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# Improving Student Accountability

# Comparing Similar Allotments

State Allotment	FY 07-08 Funding	Targeted Population
At-Risk / Alternative Schools	\$220,251,092	Students at risk of dropping out
Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Funding	\$69,209,078	Disadvantaged students
Improving Student Accountability	\$37,762,504	Students performing below grade level

State Allotment	Allotment Based On
At-Risk / Alternative Schools	Title I poverty count / ADM
Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Funding	% in single parent family % below poverty line % with parent without h.s. degree
Improving Student Accountability	# of students below grade level

- Note that DSSF requires spending plan requiring State Board approval

# Key Takeaways

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- Focused on students performing below grade level
- Per-child funding fluctuates year-to-year
- Final funding amount not known until after start of school year
- Funds can only be spent on below-grade-level students

# Purpose and Eligibility

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## **Purpose**

- To improve the academic performance of students performing below grade level

## **Eligibility**

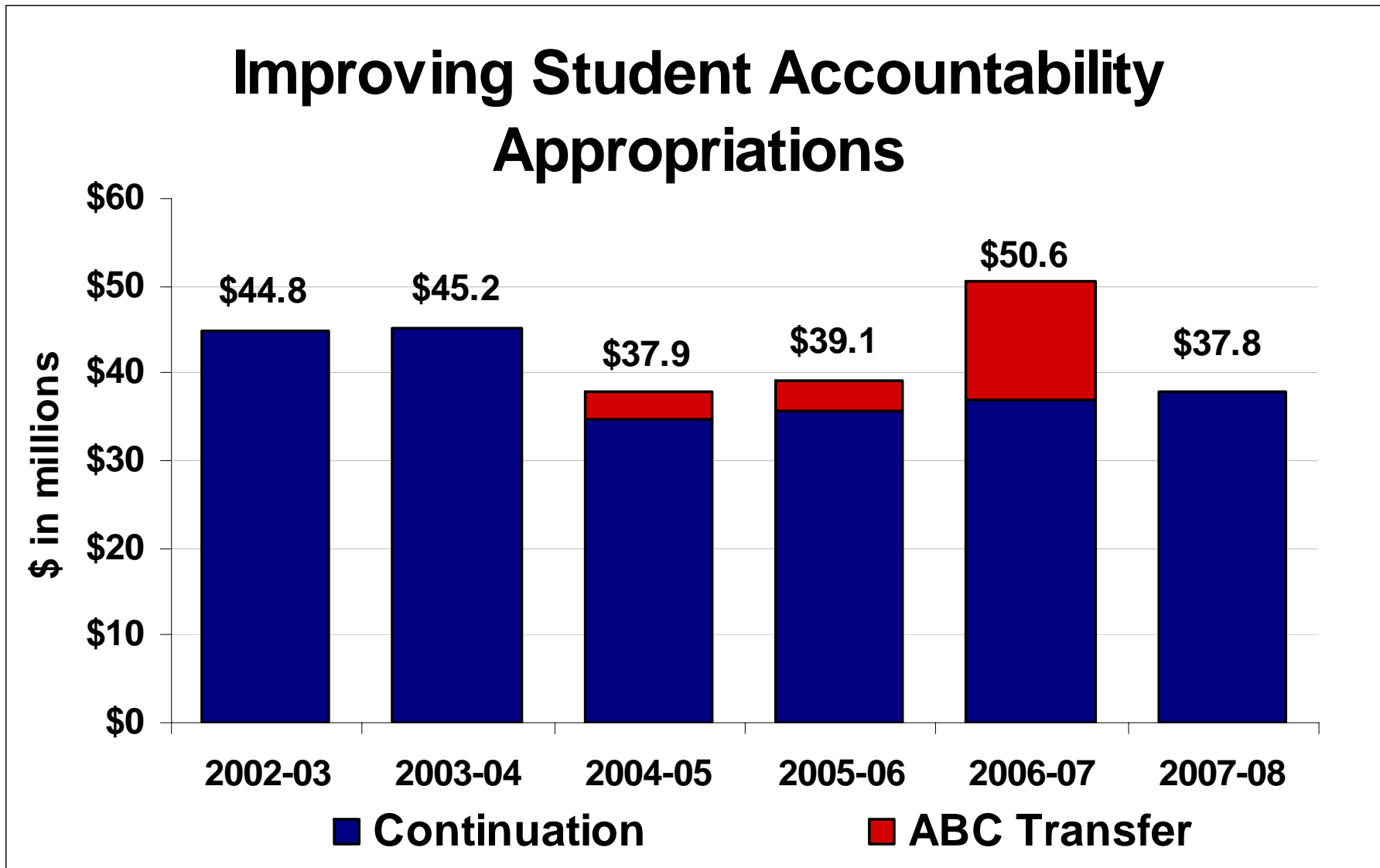
- All LEAs are eligible

# Allotment Formula

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- Two basic steps:
  1. Determine number of children scoring at Level I or II on grade 3-8 end-of-grade tests
  2. Distribute to LEAs pro rata
- Additional funds can be transferred in if ABC Bonuses are below budgeted amount

# Appropriations History

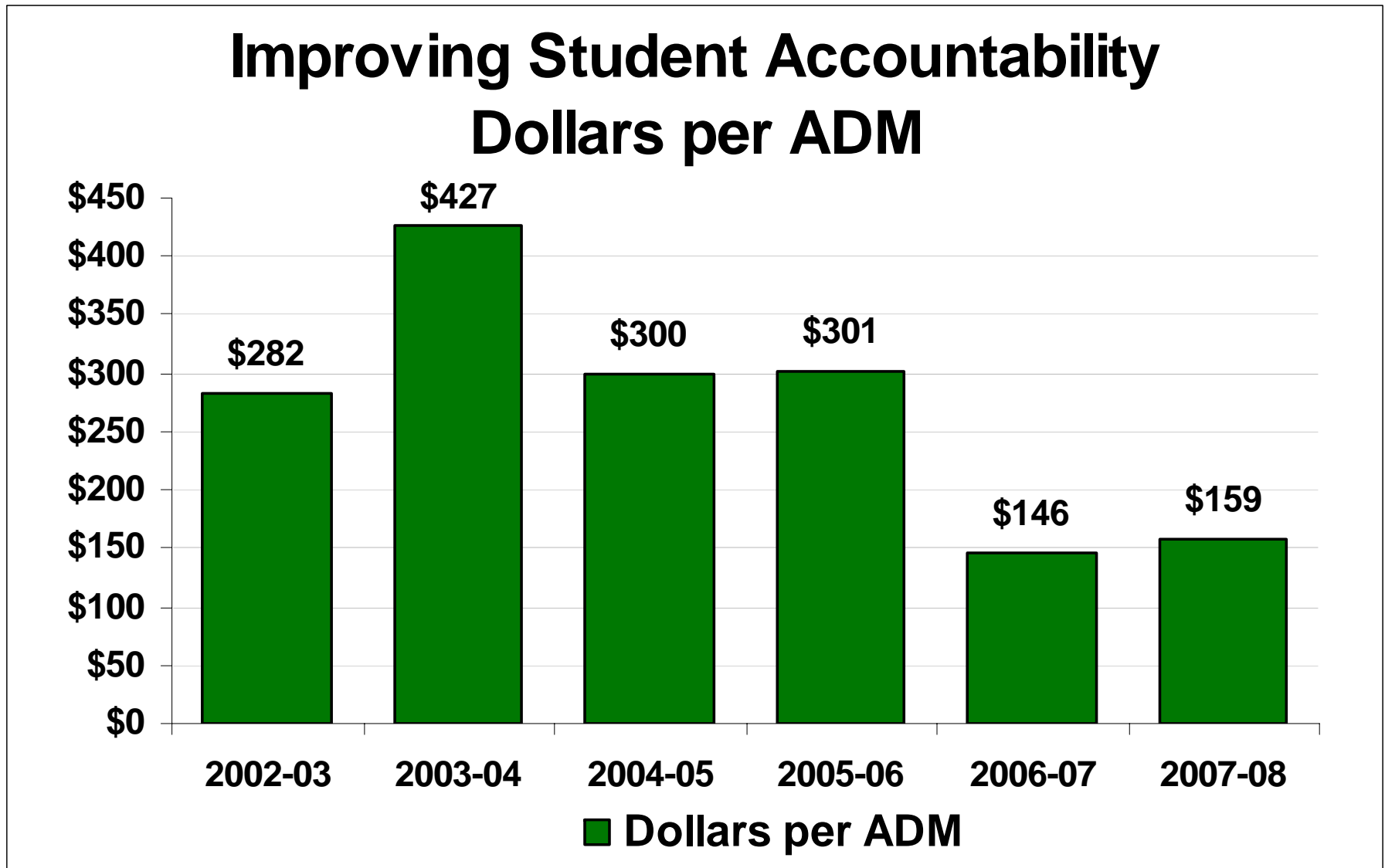


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# Funding per Student



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# Eligible Uses of Funds

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- Funds can only be used to improve the academic performance of students in grades 3-12 who are performing below grade level
- Examples of eligible uses include:
  - Summer school / remediation
  - Tutoring
  - Instructional software

# Eligible Uses of Funds

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- LEA flexibility:
  - Funds cannot be transferred out of this category
  - Funds can be transferred into this category
- LEAs have until August 31 to expend funds
  - Allows expenditure on summer programs

# Eligible Uses of Funds

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## **Many State allotments can be used for at-risk students**

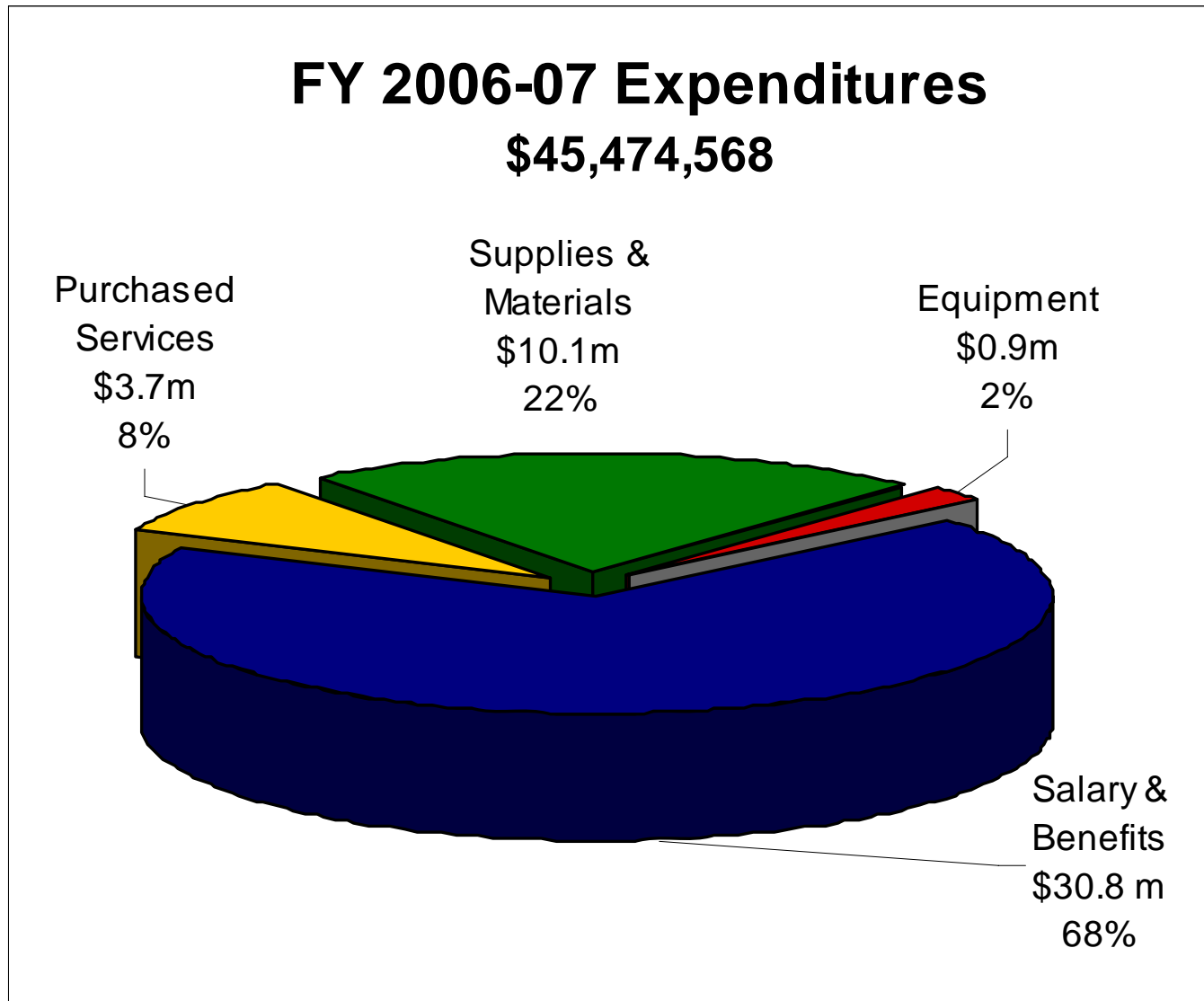
- All basic allotments
- DSSF
- At-Risk Student Services / Alternative Schools
- Improving Student Accountability
- Limited English Proficiency
- Low Wealth
- Small County
- Children With Special Needs
- Career Technical Education

# Eligible Uses of Funds

## **Federal money can also be used for at-risk students**

- For 2006-07 school year, over \$650 million:
  - Title I: \$322.6 million
  - IDEA: \$274.4 million
  - Vocational Education: \$21.5 million
  - 21st Century Learning Community Centers: \$20.5 million
  - Safe & Drug-Free Schools: \$5.8 million
  - Rural & Low Income Schools Program: \$4.5 million
  - Homeless Children and Youth: \$1.1 million

# FY 2006-07 Expenditures



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# Questions for Consideration

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- Should supplemental allotments for at-risk students (At-Risk, DSSF, Improving Student Accountability, etc.) be collapsed to increase simplicity?