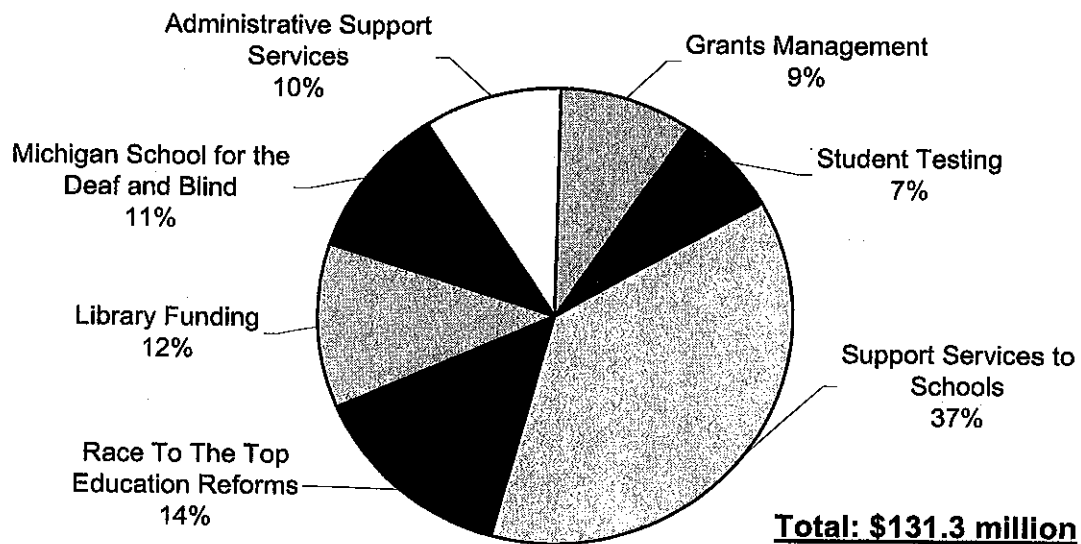


Department of Education

Leadership for Michigan's public education system is vested by the Constitution in the elected members of the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education and the Department of Education are focused on improving student achievement in order to prepare Michigan's students to compete in a global economy. The department distributes nearly \$13 billion of state and federal funding to the state's public schools. *The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 recommends total funding of \$131.3 million, of which \$20 million is general fund.*

Department Budget Funds a Variety of Educational Support Services



Highlights of Governor's Budget Recommendation for the Department of Education

- The Governor recommends \$83.4 million for state oversight of education programs, including special education, teacher preparation, early childhood services, student testing, and school improvement activities.
- The Executive Budget contains \$14.1 million to operate the Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind.
- The Governor proposes \$15.1 million to support public libraries, including the Library of Michigan.
- In December 2009, the Legislature enacted major school reform legislation. The Executive Budget includes \$18.7 million to begin implementing these reforms, including support for a new school reform/redesign officer, oversight of the new schools of excellence, development of assessments that measure each student's knowledge growth in each grade, correlation of student achievement to individual teachers, creation of a new alternative process for teacher certification, and oversight of the required school administrator certification program.

