

Funding for At-Risk Students and English Learners

Commission on School Funding

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Extended Learning Opportunity

- Background
 - Initially funded in 2017, in SB 178
 - Also referred to as “New Nevada Education Funding Plan”
- Funded through General Fund appropriation
 - FY 20: \$69,959,044
 - FY 21: \$69,959,044

Distribution Methodology: Extended Learning Opportunity funds

Established in NRS 387.131:

- By July 1 of each year, NDE must determine the number of eligible pupils in each public school.
- Eligible students include:
 - English Learners or eligible for a free or reduced lunch;
 - Score in the bottom 25th percentile on an assessment of proficiency;
 - Are not enrolled in a Zoom or Victory school; and
 - Do not have an IEP
- By July 15 of each year, NDE must transfer \$1,200 per eligible student to school districts and charter sponsors.

Local Administration of funds: Extended Learning Opportunity

School districts and charter schools

- may not comingle funds with other funds (NRS 387.129) and
- must distribute money to each identified school on a per pupil basis for each pupil identified (NRS 371.131).

Allowable uses of funds: Extended Learning Opportunity Evidence-Based Services

A minimum of 90% of funds must be spent on evidence-based services:

- Extended learning opportunities
- Academic Interventions
- Early childhood education, including a pre-kindergarten program
- Any other strategy designed by the public school and approved by the Department
- Parent and family engagement programs or services
- School climate and culture programs
- Social, psychological, or health care services to pupils and their families

Allowable uses of funds: Extended Learning Opportunity Professional Development

No more than 10% may be spent on the following:

- Reimbursement for coursework required to obtain endorsement relating to English language acquisition and development for teachers and other licensed educational personnel serving EL students
- Retention incentives for teachers or other licensed personnel serving EL students and have obtained endorsement
- Professional development

Number of Students Served: Extended Learning Opportunities

- Actual number of students for FY 20: 58,281
- Based on NDE calculation

Other State Resources for At Risk

- **State Victory School Funding:** SB 467 provides financial support for Victory schools. Victory schools are low-performing schools located in the most economically impacted zip codes in Nevada. Close to 100% of students attending Victory schools qualify for FRL.
- **State Zoom/English Learner (EL) Funding:** SB 467 provides financial support for Zoom schools in Clark and Washoe. Zoom schools are low-performing schools that have higher concentrations of EL. Although FRL is not a requirement for Zoom/EL services, most EL students attending Zoom schools qualify for FRL.

Other Federal Resources for At Risk

- **Federal Title I, Part A Funding:** For Fiscal Year 2019-2020, Nevada received
- **Federal Title I, Part C (Migrant Education Program) Funding:** For Fiscal Year 2019-2020, Nevada received \$307,672 in Federal Title I, Part C funding to supplement state and local efforts to provide supports for migratory students.
- **Federal McKinney-Vento (Homeless Children & Youth) Funding:** For Fiscal Year 2019-2020, Nevada received