

Program: Education in the Unorganized Territories (0220)

Program Purpose: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 119 establishes statutory authority for the Commissioner of Education to provide educational services to the resident pupils of Maine’s unorganized territories. The services must meet the general standards for elementary and secondary schooling and special education established for organized municipal units. The vast area of the unorganized territories (approximately 10.5 million acres) is generally characterized as rural, and frequently includes such characteristics as geographic isolation, remoteness, and high measures of poverty. These conditions often require unique solutions to unusual situations and locations. The Education in the Unorganized Territories (EUT) School Operations Team is committed to providing a comprehensive range of educational programs designed to meet the needs of all resident pupils within the 421 unorganized territories. These services include the:

- Operation of four elementary schools that enroll 200 students.
- Payment of tuition for 961 students attending school in the nearest school administrative unit.
- Operation of a fleet of 26 school buses located across the unorganized territories.
- Provision of room and board for 2 high school students in lieu of transportation, as necessary.
- Provision of 6 contracted conveyances in areas not served by school buses.
- Provision of comprehensive special education services for all resident students in grades K-12, including those students tutitioned to 62 school administrative units.
- Assistance to municipal units considering initiating the process of de-organization.

Population Served: The population includes resident pupils within the area of the unorganized territories. Data for constituencies served in fiscal year 2009-10:

Program Area	Enrollment
Four EUT Schools	162
Tuition Students	961
Total	1123

Financial Data: Funding for education in the unorganized territories is provided by the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax, which is levied upon non-exempt real and personal property located in the Unorganized Territory Tax District as of April 1st of each year for the purpose of funding municipal-type services, including education, in the unorganized territory. Revenue from this tax is credited to the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Fund which is used to reimburse the state and county governments for the cost of providing municipal services in the Unorganized Territory and to pay the county tax. The State provides General Fund appropriations in its biennial budget to the Education in the Unorganized Territories account for each fiscal year. The General Fund is reimbursed by the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Fund at the end of the fiscal year for actual expenses incurred.

	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Budgeted
General Fund	\$11,513,075	\$11,993,658	\$12,184,512
Federal Expenditures Fund	355,471	346,615	390,110
Other Special Revenue Funds	0	0	8,135
Federal ARRA Funds	0	137,485	161,135
Total All Funds	\$11,868,546	\$12,477,758	\$12,743,892

Leadership and Staff Support: Shelley Lane, EUT Superintendent, provides administrative leadership for the EUT School Operations Team. Staff support for the program includes:

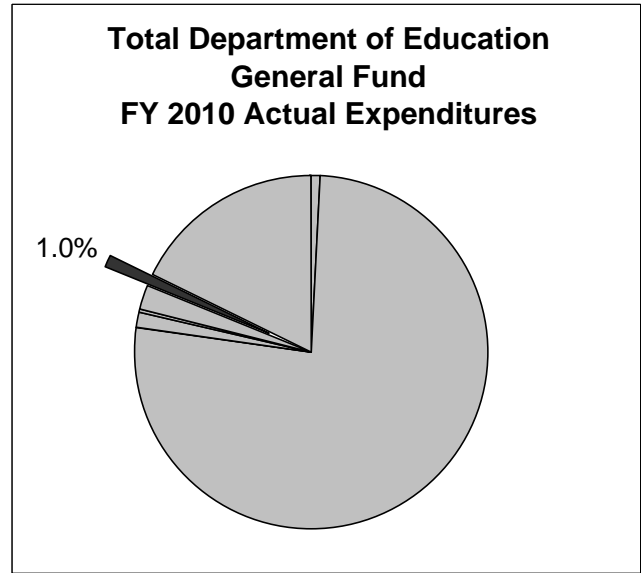
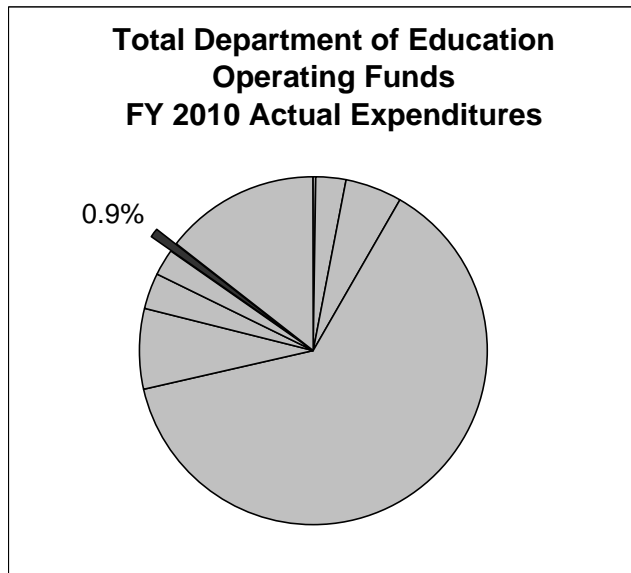
Funding Source	Legislative Count -- Position
General Fund	(1.0) Director State Schools (1.0) Business Manager I (1.0) Secretary Associate (0.74) Accounting Associate I (47.92) EUT School Personnel
Federal Expenditures Fund	(3.11) EUT School Personnel
Total	(54.77)

Performance Data: The EUT Superintendent reports directly to the Commissioner of Education on the operation of the EUT schools and the provision of educational services for EUT students tuitioned to nearby school units, including the following matters:

- Ensure that services are delivered in a cost-effective manner that results in optimal benefit to the citizens and taxpayers of the unorganized territories.
- Periodic reviews of students/staff ratio and growth.
- Annual evaluations of professional development of staff for student growth.

Source: MDOE Program Personnel and MDOE Program Evaluation Report (November 2007)
Updated (August 2010)

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	<u>FY 2009 Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>FY 2010 Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>FY 2011 Budgeted Expenditures</u>
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Federal Expenditures Fund			
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Other Special Revenue			
Education in the Unorganized Territories	\$0	\$0	\$8,135
Federal ARRA Funds			
Enhancing Education Through Technology	\$0	\$137,485	\$161,135
Summary			
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	Fund	Appropriation Account	Unit
EDUCATION IN THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES			
> Dept. of Education Programs that map directly to the budget			
Education in the Unorganized Territories (EUT)	10/13/14/20	0220-17, 0220-06	ALL
> Dept. of Education Programs included in Governmental Evaluation Act Program Evaluation Report that do not map directly to the budget			