



Student and Staff Device Allocation Policy

Session Law 2020-4 was signed into law on May 5, 2020. This Act appropriates funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund and directs appropriations to DPI and public school units to mitigate and respond to the COVID-19 Emergency. Each appropriation that is disbursed to the public schools will be authorized by the State Board of Education as individual allotment policies.

This item is a recommendation for the allotment policies of the following items:

- \$30,000,000 for the purchase of computers or other electronic devices for students
- \$5,000,000 for the purchase of computers or other electronic devices for school personnel

Students Devices (HB 1043 Section 3.3(9))	\$30,000,000
<p>Funding Formula Options</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 50% ADM and 50% Poverty Funding - Recommended <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Poverty is determined using official census numbers b. Provides districts with the most need the highest increase in funding 2. Using Tier Designations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tier 1/Tier 2 - Approximately 7.5% of Funded ADM * \$300 b. Tier 3 - Approximately 7% of Funded ADM * \$300 3. Using Free/Reduced Lunch Population <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 75% or Higher - Approximately 8% of Funded ADM * \$300 b. Less than 75% - Approximately 7.1% of Funded ADM * \$300 c. %EDS (Free and Reduced model is not commonly used for allocations and many charters do not participate. <p>**Any district who indicated they did not need devices would not receive funding, 26 PSU's indicated they did not need student devices of which 13 are LEA's and 13 are Charter Schools.</p> <p>**One LEA and 57 charter schools did not respond.</p> <p>**Any numbers presented are approximations and are intended solely for the purpose of discussion and comparison only. Official allocations will be determined by FBS.</p>	

Staff Devices (HB 1043 Section 3.3(10))	\$5,000,000
<p>Funding Formula -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Straight ADM Allocation <p>**Any district that identified themselves as not needing staff devices would be removed from the total ADM allocation. 73 PSU's indicated they did not need staff computers of which 30 are LEA's and forty-three are charters.</p>	

All PSU's were surveyed to obtain data on the immediate need for student and staff devices. Surveys were returned on May 27, 2020, by 6:00 pm. Each PSU was contacted to ensure they had the opportunity to complete the survey. The intent of the funding is to ensure students and school personnel have computers or other electronic devices to support remote instruction.

- 260 PSUs Responded to the Survey
 - 114 Traditional LEAs
 - 146 Charter/Regional/Lab Schools
- 234 PSUs indicated they needed additional devices to send devices home with every student
- 497,950 devices were requested
- It would cost \$149,385,000.00 to fund every request.
- Based on the American Community Survey conducted by the FCC, the North Carolina State Average for students who do not have access to a personal device in their homes is 4.5%. Any of the recommended funding methods should allow all districts to provide a device to at

least 4.5% of their students.

● Indicated Device Need ● Indicated No Devices Needed ● Did Not Answer (1 Traditional LEA)

