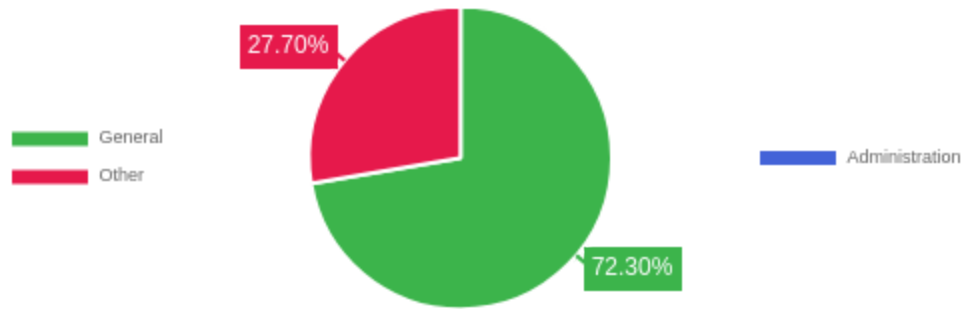


School and Public Lands

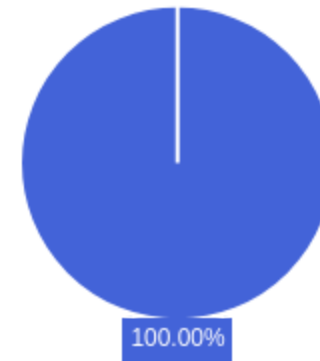
Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Brief Summary

Information contained in this document is based on the Governor's FY2026 Budget and may not correspond with the final budget adopted by the Legislature.

Source of Funds



Distribution of General Funds



Key Personnel

Brock Greenfield, Commissioner

Justin Nagel, Deputy Commissioner

School and Public Lands

The mission is to ensure efficient management of school and endowment lands and trust funds owned and administered by the state of South Dakota for the support and maintenance of the public schools and the various state institutions for which the lands had been granted; to lease the optimum acreage of land and maintain all leases on file; to maintain all land sale contracts; to maintain the mineral ownership records and provide for the leasing of mineral acres; to invest the money received from land sales and the leasing of surface and mineral lands at the highest possible rate of return; and to apportion the money to the various school districts and endowed institutions in South Dakota.

LEGAL CITATION: Article VI, Section 12 of the South Dakota Constitution, SDCL 1-17, 5-1, and 5-3 through 5-11.

School and Public Lands Budget Units

- Administration (3001)
- Administration - Info (3002)

Major Items Summary - School and Public Lands

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$889,773	\$0	\$340,920	\$1,230,693	7.0	\$889,773	\$0	\$340,920	\$1,230,693	7.0
1. Administrative Assistant Salary Backfill	\$18,937	\$0	\$0	\$18,937	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
2. Computer Upgrade	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
3. Rangeland Maintenance Supplies	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$966,710	\$0	\$340,920	\$1,307,630	7.0	\$889,773	\$0	\$340,920	\$1,230,693	7.0
Change from Base Budget	\$76,937	\$0	\$0	\$76,937	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	8.6%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

1. Administrative Assistant Salary Backfill

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$18,937	\$0	\$0	\$18,937	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$18,937** in **general funds** for the administrative assistant salary. In the beginning of FY24, the SPL office had three vacancies. To attract candidates, the commissioner took the recently vacated administrative assistant position salary and used it to increase the other two vacancies, opting to not hire an administrative assistant. This would essentially backfill the salary for the administrative assistant position.

The governor does not recommend this request.

2. Computer Upgrade

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$8,000** in **general funds** for computer upgrades. Computers were last purchased in FY24 to replace the laptops purchased with COVID-19 dollars in FY20/FY21.

The governor does not recommend this request.

3. Rangeland Maintenance Supplies

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$50,000** in **general funds** for rangeland maintenance supplies. These are mostly supplies for fencing, however, can also include roof repair supplies, as SPL has land with building structures such as a house or shed. Land supplies were requested in FY24 and FY25 and approved in FY24 for \$50,000 in general funds. Below is a chart detailing how much has been spent on supplies the past five fiscal years.

Rangeland Maintenance Supplies	
FY	Total
2020	\$ 22,123
2021	\$ 34,963
2022	\$ 55,527
2023	\$ 34,290
2024	\$ 36,124

The governor does not recommend this request.

School and Public Lands Budget Request							
By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$741,248	\$865,619	\$865,627	\$889,773	\$966,710	\$889,773	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$281,790	\$336,742	\$336,743	\$340,920	\$340,920	\$340,920	\$0
Total	\$1,023,038	\$1,202,362	\$1,202,370	\$1,230,693	\$1,307,630	\$1,230,693	\$0
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Administration	\$1,023,038	\$1,202,362	\$1,202,370	\$1,230,693	\$1,307,630	\$1,230,693	\$0
Administration - Info	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,023,038	\$1,202,362	\$1,202,370	\$1,230,693	\$1,307,630	\$1,230,693	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$560,280	\$554,887	\$551,195	\$764,899	\$783,836	\$764,899	\$0
Salaries	\$443,437	\$445,224	\$441,528	\$598,616	\$616,616	\$598,616	\$0

By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Benefits	\$116,843	\$109,663	\$109,667	\$166,283	\$167,220	\$166,283	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$462,758	\$647,475	\$651,175	\$465,794	\$523,794	\$465,794	\$0
Travel	\$14,941	\$9,889	\$47,783	\$48,438	\$48,438	\$48,438	\$0
Contractual Services	\$279,723	\$487,975	\$433,665	\$277,965	\$277,965	\$277,965	\$0
Supplies	\$168,094	\$149,611	\$167,727	\$137,391	\$187,391	\$137,391	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$0
Total	\$1,023,038	\$1,202,362	\$1,202,370	\$1,230,693	\$1,307,630	\$1,230,693	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	6.02	4.72	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)						
	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
SCHOOL & PUBLIC LANDS-OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$340,920	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$889,773	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%