



Programs of Strategic Emphasis Tuition Waivers

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Changes to Section 1009.26, Florida Statutes

Senate Bill 266 makes the following changes to the Programs of Strategic Emphasis Tuition Waiver

Adds Eligible Programs

Adds 2 state-approved **teacher preparation** programs

- Must be identified by the Board

Addresses Removed Programs

Clarifies that if a program is removed from the approved list after a student enrolls, they will **continue to receive the waiver** until they do one of the following

- Graduate
- Exceed the number of allowable credit hours
- Withdraw from an eligible program

The 2023 Legislature provided additional incentive funding



2021-22
\$25,000,000

2022-23
\$31,285,298

2023-24
\$38,485,298

**Pending the
Governor's
Approval**

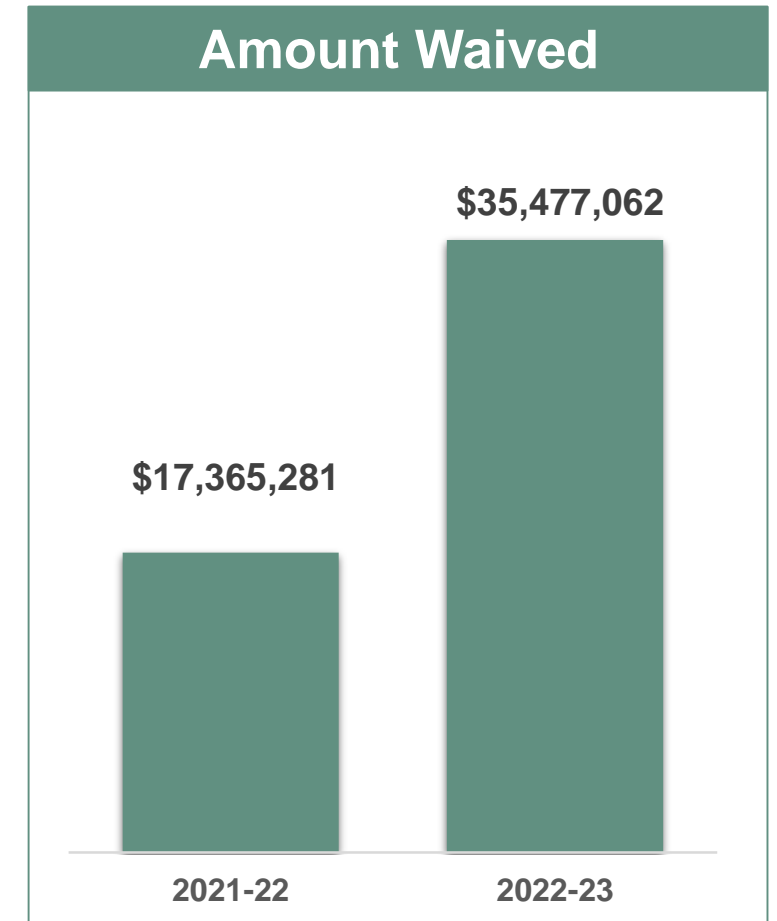
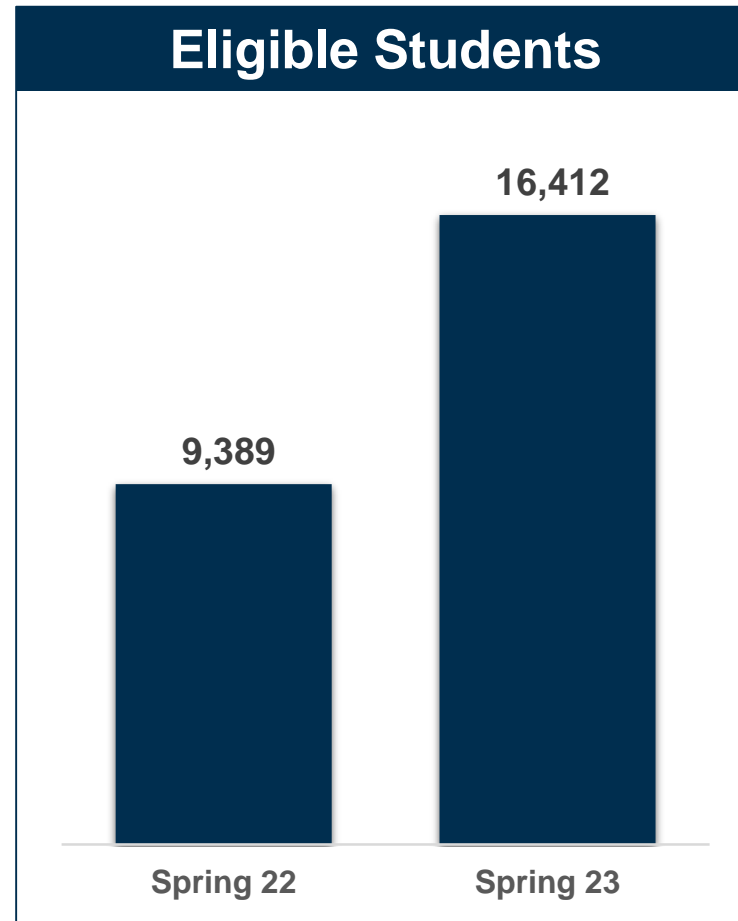
Programs of Strategic Emphasis Tuition Waiver Growth



The tuition waiver program grew significantly since spring 2022

↑ **75%** eligible students

↑ **104%** amount waived



2023-24 Qualifying Education Programs



Criteria

- ✓ State-approved **teacher preparation** program
- ✓ Must reflect **priorities** of the state
- ✓ Offered at a **majority of state universities** at the time the Board approves the list

Eligible Education Programs

Board
selects
2

| CIP | CIP Title |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 13.1001 | Special Education & Teaching |
| 13.1202 | Elementary Education & Teaching |
| 13.1312 | Music Teacher Education |

Relevant Data by Program



| Eligible Education Programs | | Criteria for Selection | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|
| CIP | CIP Title | Composite Score: Gap & Enrollment | Gap 2023 | Gap Score | Enrollment Fall 2022 | Enrollment Score |
| 13.1001 | Special Education & Teaching | 4 | 570 | 1 | 556 | 3 |
| 13.1202 | Elementary Education & Teaching | 4 | 2,136 | 3 | 2,550 | 1 |
| 13.1312 | Music Teacher Education | 4 | 1,271 | 2 | 570 | 2 |



Florida Department of Education's Critical Teacher Shortage List

| Eligible Education Programs | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CIP | CIP Title | Critical Teacher Shortage Ranking |
| 13.1001 | Special Education & Teaching | 2 |
| 13.1202 | Elementary Education & Teaching | 20 |
| 13.1312 | Music Teacher Education | 24 |

Source: Florida Department of Education's Critical Teacher Shortage List, 2022-23

Estimated Fiscal Impact – Fall 2023



Estimated Fall 2023 waiver costs range from

\$16.6 M to \$20.2 M

based on prior waived amounts

10 Current Programs

8 STEM
\$10.0 M - \$12.2 M

2 GAP
\$5.2 M - \$6.3 M

2 Education Programs

\$1.4 M - \$1.7 M

- 1 Information Technology
- 2 Computer Engineering
- 3 Management Information Systems
- 4 Civil Engineering
- 5 Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- 6 Computer & Information Systems
- 7 Mathematics
- 8 Physics
- 9 Accounting
- 10 Finance
- 11 Special Education & Teaching
- 12 Elementary Education & Teaching



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