

**0510 and 0513 - EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND &  
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
FISCAL YEAR 2024  
AS ENACTED BY 869 OF 2023**

The School for the Blind provides education and training for all children and young people (birth through age twenty-one) who are visually impaired so they possess the required skills to become personally productive and self-sufficient citizens. The Arkansas School for the Deaf operates as a day school with residential facilities and provides educational services and opportunities for students Birth through the age of 21 with hearing impairments.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

| Appropriation |  | 2021-2022           | 2022-2023           | 2023-2024           |
|---------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|               |  | Actual              | Authorized          | Legislative         |
| 076           | School for the Blind-State Operations    | \$7,074,926         | \$7,085,686         | \$8,788,258         |
| 077           | School for the Blind-Federal Operations  | \$388,778           | \$1,045,846         | \$1,094,633         |
| 086           | Braille Textbooks                        | \$134,648           | \$223,024           | \$223,024           |
| A19           | School for the Blind-Cash Operations     | \$104,473           | \$474,508           | \$474,508           |
| AH8           | ARPA Arkansas School for the Blind       | \$17,869            | \$0                 | \$0                 |
| F70           | ASB-Demolition                           | \$1,000             | \$2,080             | \$2,080             |
| 056           | School for the Deaf - State Operations   | \$10,575,987        | \$10,890,915        | \$12,904,334        |
| 058           | School for the Deaf - Federal Operations | \$578,074           | \$975,000           | \$1,081,936         |
| A10           | School for the Deaf - Cash Operations    | \$151,140           | \$315,000           | \$230,000           |
| <b>Total</b>  |  | <b>\$19,026,895</b> | <b>\$21,102,059</b> | <b>\$24,798,773</b> |

**FUNDING SOURCES**

| Funding Sources    |         | %             |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Fund Balance       | 4000005 | 19.60         |
| General Revenue    | 4000010 | 77.75         |
| Federal Revenue    | 4000020 | 4.98          |
| Cash Fund          | 4000045 | 1.19          |
| Other              | 4000370 | 0.3           |
| <b>Total Funds</b> |         | <b>100.00</b> |

**CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**School for the Blind-State Operations (Appropriation 076)**

| Commitment Item |                  | 2022-2023   | 2023-2024   |              |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|                 |                  | Authorized  | Legislative | Change Level |
| 5010000         | Regular Salaries | \$4,010,224 | \$4,418,358 | \$408,134    |

|              |                            |             |             |             |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 5010003      | Personal Services Matching | \$1,425,078 | \$1,669,516 | \$244,438   |
| 5120011      | Capital Outlay             | \$0         | \$50,000    | \$50,000    |
| 5120032      | Special Maintenance        | \$200,000   | \$1,200,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| <b>Total</b> |                            | \$5,635,302 | \$7,337,874 | \$1,702,572 |

- Change levels due to bonuses and adjustments in matching rates for existing employees.
- Capital Outlay and Special Maintenance are provided for existing capital project needs.

### School for the Deaf - State Operations (Appropriation 056)

| Commitment Item |                              | 2022-2023    | 2023-2024    |              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                 |                              | Authorized   | Legislative  | Change Level |
| 5010000         | Regular Salaries             | \$6,562,217  | \$6,967,631  | \$405,414    |
| 5010001         | Extra Help                   | \$80,000     | \$90,000     | \$10,000     |
| 5010003         | Personal Services Matching   | \$2,445,395  | \$2,748,400  | \$303,005    |
| 5010006         | Overtime                     | \$28,000     | \$20,000     | (\$8,000)    |
| 5020002         | Operating Expenses           | \$1,501,540  | \$1,603,303  | \$101,763    |
| 5050009         | Conference & Travel Expenses | \$7,763      | \$10,000     | \$2,237      |
| 5060010         | Professional Fees            | \$1,000      | \$5,000      | \$4,000      |
| 5120011         | Capital Outlay               | \$20,000     | \$30,000     | \$10,000     |
| 5120032         | Special Maintenance          | \$300,000    | \$1,400,000  | \$1,100,000  |
| 5900046         | Vocational Workstudy         | \$5,000      | \$10,000     | \$5,000      |
| 5900048         | Miscellaneous Activities     | \$30,000     | \$20,000     | (\$10,000)   |
| <b>Total</b>    |                              | \$10,980,915 | \$12,904,334 | \$1,923,419  |

- Change level recommended for adjustments in salaries and matching rates for school employees.
- Increase in extra help for additional substitutes.
- Increase in operating expenses to provide for increased overhead expenses.
- Reallocation of appropriation from several line items to better reflect expenditures.

### School for the Deaf-Federal Operations (Appropriation 058)

| Commitment Item |                              | 2022-2023  | 2023-2024   |              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
|                 |                              | Authorized | Legislative | Change Level |
| 5010000         | Regular Salaries             | \$30,000   | \$45,000    | \$15,000     |
| 5010001         | Extra Help                   | \$9,000    | \$14,000    | \$5,000      |
| 5010003         | Personal Services Matching   | \$8,190    | \$12,126    | \$3,936      |
| 5020002         | Operating Expenses           | \$585,417  | \$605,417   | \$20,000     |
| 5050009         | Conference & Travel Expenses | \$55,000   | \$60,000    | \$5,000      |
| 5060010         | Professional Fees            | \$275,393  | \$300,393   | \$25,000     |
| 5120011         | Capital Outlay               | \$12,000   | \$45,000    | \$33,000     |

|              |           |             |           |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Total</b> | \$975,000 | \$1,081,936 | \$106,936 |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|

- Adjustments in line items due to additional federal funding made available to the School for the Deaf.

**School for the Deaf-Cash Operations (Appropriation A10)**

| Commitment Item |                    | 2022-2023  | 2023-2024   |              |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
|                 |                    | Authorized | Legislative | Change Level |
| 5020002         | Operating Expenses | \$224,136  | \$149,136   | (\$75,000)   |
| 5120011         | Capital Outlay     | \$40,000   | \$30,000    | (\$10,000)   |
| <b>Total</b>    |                    | \$264,136  | \$179,136   | (\$85,000)   |

- Appropriations are reduced to more accurately reflect expenditures and anticipated funding.

**POSITIONS**

Total Authorized Positions FY2024: 248

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Increase / (Decrease): (0)

Extra Help Positions FY2023:72

**SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS**

Arkansas School for the Blind - Special Allowance - Language is recommended for Codification

Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and Large Print Textbooks is recommended for Codification.

ADE-ASB - Summer School Employees is revised to add more allowable positions for this provision.

Arkansas School for the Blind - Teacher Salary Increase - Language is recommended for Codification.

ADE-ASD - Summer School Employees is revised to add more allowable positions for this provision.

ASD - Additional Salary/Compensation provision is deleted.

Arkansas School for the Deaf- Special Allowance is deleted.

Arkansas School for the Deaf - Shift Differential is deleted.

Arkansas School for the Deaf - Teacher Salary Increase is deleted as it is already codified.