

WASA Analysis of Permitted Enrichment Activities Funded by Local Revenues

EHB 2242 Section 501: BASIC EDUCATION ACT AMENDED TO LIMIT USE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL REVENUES TO ENRICHMENT ONLY.

(1)(a) Beginning September 1, 2019, school districts may use local revenues only for documented and demonstrated enrichment of the state's statutory program of basic education as authorized in subsection (2) of this section.

EHB 2242 Section 501	Legal Reference	WASA Interpretation
<p>(2)(a) Enrichment activities are permitted under this section if they <u>provide supplementation beyond the state</u>:</p> <p>(i) Minimum instructional offerings of RCW 28A.150.220 or 28A.150.260;</p>	<p>28A.150.220 defines the minimum instructional hour offerings. 28A.150.260 – see below.</p>	<p>Enrichment Levy (EL) funds may be used to fund staff pay for an extended school day or school year. This seems to open the door for additional pay beyond the instructional hour requirements defined in 28A.150.220.</p>
<p>(ii) Staffing ratios or program components of RCW 28A.150.260, including providing additional staff for class size reduction beyond class sizes allocated in the prototypical school model and additional staff beyond the staffing ratios allocated in the prototypical school formula;</p>	<p>28A.150.260 is the basic education allocation based on the elements of the prototypical funding model.</p>	<p>EL funds may be used to supplement any of the individual formulas that are part of the prototypical allocation model.</p>
<p>(iii) Program components of RCW 28A.150.200, 28A.150.220, or 28A.150.260; or</p>	<p>28A.150.200 is the broad definition of basic education. 28A.150.220 references basic values and character traits 28A.150.260 (2) states "The instructional program of basic education shall be considered to be fully funded by those amounts of dollars appropriated by the legislature pursuant to RCW 28A.150.260, 28A.150.390, and 28A.150.392 to fund those program requirements identified in RCW 28A.150.220 in accordance with the formula provided in RCW 28A.150.260 and those amounts of dollars appropriated by the legislature to fund the salary requirements of RCW 28A.150.410."</p>	<p>When combined with statement in (2)(a) above, this seems to say enrichment is permitted if it is beyond the allocations for Special Education (28A.150.390 and 393), and the individual elements of the prototypical school allocation model (28A.150.260).</p>

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(iv) Program of professional learning as defined by RCW 28A.300.600 (as recodified by this act) beyond that allocated pursuant to section 105 of this act.	28A.300.600 (1) states, "The term "professional learning" means a comprehensive, sustained, job-embedded, and collaborative approach to improving teachers' and principals' effectiveness in raising student achievement. Section 105 provides for 1 professional learning day in 2018-19, 2 in 2019-20, and 3 in 2020-21.	Districts are permitted to use local funds to pay the costs of professional learning time above the days funded by the state.
(b) Permitted enrichment activities consist of: (i) Extracurricular activities, extended school days, or an extended school year;		Districts can continue to use local funds to cover the cost of extracurricular activities. They can also pay staff for working extended days or years.
(ii) Additional course offerings beyond the minimum instructional program established in the state's statutory program of basic education;		This appears to open the possibility of districts paying teachers from local funds to teach courses that are beyond the minimum instructional offerings required by RCW 28A.150.220.
(iii) Activities associated with early learning programs;		School districts may use local funds to pay the cost of providing preschool programs.
(iv) Any additional salary costs attributable to the provision or administration of the enrichment activities allowed under this subsection; and		School districts can use local funds to pay the administrative costs of providing enrichment activities. Note, however, the limitation in Section 501(3)(a): "If a school district spends local revenues for salary costs attributable to the administration of enrichment programs, the portion of administrator salaries attributable to that purpose may not exceed the proportion of the district's local revenues to its other revenues".
(v) Additional activities or enhancements that the office of the superintendent of public instruction determines to be a documented and demonstrated enrichment of the state's statutory program of basic education under (a) of this subsection and for which the superintendent approves proposed expenditures during the preballot approval process required by RCW 84.52.053 and section 204 of this act.		Other specific enhancement activities may be approved by the Legislature in the future.