## MAEP funding

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<td>MAEP Full Funding</td>
<td>$2,139,211,904</td>
<td>$2,207,152,735</td>
<td>$2,207,233,362</td>
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<td>Total Appropriations*</td>
<td>$2,018,866,287</td>
<td>$2,207,152,735</td>
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<td>Additional and Deficit Appropriations*</td>
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<td>$49,000,372</td>
<td>$33,908,173</td>
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<td>Mid year Cuts</td>
<td>$</td>
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<td>$ (76,627,825)</td>
<td>$ (196,201,512)</td>
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<td>Total Adjusted Budget</td>
<td>$2,018,866,287</td>
<td>$2,207,152,735</td>
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| ARRA Appropriations (included above) | $       | -           | $49,000,372  | $111,540,751 | $128,365,837 | $       | -           |
| MAEP Budget without ARRA     | $2,018,866,287 | $2,207,152,735 | $2,130,605,537 | $1,918,303,422 | $1,913,085,251 | $2,035,951,088 |
| Full Funding vs. Actual      | $(120,345,617) | $       | $(27,627,453) | $(211,293,711) | $(243,397,548) | $(237,386,693) |

**NAEP scores improved**

**Progress slowed**

### Other factors affecting achievement:

- **2008** More rigorous curriculum and standards introduced
- **2009** More stringent accountability system introduced

*Sources: State of Mississippi Budget FY 2011, Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi Economic Policy Center*
Public schools have lost $1–billion in the last 5 years

Since 2008, the MAEP has been underfunded by a total of $720–million. Additionally, school funds outside of the MAEP – teacher supply funds, the public school building fund, etc.– were diverted from education to fund other state agencies, bringing total under-funding to about $1–billion. This reflects only funds that go to schools; it doesn’t include cuts made to the Department of Education.
From FY2008 to FY2012, the budget for K–12 Education was cut by 9.7%. During that same period, the total State Budget was reduced by only 3.6%. Clearly, Education was not protected at the expense of other state agencies. In fact, Education took the brunt of budget cuts.
Shrinking share – even with ARRA

Even when stimulus (ARRA) funds are included, the percent of the state budget allocated to public schools has shrunk each year since 2008.

Source: State of Mississippi Budgets FY 2009 through FY 2012
How much more would schools have gotten in this year’s appropriation if MAEP had the same percent of the budget it had 4 years ago?

$93.4–million
In FY 2012, Education Funding Continues to Move Backward

Funding for public schools continues to decrease, both in actual dollars and as a percent of the overall state budget. For Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012, the current school year), school funding was cut by an additional $14-million, with $5.5-million coming from the Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP). This means that, for FY2012, the MAEP is underfunded by $237,386,693.

State funding for public education declined (by 0.7%) for Fiscal Year 2012 (the current school year) for the fourth year in a row while, overall, the state budget increased (by .03%).

Since last year, of 16 major budget categories (state agencies) in the FY12 state budget, six saw growth in their appropriations for this year. Funding for K–12 education declined by 0.7% in FY12, while the total state budget grew by 0.03%. One year earlier, from FY10 to FY11, education suffered a cut of 11.94% as compared to a cut of 9.36% for the whole budget.
Trends in education funding

A look at the last few years shows a troubling trend: K–12 education appears to be slipping in terms of priority, taking the brunt of budget cuts. Since 2008, total state appropriations to K–12 have decreased by 9.7%, while the whole state budget has decreased by only 3.6%. That means that the K–12 budget has suffered cuts at more than twice the rate of the whole state budget.
Important to note:

- K–12 Education has been cut by a greater percent than other state agencies, and by a greater percent than the state budget as a whole, in each of the last 4 years.
- In each of the last 4 years, the percent of the state budget allocated to K–12 Education has declined.
- In the last 5 years, public schools have been underfunded by $1–Billion.
- When the MAEP was fully funded, Mississippi's public schools improved significantly, showing a greater percentage-point gain in fourth grade reading on national assessments than the schools in any other state in the nation. Following budget cuts, that progress has slowed.