

Our Funding History and its Impact on Georgia's Media Centers

Governor	Legislation Affecting Media Center Allotments	Fiscal Year	Amount Per FTE
Harris	QBE Act of 1985	FY85 (1985-1986)	\$16.28
Miller	House Bill 409 passed, which required 100% of the Media Center Allotment be spent on library media centers. The General Assembly showed their support by also passing House Bill 409, which required 100% of the Media Center Allotment be spent on library media centers.	FY99	\$19.54 (a 20% increase from the previous year)
Barnes	A+ Educational Reform Act. Under this law, 100% of the Media Center Allotment was to be spent on library media centers, and 90% REQUIRED to be spent in the school where earned. That portion not spent in this manner was to be returned to the State.	FY 2001	\$19.54 retained.
Barnes	Media Center Allotments were cut from \$19.54 per FTE to \$9.77 for the 2002-2003 school year. A statement from the governor stated that this was a temporary measure. Barnes budget contained cuts in education only to areas not labeled "direct instruction". Total cut in media allotments was \$14 million state-wide.	FY2002	\$19.54
Perdue	No changes were made during this fiscal year.	FY 2003	\$9.77
Perdue	Governor Perdue's revision of HB 1187, SB 249, was passed with all site expenditure controls removed. For 2003-04, 100% of media funds, "including materials," were to be spent on media costs only with no site expenditure controls. The expenditure control would be audited at the system level. Each system determined how they would spend the media funds on media costs. This left the door open for growing systems to spend the funding on opening new school library media centers. It was hoped by GLMA that the funds would be spread on an FTE basis to all schools in each school system, but that was left up to the local system. "For 2003-04, each local school system shall spend 100 percent of the funds designated for media center costs for such costs at the system level, and 100 percent of the funds designated for media materials for media materials at the system level."	FY 2004	\$9.77
Perdue	"For 2003-04, each local school system shall spend 100 percent of the funds designated for media center costs for such costs at the system level, and 100 percent of the funds designated for media materials for media materials at the system level." (No change)	FY 2005	\$9.77

Perdue	Through an email campaign, GLMA was successful in getting the House to increase our FTE funds from \$9.77 to \$14.65, a 7.6 million-dollar increase. The Senate cut this amount down and the final increase passed on March 30, 2006 was \$5,106,071, an increase to \$13.03 per FTE. Governor Perdue proposed that teachers be given \$100 gift cards which passed. Media specialists were not included in the gift card program.	FY 2007	\$13.03
Perdue	"Governor Perdue proposed redirecting funding from the pilot elementary foreign language program (which was limited to 29 schools statewide) to provide foreign language media materials to students statewide through media centers." The governor also proposed \$11.2 million for classroom cards for teachers, including one card per media center. (Even though a one time additional allotment of \$1,200 for elementary media centers passed, this money was never let down by the legislature, consequently elementary media centers did not see this additional \$1,200.).	FY 2008	K - 5: \$15.31 + a one time allotment of \$1,200 per media center Grades 6 - 12: \$13.03 (no change) \$100 gift card per media center
Perdue	No changes were made during this fiscal year.	FY 2009	Grades K - 5: \$15.31 Grades 6 - 12: \$13.03 (no change)
Perdue	Governor Perdue sought to temporary waive expenditure controls for media center allotments in omnibus legislation that contained several pieces of education legislation. The legislation passed, but was later vetoed as the governor opposed other portions of the bill.	FY2010	No Change in allotment funding. Media Center and teacher gift cards were eliminated
Perdue	There was no change in state library allotments, however, HB 908 passed which suspended expenditure controls over media center funds until the 2012-2013 school year allowing school systems to redirect the funding to other needs.	FY2011	No change in state allotment funding, Expenditure controls over library funding were waived.
Deal	Funding for GALILEO in the K-12 schools was a major issue this year. Over the years the funding for GALILEO databases has increased and the Board of Regents asked the Dept. of Education to pick up the difference in cost. This is what is known as the 'special initiatives' fund at the DOE (about \$100,000). Every year, this fund is questioned and viewed as a fund that can be cut. If the DOE Special Initiatives fund had been cut, we would have lost GALILEO in the K-12 schools. As a result of an email campaign, the legislators retained this fund to save GALILEO in the K-12 schools.	FY2012	No change is state allotment funding. Expenditure controls waived through the 2014-2015 school year. Funding to retain GALILEO K-12 passed.

	<p>House Bill 172, also as known as the Flexibility Bill, was passed which extends the suspension of expenditure controls over media center funds through the 2014-2015 school year. HB 172 allows local systems to waive expenditure controls on media center costs, professional development, and costs related to direct instruction through the 2014-2015 school year.</p> <p>This bill also extends the maximum school size waivers and deadline for tendering teacher contracts to May 15th through the 2014-2015 school year.</p>		
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