

- GRF funding increases 2.2% in FY 2002 and by 4.7% in FY 2003
- 6 staff positions will be filled in this biennium

Ohio State School for the Deaf

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ROLE

The Ohio State School for the Deaf, located in Columbus, is a state-supported residential school that provides educational services to Ohio's hearing-impaired children. The school was founded in 1829 and is accredited and supervised by the Ohio State Board of Education.

The school's mission is to provide quality comprehensive, sequential education, vocational training, and social and cultural development services to Ohio's deaf and hearing-impaired children so that they can achieve their greatest potential and become independent and contributing citizens of the state. The school's educational program provides instruction and support services for students with a wide range of ability levels, achievement, degrees of hearing loss, and communication needs.

The school serves between 165 and 185 students, ages 5 to 22, per year. Students who live outside the Columbus area take part in the school's residential program, while those who live in Columbus commute to the school daily. All students return home each weekend.

Due to the unique communication and language needs of deaf children, class sizes are kept small. Instruction focuses on individualized attention and the development of communication skills. The school employs both academic and vocational teachers as well as support services specialists in the following areas: physical education, art, library, speech therapy, psychology, counseling, audiology, occupational therapy, vocational assessment and job placement, and behavior modification.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
146	\$10.3 million	\$10.7 million	\$8.9 million	\$9.3 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94


OVERVIEW

The school's total funding for FY 2002 is \$10,318,441, an increase of 2.5 percent; and funding for FY 2003 is \$10,693,637, a 3.5 percent increase. Funding from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) contributes approximately 87 percent of the School's total funding. GRF funds total \$8,931,827 in FY 2002 and

\$9,317,357 in FY 2003. The final budget numbers do not differ from the original executive budget request.

Funding for Personal Services (GRF line 221-100) will increase by 2.2 percent in FY 2002 and by 4.7 percent in FY 2003. The school will continue to maintain current staff levels and attempt to fill six vacant positions.

Maintenance funding decreases by less than 0.1 percent in FY 2002 to \$998,197 and increases in FY 2003 by 2.0 percent to \$1,018,160. The school's priorities for the biennium are utilities, food, supplies, and large maintenance repair costs. The current buildings on campus are now 50 years old and are in need of major repairs, both preventative and restorative.

The Even Start program will see a 16.3 percent decrease in federal funding in FY 2003 and a 22.0 percent decrease in state funding in FY 2003. Funding for Even Start has been part of a four-year federal grant. Fiscal year 2003 is the fourth year of funding, so the federal share may not exceed 60 percent of the cost. Even Start is a literacy program for children aged birth to seven and their parents. Parents must be eligible for participation in the federal and state Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) under the Adult Education Act or within compulsory school attendance age. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
OSD School for the Deaf, Ohio State									
GRF	221-100	Personal Service	\$ 6,238,908	\$ 6,719,888	\$7,028,853	\$ 7,662,763	9.02%	\$ 8,022,913	4.70%
GRF	221-200	Maintenance	\$ 1,003,540	\$ 950,240	\$1,082,186	\$ 998,197	-7.76%	\$ 1,018,160	2.00%
GRF	221-300	Equipment	\$ 300,083	\$ 207,587	\$231,647	\$ 270,867	16.93%	\$ 276,284	2.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 7,542,531	\$ 7,877,715	\$ 8,342,687	\$ 8,931,827	7.06%	\$ 9,317,357	4.32%
4M1	221-602	Education Reform Grants	\$ 45,994	\$ 53,935	\$81,206	\$ 68,107	-16.13%	\$ 70,701	3.81%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 45,994	\$ 53,935	\$ 81,206	\$ 68,107	-16.13%	\$ 70,701	3.81%
3U4	221-603	Even Start	----	\$ 47,885	\$92,494	\$ 125,000	35.14%	\$ 104,625	-16.30%
311	221-625	Coordinating Unit	\$ 625,267	\$ 762,320	\$754,720	\$ 910,000	20.57%	\$ 933,400	2.57%
3R0	221-684	Medicaid Professional Services Reimb	\$ 20,317	\$ 72,602	\$61,771	\$ 90,464	46.45%	\$ 111,377	23.12%
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 645,584	\$ 882,807	\$ 908,985	\$ 1,125,464	23.82%	\$ 1,149,402	2.13%
4M0	221-601	Educational Program Expenses	\$ 17,851	\$ 40,954	\$13,911	\$ 35,320	153.90%	\$ 33,188	-6.04%
5H6	221-609	Even Start Fees & Gifts	----	----	\$8,638	\$ 157,723	1,725.95%	\$ 122,989	-22.02%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 17,851	\$ 40,954	\$ 22,549	\$ 193,043	756.12%	\$ 156,177	-19.10%
School for the Deaf, Ohio State Total			\$ 8,251,960	\$ 8,855,411	\$ 9,355,426	\$ 10,318,441	10.29%	\$ 10,693,637	3.64%