 p.m.

Aurora Christian at Wilmington, 7 p.m.

Bartlett at West Chicago, 7 p.m.

Crystal Lake Central at Cary-Grove, 7 p.m.

Crystal Lake South at Prairie Ridge, 7 p.m.

Dundee Crown at Burlington Central, 7 p..

East Aurora at Elgin, 7 p.m.

Geneva at Lemont, 7 p.m.

Hampshire at Jacobs, 7 p.m.

Huntley at McHenry, 7 p.m.

Kaneland at Wauconda, 8 p.m.

Larkin at Streamwood, 7 p.m.

Lincoln Way East at Batavia, 7 p.m.

Marmion Academy at Curie, 7 p.m.

Noble/Bulls at West Aurora, 7 p.m.

South Elgin at Glenbard East, 7 p.m.

St. Charles North at Crete Monee, 7:30 p.m.

St. Edward at Dwight/Gardner S.Wilmington Co-op, 7 p.m.

Wheaton Academy at St. Charles East, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 8

Aurora Christian at Chicago Hope Academy, 7 p.m.

Bartlett at East Aurora, 7 p.m.

Batavia at Lake Park, 7 p.m.

Burlington Central at Crystal Lake South, 7 p.m.

Crystal Lake Central at Dundee Crown, 7 p.m.

Elgin at Streamwood, 7 p.m.

Fenton at South Elgin, 7 p.m.

Glenbard South at Larkin, 7 p.m.

Jacobs at Huntley, 7 p.m.

Leo at Marmion Academy, 7:30 p.m.

McHenry at Cary-Grove, 7 p.m.

Morris at Kaneland, 7 p.m.

Prairie Ridge at Hampshire, 7 p.m.

Romeoville at West Aurora, 7 p.m.

St. Charles East at Glenbard North, 7 p.m.

St. Charles North at Wheaton North, 7 p.m.

West Carroll at Aurora Central Catholic, 6 p.m.

Wheaton Warrenville South at Geneva, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 9

St/ Edward at Christ the King, TBA

Friday, September 15

Academy of Science (WI) at Aurora Central Catholic, 6 p.m.

Aurora Christian at St. Edward, 7 p.m.

Batavia at St. Charles North, 7 p.m.

Carmel at Marmion Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Cary-Grove at Jacobs, 7 p.m.

Crystal Lake South at Hampshire, 7 p.m.

Dundee Crown at McHenry, 7 p.m.

Elgin at Bartlett, 7:30 p.m.

Huntley at Prairie Ridge, 7 p.m.

Kaneland at Woodstock, 7 p.m.

Lake Park at Geneva, 7 p.m.

South Elgin at Larkin, 7 p.m.

Streamwood at Glenbard South, 7 p.m.

West Aurora at Plainfield East, 7 p.m.

Wheaton North at St. Charles East, 7 p.m.

Burlington Central at Crystal Lake Central, 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

Larkin at Fenton, 7:30 p.m.

Bartlett at Glenbard South, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 22

Christian Life at Westminster Christian, 6 p.m.

Crystal Lake Central at Crystal Lake South, 7 p.m.

Geneva at Glenbard North, 7 p.m.

Glenbard East at Streamwood, 7 p.m.

Hampshire at Huntley, 7 p.m.

Jacobs at Dundee Crown, 7 p.m.

Kingdom Prep Lutheran (WI) at Aurora Central Catholic, 6 p.m.
Marmion Academy at St. Rita, 7:30 p.m.
McHenry at Burlington Central, 7 p.m.
McNamara at Aurora Christian, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Kaneland, 7 p.m.
Prairie Ridge at Cary-Grove, 7 p.m.
South Elgin at East Aurora, 7 p.m.
St. Charles East at Lake Park, 7 p.m.
St. Charles North at Wheaton Warrenville South, 7 p.m.
West Chicago at Elgin, 7 p.m.
Wheaton Academy at St. Edward, 7 p.m.
Wheaton North at Batavia, 7 p.m.
Yorkville at West Aurora, 7 p.m.
Friday, September 29
Batavia at Geneva, 7 p.m.
Burlington Central at Jacobs, 7 p.m.
Cary-Grove at Hampshire, 7 p.m.
Christ the King at Aurora Christian, 7 p.m.
Crystal Lake South at Huntley, 7 p.m.
Dundee Crown at Prairie Ridge, 7 p.m.
East Aurora at Larkin, 7 p.m.
Eastland Pear City Co-op at Aurora Central Catholic, 7 p.m.
Elgin at Glenbard East, 7 p.m.
Fenton at Bartlett, 7:30 p.m.
Glenbard South at South Elgin, 7 p.m.
Kaneland at Sycamore, 7 p.m.
Marmion Academy at St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.
St. Charles North at St. Charles East, 7 p.m.
St. Edward at Chicago Christian, 7:15 p.m.
Streamwood at West Chicago, 7 p.m.
West Aurora at Oswego, 7 p.m.
Friday, October 6
Bartlett at Larkin, 7 p.m.
Chicago Hope Academy at St. Edward, 7 p.m.
Elgin at South Elgin, 7 p.m.
Geneva at Wheaton North, 7 p.m.

Glenbard North at St. Charles North, 7 p.m.
Hampshire at Dundee Crown, 7 p.m.
Jacobs at Crystal Lake Central, 7 p.m.
Marengo at Kaneland, 7 p.m.
Marian Woodstock at Aurora Christian, 7 p.m.
Marmion Academy at St. Laurence, 7:30 p.m.
McHenry at Crystal Lake South, 7 p.m.
Oswego at West Aurora, 7 p.m.
Prairie Ridge at Burlington Central, 7 p.m.
St. Charles East at Batavia, 7 p.m.

Streamwood at East Aurora, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 7

Aurora Central Catholic at Assumption (WI), 2 p.m.

Huntley at Cary-Grove, 1 p.m.

Friday, October 13

Aurora Central Catholic at Bureau Valley, 7 p.m.

Batavia at Wheaton Warrenville South, 7 p.m.

Burlington Central at Hampshire, 7 p.m.

Crystal Lake South at Cary-Grove, 7 p.m.

Dundee Crown at Huntley, 7 p.m.

Fenton at Streamwood, 7 p.m.

Joliet Catholic Academy at Marmion Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Larkin at Elgin, 6 p.m.

McHenry at Jacobs, 7 p.m.

South Elgin at Bartlett, 7:30 p.m.

St. Charles East at Geneva, 7 p.m.

St. Charles North at Lake Park, 7 p.m.

St. Edward at Woodstock Marian, 7 p.m.

West Aurora at Plainfield North, 7 p.m.

Westminster Christian at Christian Life, 6 p.m.

Wheaton Academy at Aurora Christian, 7 p.m.

Woodstock North at Kaneland, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 20

Aurora Central Catholic at Kewanee, 7 p.m.

Aurora Christian at Chicago Christian, 7:15 p.m.

Bartlett at Glenbard East, 7 p.m.

Cary-Grove at Dundee Crown, 7 p.m.
Geneva at St. Charles North, 7 p.m.
Glenbard North at Batavia, 7 p.m.
Glenbard South at Elgin, 7 p.m.
Hampshire at Crystal Lake Central, 7 p.m.
Huntley at Burlington Central, 7 p.m.
Jacobs at Crystal Lake South, 7 p.m.
Kaneland at LaSalle-Peru, 7 p.m.
Larkin at West Chicago, 7 p.m.
Minooka at West Aurora, 7 p.m.
St. Edward at McNamara, 7 p.m.
St. Viator at Marmion Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Streamwood at South Elgin, 7 p.m.
Wheaton Warrenville South at St. Charles East, 7 p.m.