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Mission and Programs

Pursuant to KRS.156 the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) provides resources and guidance to Kentucky's public schools & districts as they implement the state's K-12 education requirements. We also operate the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB), Ky School for the Deaf (KSD), and the Future Farmers of America Leadership Training Center (FFA). KSB is a residential school in Louisville that offers a comprehensive K-12 education to students who are blind & visually impaired. Other instructional programs include a Short-Term Program (1-12 wks) of specialized instruction through the school year & a summer enrichment program. KSB Outreach Dept. supports local school districts throughout the state, in partnership with the Reg. Spec. Ed. Co-ops, in reducing barriers to learning associated with a vision loss by providing tech. assistance & prof. development to district personnel.

KSD is a residential school in Danville that offers a comprehensive K-12 education program to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Other instructional programs include an early childhood/preschool program located in Owensboro and Danville, & a summer enrichment program. KSD also serves local public-school students in a collaborative partnership with Danville and Boyle Co. Public Schools through its Career and Tech. Ed. Program. KSD Outreach Dept. supports local school districts throughout the state, in partnership with the Reg. Spec. Ed. Co-ops, in reducing barriers to learning associated with a hearing loss by providing technical assistance & prof. development to district personnel.

FFA provides leadership training for nearly 3,000 youth yearly from every county in Kentucky. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth & career success through agricultural education. Other school groups also use these facilities. The busiest time for the FFA is from June-Aug. Also, similar opportunities, which take the form of 1- and 2- day workshops for small groups are provided through the schools.

PROPOSED PROJECTS - Funding Summary

Fund Source	2026-2028 Biennium	2028-2030 Biennium	2030-2032 Biennium	Total
General Fund	26,322,000	10,905,000	8,906,000	46,133,000
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Plan Overview

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The Department also administers three state-owned installations/campuses:

The Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) is located on 14 acres on Frankfort Avenue in Louisville. KSB is a residential school in Louisville that offers a comprehensive K-12 education to students who are blind or visually impaired. Other instructional programs include a short-term program (1-12 weeks) of specialized instruction through the school year and a summer enrichment program. The KSB Outreach Department supports local school districts throughout the state, in partnership with the Regional Special Education Co-ops, in reducing barriers to learning associated with a vision loss by providing technical assistance and professional development to district personnel.

The Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) is located on 54 acres on South Second Street in Danville. KSD is a residential school that offers a comprehensive K-12 education program to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Other instructional programs include an early childhood/preschool program located in Owensboro and Danville, and a summer enrichment program. KSD also serves local public-school students in a collaborative partnership with Danville and Boyle County Public Schools through its Career and Technical Education Program. KSD Outreach Department supports local school districts throughout the state, in partnership with the Regional Special Education Co-ops, in reducing barriers to learning associated with a hearing loss by providing technical assistance and professional development to district personnel.

The FFA Leadership Training Center (formerly the Future Farmers of America, now officially known as FFA), located on a 125-acre site in Hardinsburg, has 38 buildings. FFA provides leadership training for nearly 3,000 youth yearly from every county in Kentucky. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Other school groups also use these facilities. The busiest time for the FFA is from June-August. Also, similar opportunities, which take the form of workshops for small groups, are provided through the schools.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Proposed Projects Involving the General Fund (cash or bonds)
(amounts in **bold** are the total budget)

2026-2028 Biennium

(Projects listed by agency priority; descriptions are from the agency submission)

1 Miscellaneous Maintenance Pool 3,162,000

The miscellaneous maintenance pool provides the department with a source of funds for capital construction projects with a total scope of less than \$1,000,000 each, primarily for the Kentucky School for the Deaf, Kentucky School for the Blind and the FFA Leadership Training Center (LTC). Supports maintenance projects such as: mechanical repair, equipment and materials storage, sidewalk and railing improvements, exterior structure repairs, flooring, plumbing and electrical repair, fire prevention maintenance, and modifications to structures to meet health and safety standards. (C-PI)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *This recurring Maintenance Pool is requested again in the 2028-30 and 2030-32 fiscal biennia at \$3,290,000 and \$3,419,000, respectively.*
- *These requests exceed the most recent budget authorizations of \$3.1 million in FYs 2023 and 2025. Increased scopes are based upon engineering consultant and in-house estimates on similar work at other facilities.*

2 KY FFA LTC Classroom/Activity Center 5,233,000

Project to include construction of a new classroom/activity center, including construction of a new facility to support expansion of leadership training facilities and to accommodate larger groups. The project would include 6 to 8 additional divided classrooms, a double gymnasium/activity center and balcony walking track to support and expand activities and events during summer camping period for students, two restrooms, and a multipurpose kitchenette/canteen area to potentially replace existing canteen. Additional funds needed due to increased building costs from original estimate. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *This is the 2nd Phase of the “Construct Leadership Training Classrooms and Activity Center” project authorized in FY 2025 for \$6.0 million.*

3 Education Finance Application Phase 3 5,610,000

Continued work to replace the current system. It will take several years of funding to fully develop and implement a new comprehensive, integrated finance system. Additional funds required after a competitive solicitation was completed and bids received. (C-PI)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *Phases 1 and 2 of this project were authorized for \$2.5 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, in the last two budgets.*

4 FFA LTC Swimming Pool Renovation 2,550,000

The 13,200 sq ft pool at the FFA Leadership Training Center (LTC) was opened the 1950. A recent evaluation noted that a major repair needs to be made. Systems and major plumbing would all be replaced, including upgrades to the liner and surfaces. This pool is used as part of safety instruction as well as recreation at camp and serves as a valued refuge from the midsummer heat during camp time. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *NEW project – has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

5 State Schools Safety and Security Pool 5,151,000

To prevent disruption of services due to system failure and to improve efficiency of the campuses. Energy

costs are expected to increase in the future; installing modern, energy efficient systems will help to mitigate or even reduce these cost increases. (C-PI)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *This recurring Maintenance Pool is requested again in the 2028-30 fiscal biennium at \$2,759,000, expected completion date is currently June 2030.*
- *This project was authorized at \$3.1 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, in the last two budgets.*

6 State Schools Campus Education Improvements 2,550,000

Offer an immersive, hands-on approach to education that stimulates creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Allow students to engage with real-world environments, making learning more meaningful and applicable. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *NEW project – has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

7 State Schools Lighting Upgrades 2,066,000

Lighting systems that can be adjusted for color and intensity to meet the needs of visually impaired students. Access to adjust the color and intensity in the room to meet the lighting needs of the students. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *NEW project – has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

2028-2030 Biennium

Miscellaneous Maintenance Pool	3,290,000
State Schools Door and Window Repair and Replace	4,856,000
State Schools Safety and Security Pool	2,759,000

2030-2032 Biennium

Miscellaneous Maintenance Pool	3,419,000
State Schools HVAC Pool	5,487,000