

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
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Public transparency website; "best practice" measures; dashboard or report card; icon badge; determination of compliance with section; report.

Sec. 245. (1) A public university shall maintain a public transparency website available through a link on its website homepage. The public university shall update this website within 30 days after the university's governing board adopts its annual operating budget for the next academic year, or after the governing board adopts a subsequent revision to that budget.

(2) The website required under subsection (1) shall include all of the following concerning the public university:

(a) The annual operating budget and subsequent budget revisions.

(b) A summary of current expenditures for the most recent fiscal year for which they are available, expressed as pie charts in the following 2 categories:

(i) A chart of personnel expenditures, broken into the following subcategories:

(A) Earnings and wages.

(B) Employee benefit costs, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, vision, life, disability, and long-term care benefits.

(C) Retirement benefit costs.

(D) All other personnel costs.

(ii) A chart of all current expenditures the public university reported as part of its higher education institutional data inventory data under section 241(2), broken into the same subcategories in which it reported those data.

(c) Links to all of the following for the public university:

(i) The current collective bargaining agreement for each bargaining unit.

(ii) Each health care benefits plan, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, vision, disability, long-term care, or any other type of benefits that would constitute health care services, offered to any bargaining unit or employee of the public university.

(iii) Audits and financial reports for the most recent fiscal year for which they are available.

(d) A list of all positions funded partially or wholly through institutional general fund revenue that includes the position title and annual salary or wage amount for each position.

(e) General fund revenue and expenditure projections for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year.

(f) A listing of all debt service obligations, detailed by project, anticipated fiscal year payment for each project, and total outstanding debt for the current fiscal year.

(g) The institution's policy regarding the transferability of core college courses between community colleges and the university.

(h) A listing of all community colleges that have entered into reverse transfer agreements with the university.

(3) On the website required under subsection (1), a public university shall provide a dashboard or report card demonstrating the university's performance in several "best practice" measures. The dashboard or report card shall include at least all of the following for the 3 most recent academic years for which the data are available:

(a) Enrollment.

(b) Student retention rate.

(c) Six-year graduation rates.

(d) Number of Pell grant recipients and graduating Pell grant recipients.

(e) Geographic origination of students, categorized as in-state, out-of-state, and international.

(f) Faculty to student ratios and total university employee to student ratios.

(g) Teaching load by faculty classification.

(h) Graduation outcome rates, including employment and continuing education.

(4) For statewide consistency and public visibility, public universities must use the icon badge provided by the department of technology, management, and budget consistent with the icon badge developed by the department of education for K-12 school districts. It must appear on the front of each public university's homepage. The size of the icon may be reduced to 150 x 150 pixels. The font size and style for this reporting

must be consistent with other documents on each university's website.

(5) The state budget director shall determine whether a public university has complied with this section. The state budget director may withhold a public university's monthly installments described in section 241 until the public university complies with this section.

(6) By the first business day of November of each year, a public university shall report the following information to the center and post the information on its website under the budget transparency icon badge:

(a) Opportunities for earning college credit through the following programs:

(i) State approved career and technical education or a tech prep articulated program of study.

(ii) Direct college credit or concurrent enrollment.

(iii) Dual enrollment.

(iv) An early college/middle college program.

(b) For each program described in subdivision (a) that the public university offers, all of the following information:

(i) The number of high school students participating in the program.

(ii) The number of school districts that participate in the program with the public university.

(iii) Whether a university professor, qualified local school district employee, or other individual teaches the course or courses in the program.

(iv) The total cost to the public university to operate the program.

(v) The cost per credit hour for the course or courses in the program.

(vi) The location where the course or courses in the program are held.

(vii) Instructional resources offered to the program instructors.

(viii) Resources offered to the student in the program.

(ix) Transportation services provided to students in the program.

(7) A public university shall collect and report the number and percentage of all enrolled students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, broken out by undergraduate and graduate/professional classifications, to the center and post the information on its website under the budget transparency icon badge.

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