

State Education Fund

What is the State Education Fund?

SB 543 (2019 Session) created the State Education Fund, which is a special revenue fund that combines specific local and state revenues to support the operation of public schools in Nevada. The State Education Fund retains interest and income earned on the revenue in the fund, less any applicable charges.

Additionally, unexpended funds in the State Education Fund do not revert to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year. Instead, unexpended funds in the State Education Fund transfer to the Education Stabilization Account.

What revenues are included in the State Education Fund?

According to SB 543, there are twenty sources of revenue included in the State Education Fund to support the Pupil Centered Funding Plan statewide base per pupil funding amount, including:

- Interest earned on the State Permanent School Fund (NRS 387.030)
- Room Tax (NRS 244.33561)
- Public School Operating Tax (PSOPT) (NRS387.195)
- Lease of Federal Lands (NRS 328.450(1) and NRS 328.460(1))
- Sales and Use Tax (NRS 360.850(2) and NRS 360.855(2))
- Net proceeds of Minerals and Geothermal Resources (NRS 362.170(4))
- Marijuana Tax Revenues:
 - 10% of Retail Sales (NRS 372A.290(2))
 - 15% of Wholesale (NRS 372A.290(3))
 - Medical Marijuana (NRS 453A.344(3))
 - Marijuana taxes, fees, and penalties (NRS 453D.510)
- Local School Support Tax (LSST) (NRS 374.785)
- Slot Tax (NRS 463.385(1))
- Governmental Service Tax (482.181(3))
- Proceeds of certain taxes, fees, and penalties, including:
 - Law Enforcement Forfeiture Accounts (NRS179.1187(1))
 - Franchise Fees (NRS 709.110, NRS 709.230, NRS 709.270)
- General Fund appropriation

How are other revenues accounted for in the State Education Fund?

Senate Bill (SB) 543 authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to create other accounts within the State Education Fund to support the administration of funds received from the federal government, as well as State funds required to meet match or maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements required by the federal government. These funds are not included in the Pupil Centered Funding Plan (PCFP); therefore, the funds are not included in the statewide base per pupil funding amount.

The list below summarizes the funds that may be placed in a separate account within the State Education Fund and are excluded from the PCFP.

- Federal funds
- General Fund appropriation used as match or MOE for federal funds
- Funding for non-K-12 activities, including early childhood education and adult education
- Contingency Funds

What is funded by the State Education Fund?

- State Board of Education, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Nevada Department of Education
- Auxiliary Services, such as transportation and food service, provided by school districts
- K-12 educational opportunities provided by school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted students
- Weighted funding for specific categories of students served by school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted student