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BULLETIN NO. 035-23 SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School District Business Managers  
Public Charter Schools  
Tribal Compact Schools  
District Absenteeism & Truancy Liaisons

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: State Funding for Truancy Supports

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## PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Operating Budget Appropriations Act ([Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5693](#), Laws of 2022) contains an appropriation of \$1,399,000 for 2022–23 for school districts to support youth who are truant under chapter [28A.225 RCW](#) or at risk of becoming truant, and for costs associated with filing or serving petitions under [RCW 28A.225.030](#).

## CHANGES TO PURPOSE OF FUNDING

During the 2021 legislative session, the Legislature expanded the scope of this funding from solely reimbursing school districts for the costs of filing truancy petitions. School districts may now use the funds to support youth that are at risk of becoming truant or youth that are truant. This change will necessitate a different methodology of distributing funding to school districts.

**Funding will no longer be based solely on the number of petitions filed.**

## ALLOCATIONS FOR 2022–23

For the 2022–23 school year, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will maintain the same allocations as the previous school year (2021–22). This approach maintains funding stability for districts that have already used these funds for truancy related staffing and support.

## HOW TO CLAIM FUNDING

The allocation amounts for each school district can be found at the [Apportionment Attachments webpage](#).

Payments will be shown on Report 1197, Statement of Apportionment, in revenue account 415806 "TRUANCY."

The 2022–23 appropriation expires on June 30th; therefore, the money is used for efforts that occur/ed June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, and will be distributed with June's apportionment payments.

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding apportionment, please contact Jackie McDonald, School Apportionment Program Manager, at 360-725-6307 or email [jackie.mcdonald@k12.wa.us](mailto:jackie.mcdonald@k12.wa.us).

For questions regarding attendance and truancy, please contact Krissy Johnson, Assistant Director of Attendance & Engagement, at 360-972-4354 or email [krissy.johnson@k12.wa.us](mailto:krissy.johnson@k12.wa.us).

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