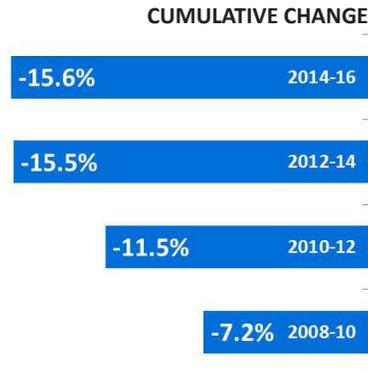


2016-18 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION BUDGET REQUEST OVERVIEW

Kentucky's public campuses have been cut seven times in the past eight years, resulting in **cuts of \$173.5 million**, or 15.6 percent, in combined net General Fund appropriations.

During this same time period, the number of full-time equivalent students attending state colleges and universities **increased by 10,218 students**, or seven percent.



PRIORITY: RESTORATION OF THE CUTS

Kentucky's public institutions are requesting restoration of half the state funding cuts imposed since 2007-08 through a performance funding component. The model ties future campus funding to performance on statewide and institution-specific goals.

- Degrees and credentials produced
- Retention, progression and graduation rates
- Closing the achievement gaps of minority and low-income students
- Sector-specific metrics
- Institution-specific metrics

WHY IS PERFORMANCE FUNDING IMPORTANT?

The statewide strategic agenda for postsecondary and adult education calls for public institutions to increase high-quality degree production and completion rates, and to close achievement gaps among low-income, underprepared and minority students. Providing incentives for campuses to increase degree production and completion rates, as well as securing funding to support services, are important strategies for achieving Kentucky's student success goals.

PRIORITY: SPECIAL INITIATIVES

In addition to restoring the cuts, funding is being sought for special initiatives.

- **Centers of Research Excellence**
To support research centers at UK and UofL that address state needs.
- **Equity Adjustment**
To address disparities in state support of NKU and WKU.
- **KSU Recruitment and Retention**
To stabilize campus finances with temporary funding.
- **KSU Land Grant Match**
To meet federal match requirements for KSU's land grant program.
- **KCTCS Tuition Stabilization**
To reduce pressure on tuition in the upcoming biennium.

PRIORITY: BUCKS FOR BRAINS & WORKFORCE DEV.

The third component is a request to fund the fifth round of Bucks for Brains, which is an endowment match program supporting research activities at the public universities.

Also included is a request to support activities and initiatives through the KCTCS Workforce Development Match Program.

THE NUMBERS

PERFORMANCE FUNDING

2016-17	2017-18
\$43.5M	\$86.7M

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

2016-17	2017-18
\$21.1M	\$35.8M

BUCKS FOR BRAINS

2016-17	2017-18
\$0	\$11.9M

A UNIFIED EFFORT

For the past eight months, Council staff has worked collaboratively with campus presidents, provosts, chief budget officers, institutional research directors and members of the Council's Budget Development Work Group to develop this budget request. All nine public institution presidents endorse the recommendation in its entirety.

