Peninsula Aviation Academy

Budget Language

$179,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 is provided solely for the Peninsula school district aviation academy to prepare students for diverse careers in the aviation industry.

Proviso Purpose

This proviso appropriates state funding to support the Peninsula School District's Aviation Academy and participating students.

Services Provided

Dollars were passed directly to the Peninsula School District for their Aviation Academy. The Academy is a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program offered to middle, and high school students interested in pursuing a career in the aviation industry. This program includes classroom instruction, field trips, working with technical equipment and flight simulators, and work towards attaining both college credits and industry credentials. The Academy also engaged in outreach to neighboring districts to expand programming and opportunities to students outside Peninsula School District.

Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

Peninsula School District was the named recipient in the proviso language.

Beneficiaries in the 2025-26 School Year

Number of School Districts: 1

Number of Schools: 5

Number of Students: 37+

Number of Educators: N/A

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No.

State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2026	$179,000	$179,000

Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2026	1

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

N/A

Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

These funds supported robust program offerings by the Aviation Academy, including lease of a hangar for student use and on-site instruction, field trips to museums and industry locations, and program expansion and recruitment. The Academy supports pursuit of aviation careers by diverse students, including those currently underrepresented in the industry, enrolling both male and female students, multilingual learners, and students with disabilities.

Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

None.

Future Opportunities

The Peninsula School District's Aviation Academy offers students a chance to explore and pursue careers in a traditionally high-paying industry with a strong presence in Washington, while also earning college credits alongside high school credits. The Academy was launched and initially funded by the district, and state funding was infused to boost and expand the program, but not required to sustain it. The State may find other opportunities to infuse state capital into similar programs to encourage and enhance similar offerings.

Other Relevant Information

The Academy, a new CTE program, is showing strong signs of growth. The Academy is a two-year program, and thus far 100% of students who enrolled in year one have chosen to enroll in year two. The Academy anticipates serving more students in the coming school year than it served in the 2025-26 school year.

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2026 Fiscal Year.

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