

2026 Juvenile Justice Education Funding Report

Executive Summary

Target Funding Level (TFL) for Juvenile Detention and Youth Corrections Education Programs

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Senate Bill 1552 (2024), codified as ORS 327.288, requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop a biennial Target Funding Level (TFL) for Oregon's Juvenile Detention Education Programs (JDEP) and Youth Corrections Education Programs (YCEP). The TFL provides a standardized, classroom-based methodology for estimating the resources necessary to ensure that justice-involved youth continue to receive equitable, high-quality educational services while placed in county juvenile detention facilities and Oregon Youth Authority correctional facilities.

For the 2027-2029 biennium, ODE estimates that 46 classrooms (18 JDEP classrooms and 28 YCEP classrooms) will be required statewide based on Average Daily Membership (ADM) from the 2025-2026 school year. Applying the statutory methodology established in ORS 327.288, the estimated TFL is **\$28.16 million** for the 2027-2029 biennium, representing the total funding necessary to support educational services, contractual obligations, and program operations.

The project amount available to the Juvenile Justice Education Fund (JJEf) from the State School Fund (SSF), General Fund (GF), and the ending fund balance from 2025-27 are not sufficient to fully fund the calculated TFL. After accounting for these available resources, ODE projects a funding shortfall of **\$5.19 million** that will require support from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account (SEIA) to fully fund the Juvenile Justice Education Fund (JJEf). The report outlines the methodology used to calculate the TFL, estimates anticipated amounts to be made available to the JJEf and identifies the additional funding from the SEIA necessary to maintain program services throughout the biennium.

The TFL provides policymakers with a transparent, data-driven estimate of the resources required to maintain educational continuity for justice-involved youth. Adequate funding will enable JDEP and YCEP providers to continue delivering standards-aligned instruction, special education services, career and technical education, credit recovery, and transition planning that support improved educational outcomes, successful community reintegration, and reduced recidivism.

Conclusion

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) has calculated the Target Funding Level (TFL) and estimated the amount to be made available for the Juvenile Justice Education Fund (JJEf) for the 2027-29 biennium. The 2027-29 TFL is \$28,155,836.60, with \$9,111,731.00 funded from the General Fund (GF) and \$13,858,513.66 funded from the State School Fund (SSF). The 2027-29 Program Operational Costs are estimated at \$800,000.00. Therefore, the balance necessary to be funded is \$5,185,591.94. This amount may be transferred to the JJEf from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account (SEIA) according to ORS 327.288(3).

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