

LC 243 – Proposed JDEP/YCEP Funding Model

Budget Need Calculation

1. Every site = .5 Administrator
+
Every class = 1 licensed teacher
.25 special education / ELL services
.25 transition specialist
.25 admin assistant/registrar
.05 substitute teacher

(Staff cost subtotal)
2. Staff Subtotal + 20% Supplies & Services
3. Staff, Supplies, & Services + 9% Indirect Cost = Total JDEP/YCEP Budget Need

Funding Mechanism

1. JDEP/YCEP Budget Need
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Per-Student State School Fund Allocation
Amount to be covered by Statewide Education Initiatives Account (of SSA)

Rationale

In recent years, as the number of youth held in county detention/OYA facilities has declined, so too has funding for the education programs that serve our justice-involved youth. However, basic overhead expenses have not changed. The cost of a classroom is the same, whether it serves 5 students or 10. A per-student funding model only leads to disparity for some of our most at-risk youth.

Ensuring that our youth involved in the carceral system stay on track to graduate is one of the best ways we can prevent them from ending up in our adult corrections system. That means investing in adequate staffing for *all* of our JDEP/YCEP classrooms so that students can receive quality instruction and transition/reconnection support regardless of their location.