



Budget Request

Increase Per Pupil Rate for Library Materials Aid (LMA)

What are Instructional Materials Aids?

- Instructional materials aids include library materials, textbook, software, and hardware aids.
- These aids are critical for reducing inequitable access to educational technology.
- These aids are not reimbursement-based, but allocational based on a certain amount per pupil.

What is LMA used for?

School library materials eligible for reimbursement include audio/visual and printed materials that meet the following criteria:

- Are catalogued and processed as part of the school library or media center for use by elementary and/or secondary school children and teachers
- Are expected to last more than one year after use
- Are ineligible for aid as textbooks

Examples of materials eligible for LMA include:

Paperback books	Hardcover Books	Periodicals
Pamphlets	Musical Scores	Videos
Audio Recordings	Maps/Globes	Charts

History of LMA

There were moderate increases to LMA during the first 5 years of its inception. Unfortunately, aid has not been increased since 2007.

Timeline: 1994 (\$2) ➔ 1995 (\$4) ➔ 1998 (\$6) ➔ 2007 (\$6.25)

Current LMA

- Currently, up to \$6.25 per pupil attending public or nonpublic schools within a school district's boundaries can be reimbursed by the State.
- Aid is calculated by multiplying \$6.25 by the number of enrolled pupils.

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- District costs for library materials have increased substantially over this time. When purchased by a school library, the average cost of a new hardcover children's title is \$21.31.
- Updating the per pupil allocation for each of the instructional materials aids, including LMA, to reflect inflation would benefit students in and out of the classroom.
- The New York State Board of Regents has recommended increasing LMA to \$10.55/pupil and tying future adjustments to inflation.
- **NYLA supports the Board of Regents' proposal, but requests a further increase of the per pupil rate from \$6.25 ➔ \$11.00**

