- GRF funding increases by 3.9% in FY 2004 and 3.5% in FY 2005
- Federal funding decreases by 0.4% in FY 2004 and increases by 3.0% in FY 2005

School for the Deaf, Ohio State

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ROLE

The State Legislature established The Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD), located in Columbus, in 1827. The Ohio State School for the Deaf is the fifth school of its kind in continuous operation in the United States. It is a state-supported program that provides educational and residential services to hearing-impaired children at no cost to their parents or their school districts. The School operates according to a charter from the State Board of Education and under the control and supervision of that Board.

The School's mission is the provision of quality comprehensive, sequential education, vocational training, and social and cultural development services to deaf and hard-of-hearing youngsters residing in the state, so that they can achieve their greatest potential for becoming independent and contributing citizens of Ohio. The School seeks to provide students with full access to communication in the classroom and in the entire school environment. The educational programs provided by the School must meet the standards established by the Department of Education and are accredited by the Department.

Agency In Brief										
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appr	Appropriation						
	2004	2005	2004	2005	Bill(s)					
150	\$10.9 million	\$11.2 million	\$9.4 million	\$9.7 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 95					

^{*}Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

The total appropriations for FY 2004 are \$10,865,498, a 4.0% increase over the FY 2003 spending level. The total appropriations for FY 2005 are \$11,244,584, a 3.5% increase over the FY 2004 appropriation level. The appropriations for the FY 2004-2005 biennium will enable the School to maintain its current level of service. In FY 2003, the School served 146 deaf and hard-of-hearing children from 70 school districts throughout the state. Approximately 86% of the students live in the dorms at the School during the weekdays while the other 14% of the students commute to the School daily.

Approximately 86.1% of OSD's budget comes from the General Revenue Fund, with appropriations of \$9,353,598 in FY 2004, a 3.9% increase over FY 2003 and \$9,693,894 in FY 2005, a 3.6% increase over FY 2004. Approximately 12.0% of OSD's budget is supported by federal funds. Total federal funding for FY 2004 is \$1,309,511, a decrease of 0.4% from FY 2003 and \$1,348,301 in FY 2005, an increase of 3.0% from FY 2004. Federal funds support ten employees at the OSD who work directly with the students, plus an additional four employees who work with professionals that have deaf students under their care (e.g., interpreter educators working with general education teachers having deaf or hard-of-hearing students; preschool specialists working with preschool teachers having deaf or hard-of-hearing toddlers).

Line Item Detail by Agency			FY 2001:	FY 2002:	FY 2003.	FY 2004 Appropriations:	% Change 2003 to 2004:	FY 2005 Appropriations:	% Change 2004 to 2005:
Report	For: Ma	in Operating Appropriations Bill	Version: Enacted						
OSD .	School fo	or the Deaf, Ohio State							
GRF	221-100	Personal Service	\$ 7,028,853	\$ 7,575,206	\$7,967,975	\$ 8,071,660	1.30%	\$ 8,391,704	3.97%
GRF	221-200	Maintenance	\$ 1,082,186	\$ 1,005,704	\$926,451	\$ 1,012,561	9.29%	\$ 1,032,813	2.00%
GRF	221-300	Equipment	\$ 231,647	\$ 280,305	\$111,867	\$ 269,377	140.80%	\$ 269,377	0.00%
Gene	eral Revenu	e Fund Total	\$ 8,342,687	\$ 8,861,216	\$ 9,006,293	\$ 9,353,598	3.86%	\$ 9,693,894	3.64%
4M1	221-602	Education Reform Grants	\$ 81,206	\$ 57,070	\$55,890	\$ 70,701	26.50%	\$ 70,701	0.00%
Gene	eral Service	s Fund Group Total	\$ 81,206	\$ 57,070	\$ 55,890	\$ 70,701	26.50%	\$ 70,701	0.00%
3U4	221-603	Even Start	\$ 92,494	\$ 58,337	\$40,493	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
3AD	221-604	VREAL Ohio				\$ 1,111,201	N/A	\$ 230,024	-79.30%
311	221-625	Coordinating Unit	\$ 754,720	\$ 762,318	\$981,220	\$ 949,899	-3.19%	\$ 974,649	2.61%
3R0	221-684	Medicaid Professional Services Reimb	\$ 61,771	\$ 63,333	\$25,519	\$ 111,377	336.45%	\$ 111,377	0.00%
3Y1	221-686	Early Childhood Grant			\$267,036	\$ 248,235	-7.04%	\$ 262,275	5.66%
Fede	ral Special	Revenue Fund Group Total	\$ 908,985	\$ 883,987	\$ 1,314,268	\$ 2,420,712	84.19%	\$ 1,578,325	-34.80%
4M0	221-601	Educational Program Expenses	\$ 13,911	\$ 8,942	\$10,115	\$ 33,188	228.11%	\$ 33,188	0.00%
5H6	221-609	Even Start Fees & Gifts	\$ 8,638	\$ 33,049	\$65,320	\$ 98,500	50.80%	\$ 98,500	0.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total		\$ 22,549	\$ 41,991	\$ 75,435	\$ 131,688	74.57%	\$ 131,688	0.00%	
School for the Deaf, Ohio State Total		\$ 9,355,426	\$ 9,844,263	\$ 10,451,886	\$ 11,976,699	14.59%	\$ 11,474,608	-4.19%	