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IBSSS STATUS REPORT

Action Requested: Receive the IBSSS status report.

Executive Summary: IBSSS's status report includes an analysis of the on-campus student population and the School's fiscal resources in order to provide the Board a more detailed background about the School.

Details of the Report:

Task Force Recommendation – The Board of Regents and the State Board of Education will create a coordinating council to review all services which support the education of students who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities.

Status: The Coordinating Council was created by joint appointment of the Board of Regents and the State Board of Education and met on September 29, 2005. IBSSS presented information to the Council about the on-campus student demographics and the School's fiscal resources. An abbreviated version of that presentation is included below and on the attached charts.

- The current on-campus enrollment is 34 students. Fourteen of these students are academic students; 12 out of the 14 are integrated in the Vinton/Shellsburg schools for academics at least part of the day; three out of the 14 might be considered for post-secondary academic education. Twenty of these students are non-academic students; six students are non-verbal and 17 cannot read either print or Braille.
- The majority of the students attending the School reside in one of three counties – Linn (7); Polk (4); and Benton (3). The remaining students are scattered across the state.
- The current age range of the students is 8 – 20 years.
- Since 1984, the enrollment at the School has ranged from a high of 66 students in 1985 and 1989 to a low of 31 students in 2003.
- In FY 2005, the total revenues for the School, including all funds, was \$7,003,018. This included a combination of state funds of \$5,264,403; a state vision grant from the Iowa Department of Education of \$457,361; and O & M and TVI¹ contracts with the AEAs of \$1,281,254.
- In FY 2005, the total expenditures for the School was \$7,003,018. This included \$1,498,946 for statewide services; \$1,423,483 for contracts with the AEAs; and \$4,080,589 for school year on-campus services.
- The expenditures for the on-campus school year program include \$1,136,132 (28%) for instruction; \$931,148 (23%) for plant operations; \$755,268 (19%) for dormitory; \$459,828 (11%) for support; \$220,464 (5%) for health services; and \$279,887 (7%) for transportation and food.

¹ Orientation and Mobility; Teachers of the Visually Impaired
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- ☑ In FY 2005, the on-campus average cost per student was \$124,788 based on 32.7 students. The on-campus average cost per student for instruction was \$34,744 and for plant operations, it was \$28,475.
- ☑ The off-campus vision services currently available include teachers of the visually impaired, orientation and mobility, educational consultations, educational evaluation, technology consultations, technology assistance, low vision clinics, library and media, and assistive device center.

A copy of the charts presented to the Coordinating Council regarding student demographics and fiscal resources is included in Attachment 1. A copy of the full presentation to the Coordinating Council is available on the Board of Regents website.

A young child with dark hair and large black-rimmed glasses is focused on stacking wooden blocks on a light-colored countertop. The child is wearing a white t-shirt with a colorful graphic. The background shows a wooden cabinet with drawers. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

A review of children who
receive vision services and
the fiscal resources
providing the services

September
2005

*Who are the children in
Iowa needing vision
services?*

Ages of children

Statewide, there are approximately 500 Iowa children who are blind or visually impaired and receiving services. Their ages are:

Birth to 3	16%
3 - 5	15%
6 - 12	42%
13 - 21	27%

Gross estimate (43% return rate) 2000 data

Students served 05/06 by AEA and by placement

<u>AEA</u>	<u>IBSSS</u>	<u>AEA/LEA</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	1	40	41
267	4	57	61
4	1	10	11
8	4	31	35
9	2	46	48
10	11	55	66
11	4	114	118
12	0	16	16

Students served (continued)

<u>AEA</u>	<u>IBSSS</u>	<u>AEA/LEA</u>	<u>Total</u>
13	2	37	39
14	0	7	7
15	3	30	33
16	0	15	15
DM	2	47	49
Totals 34		Totals 505	Totals 539

Who attends the Iowa Braille School?

Academic Students

The Iowa Braille School has **14** students enrolled whose education is based upon an academic curriculum. Of those 14 students:

One student is totally blind

Three students might be considered for post secondary academic education

Seven students do their reading and writing in Braille

Seven students need large print for reading or use other technology to read print

Twelve students are integrated in the Vinton/Shellsburg schools for academics at least part of the day

Non-Academic Students

The Iowa Braille School has **20** students enrolled for whom an academic curriculum is not appropriate. Of those 20 students:

Five students use wheelchairs

Six students are non-verbal

Ten students are totally blind

Sixteen students are not toilet trained

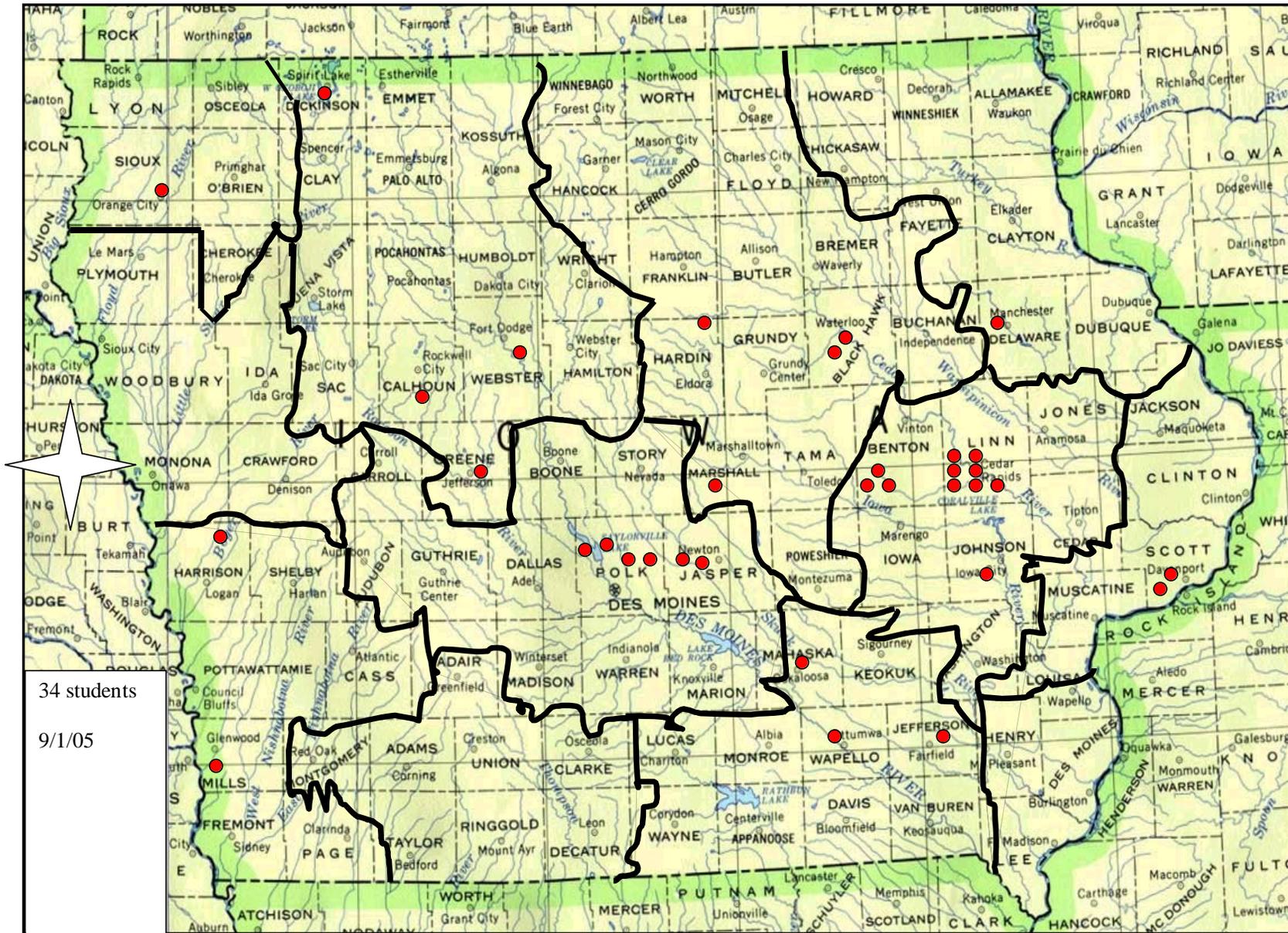
Seventeen students require assistance to move from place to place

Seventeen students cannot read either print or Braille

All **Twenty** of these students are part of the 1% of students statewide who are exempt from taking the state test (ITBS and ITED) as required by the No Child Left Behind legislation.

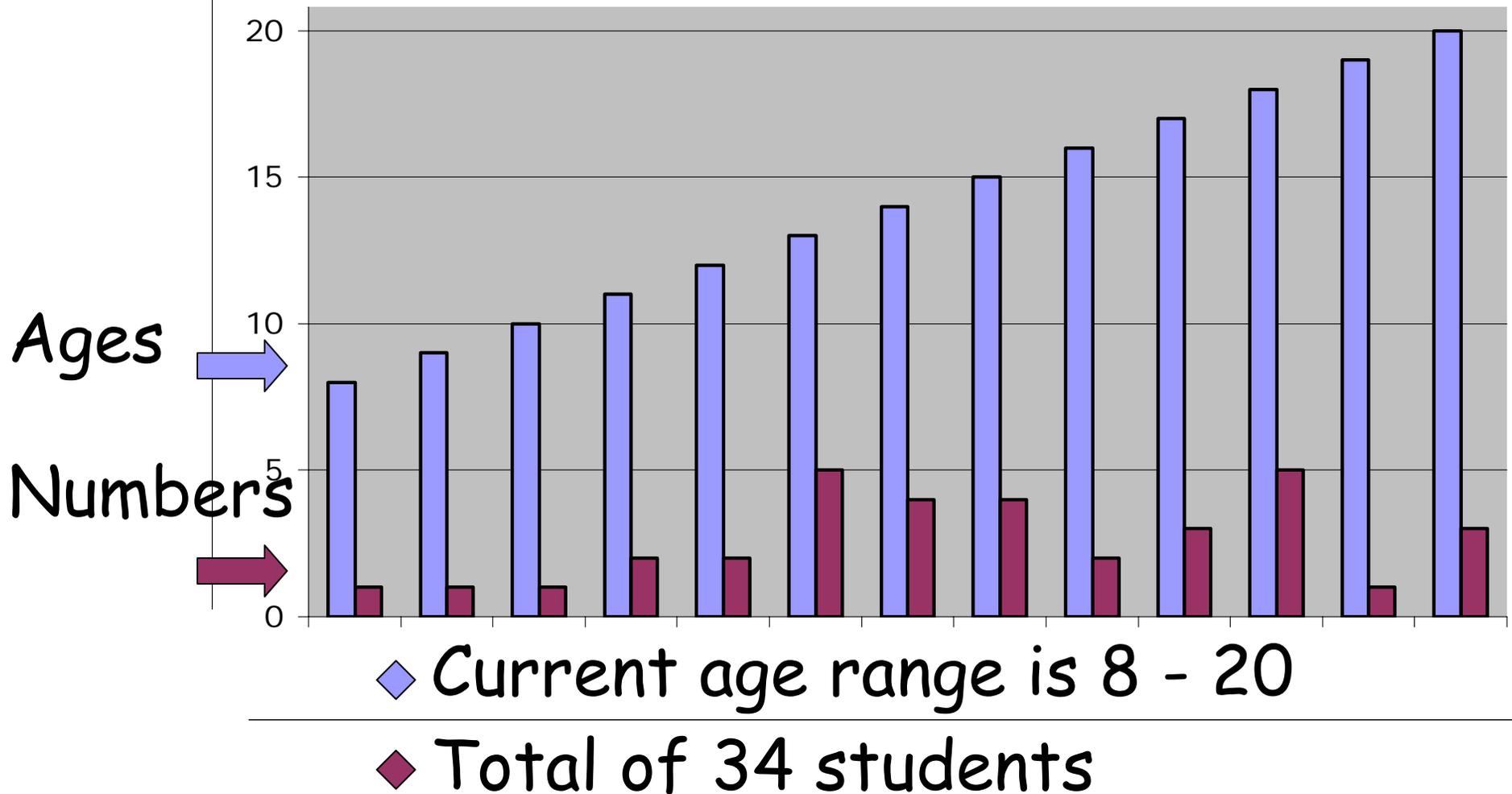


Where students live who are enrolled at the Iowa Braille School



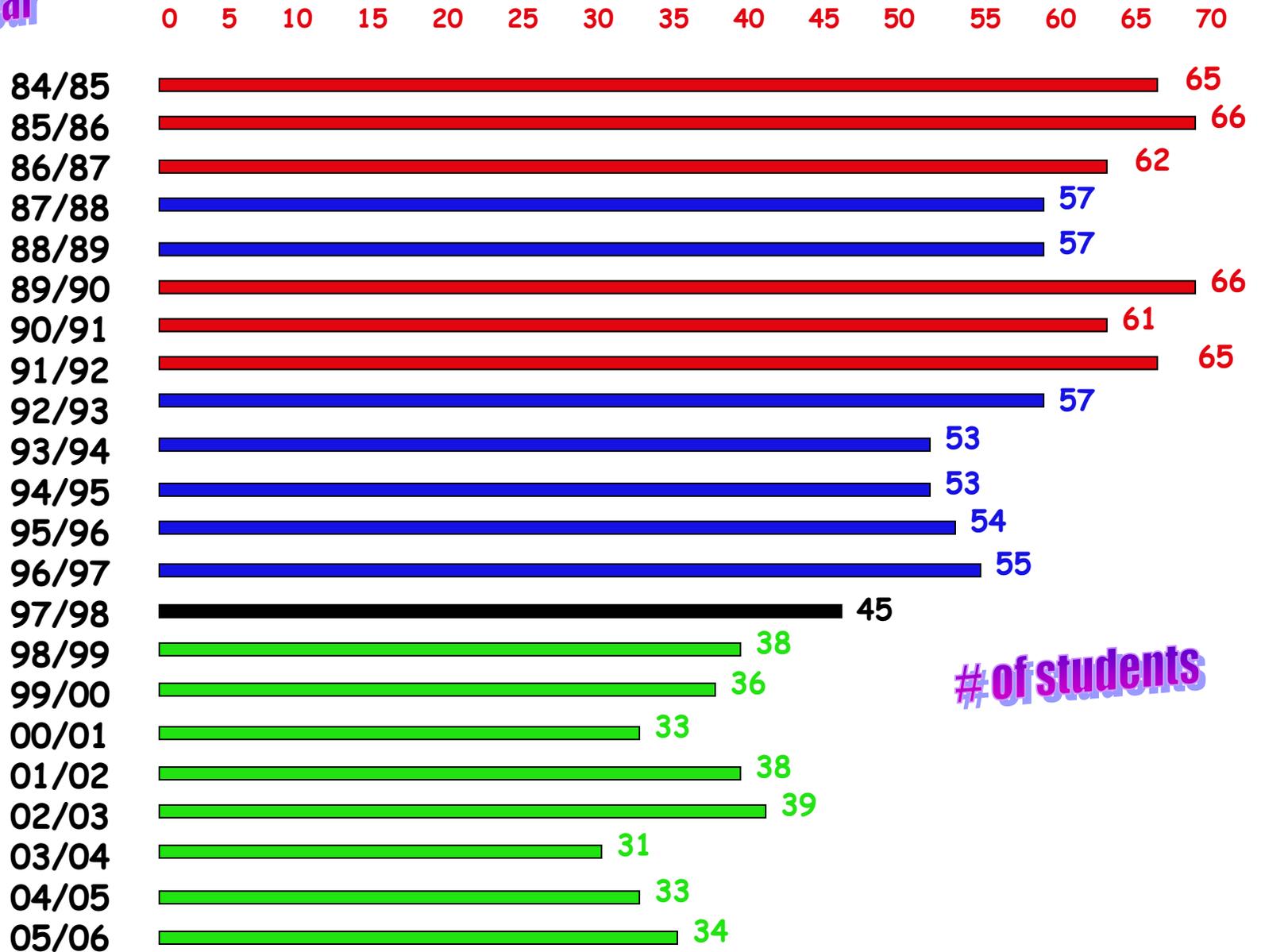
Ages of Children

on campus at the Iowa Braille School



Enrollment History

School year



of students

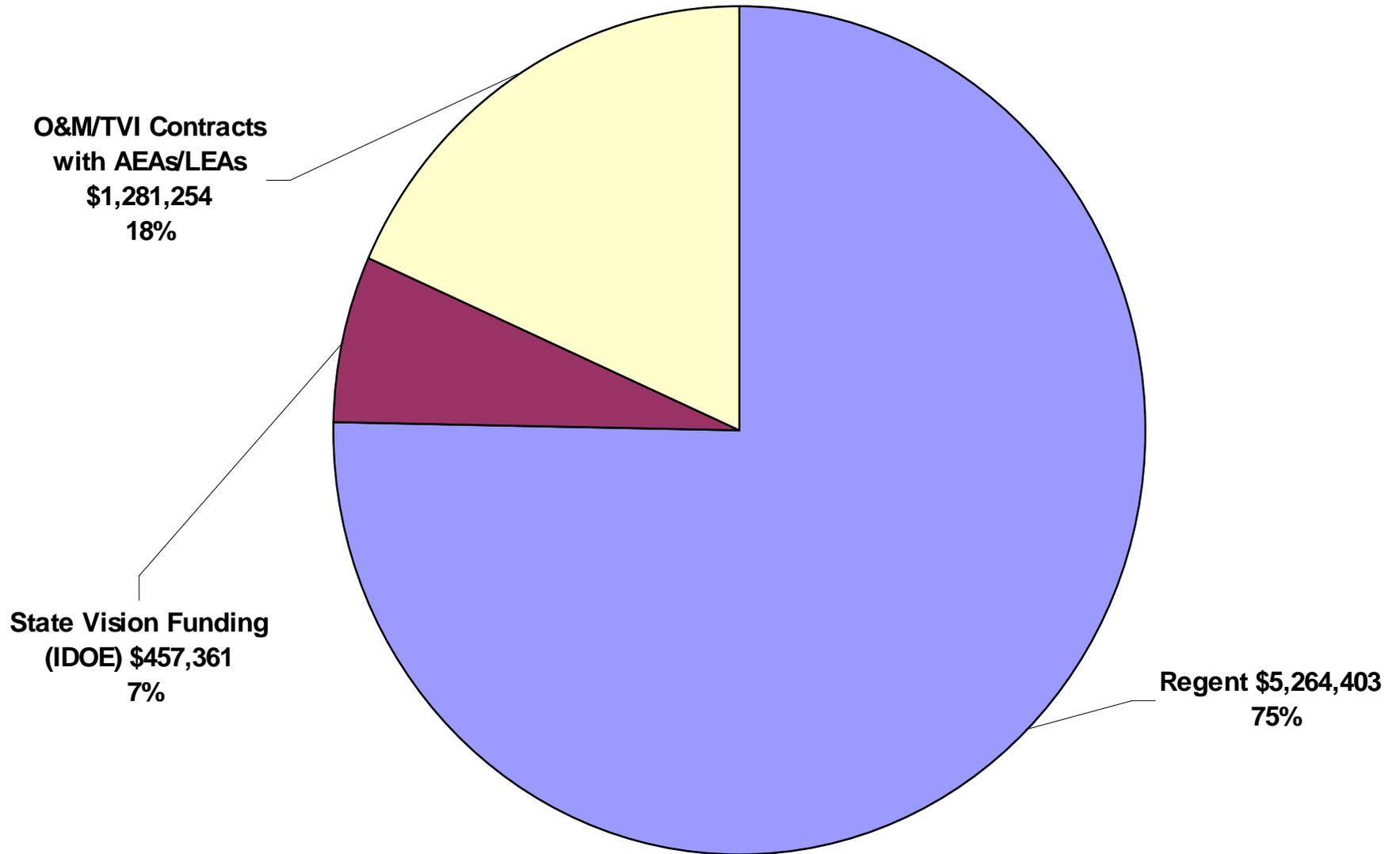
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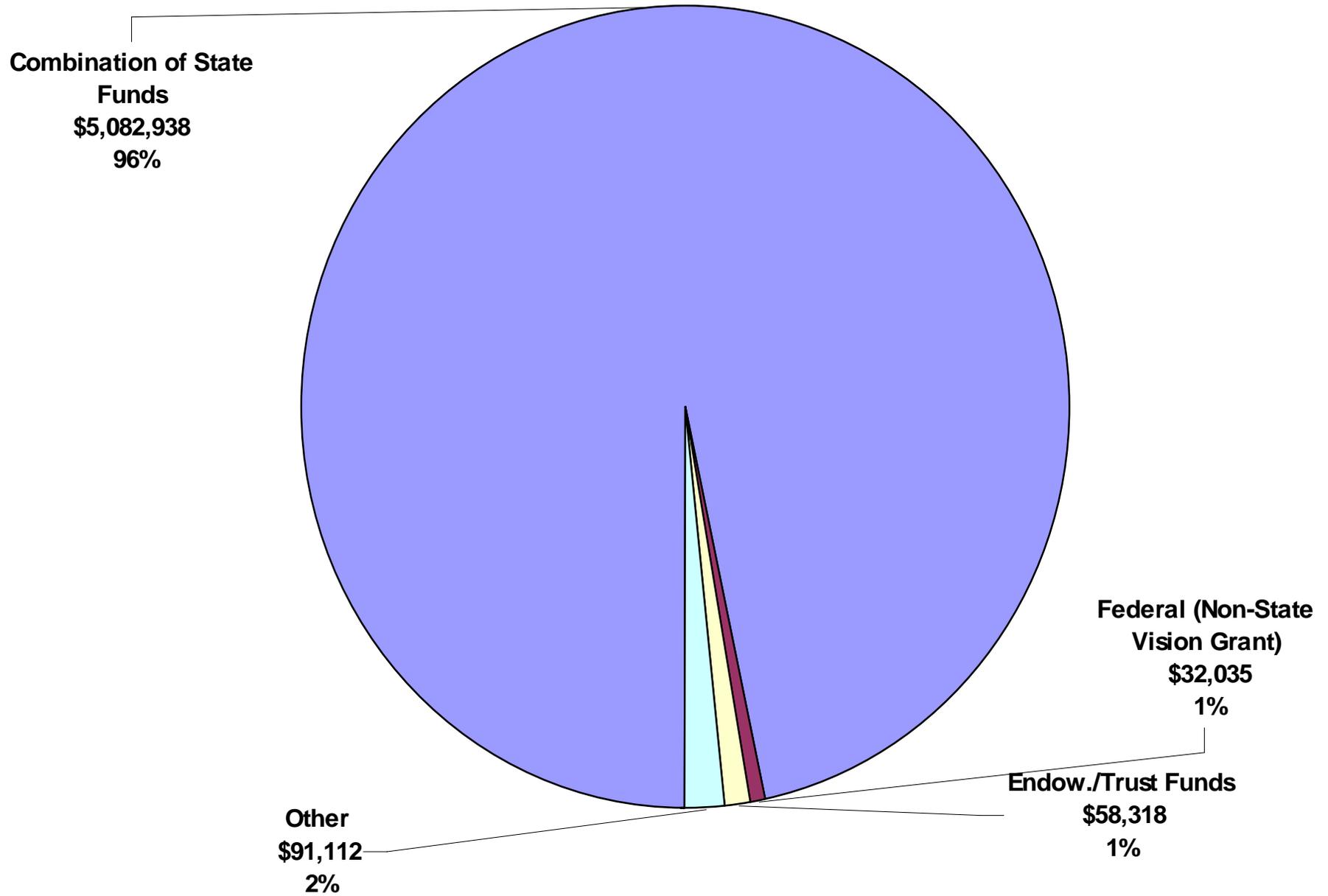
What are the
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supporting IBSSS?

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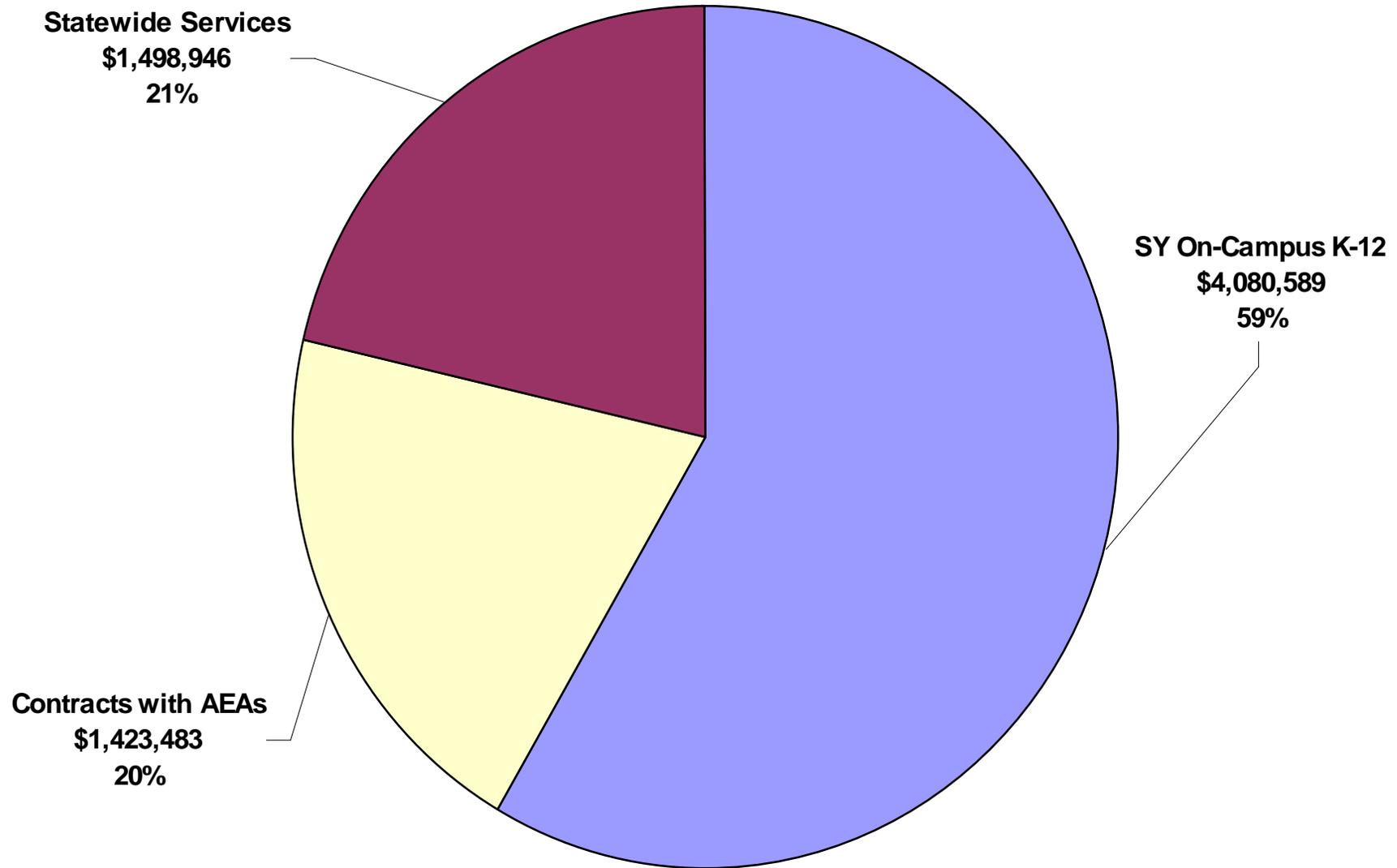
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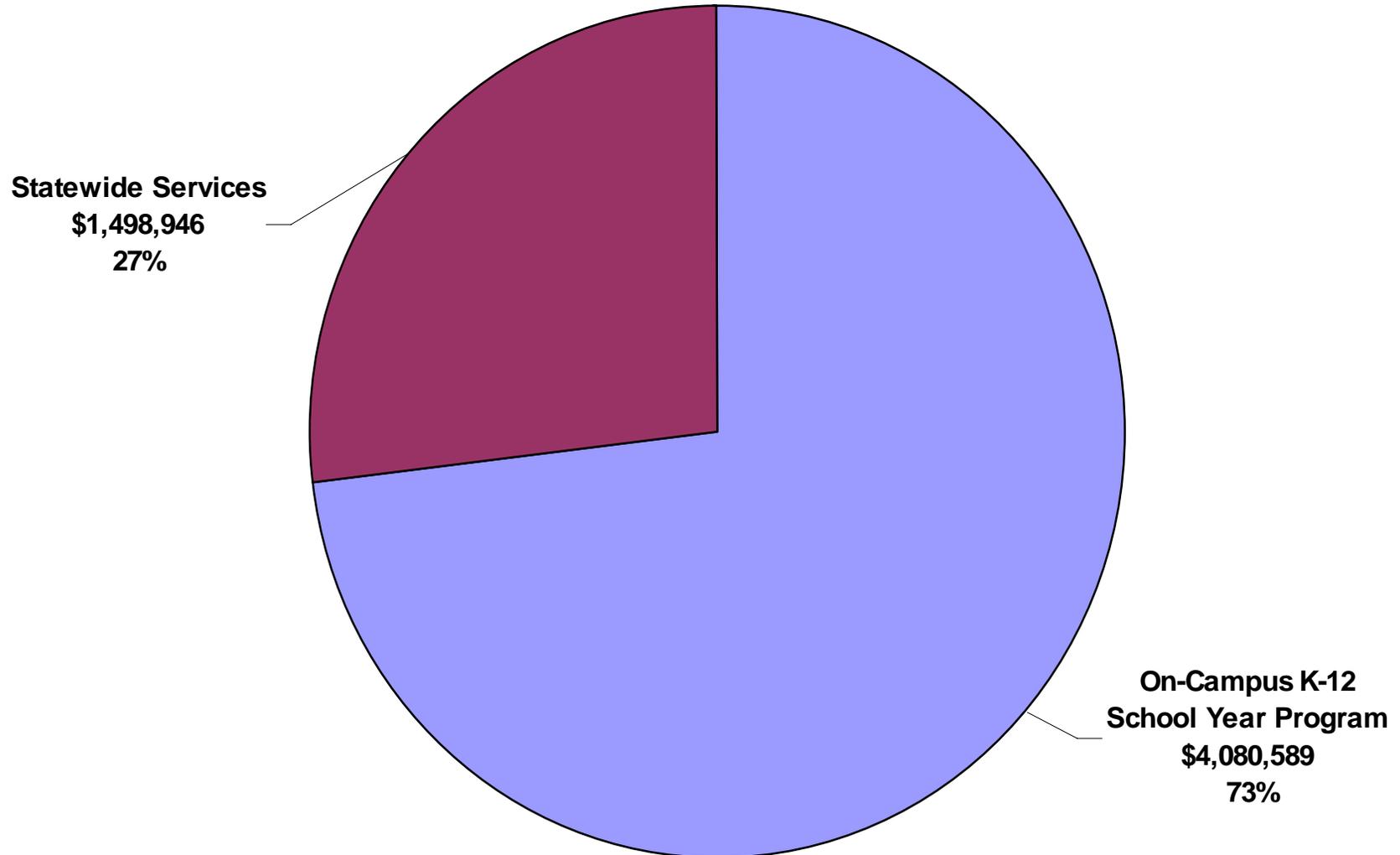
REGENT FUNDING
\$5,264,403



FY05 Total Expenditures (All Programs/All Funds)
\$7,003,018

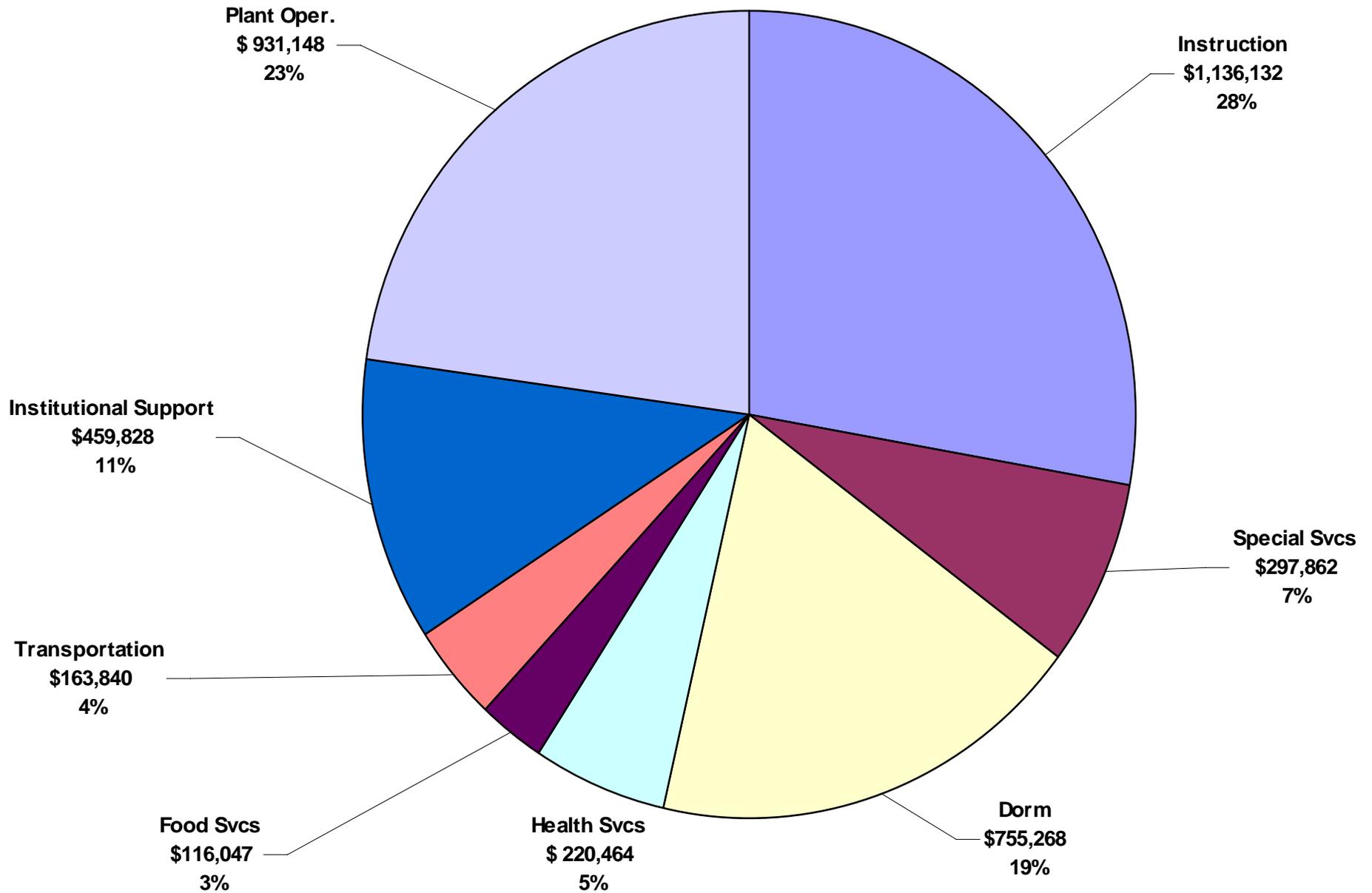


FY05 Expenditures of \$5,579,535 (Excludes O&M/TVI Contracts with AEAs)

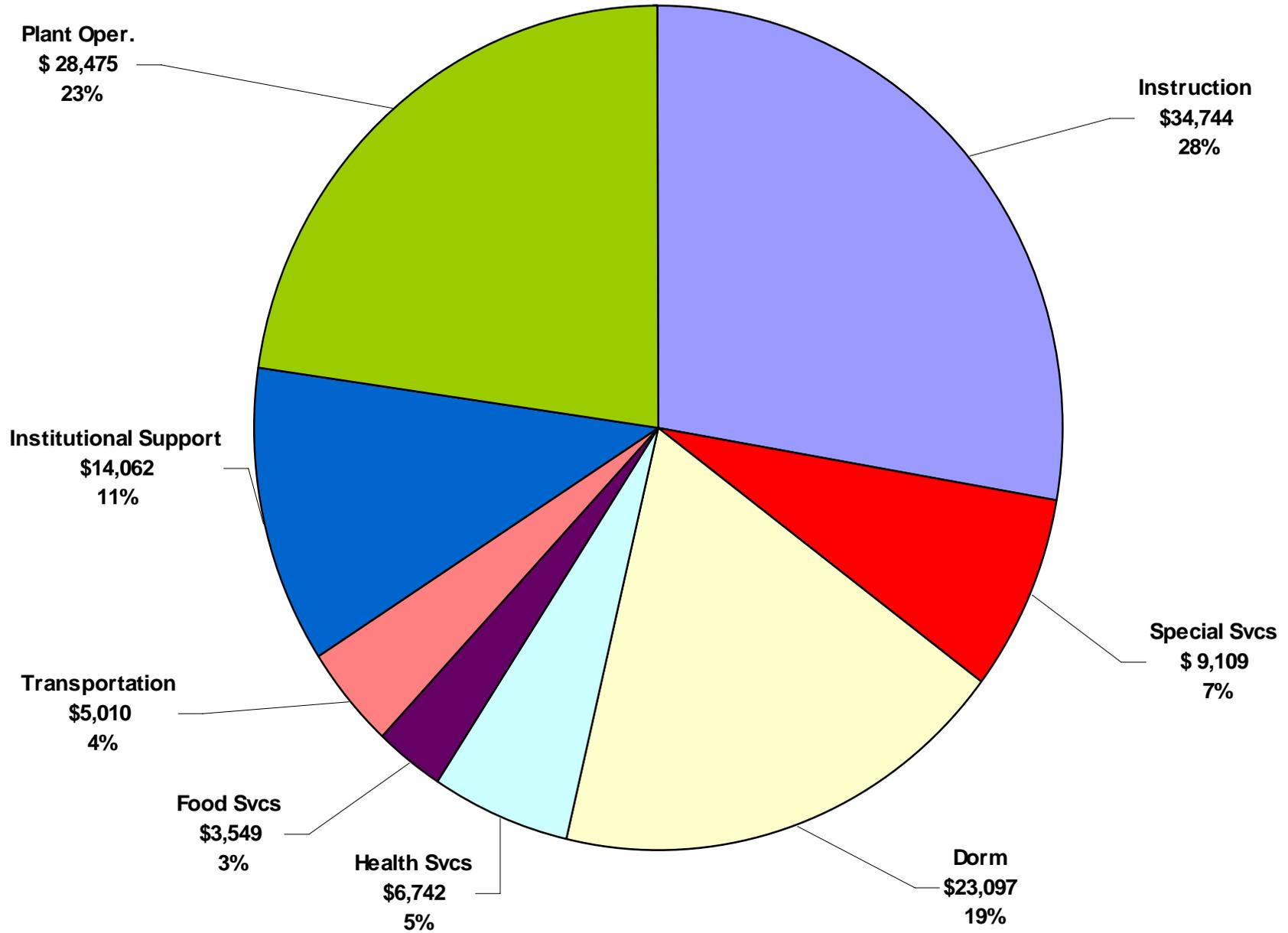


FY05 SY On-campus Program Expenditures

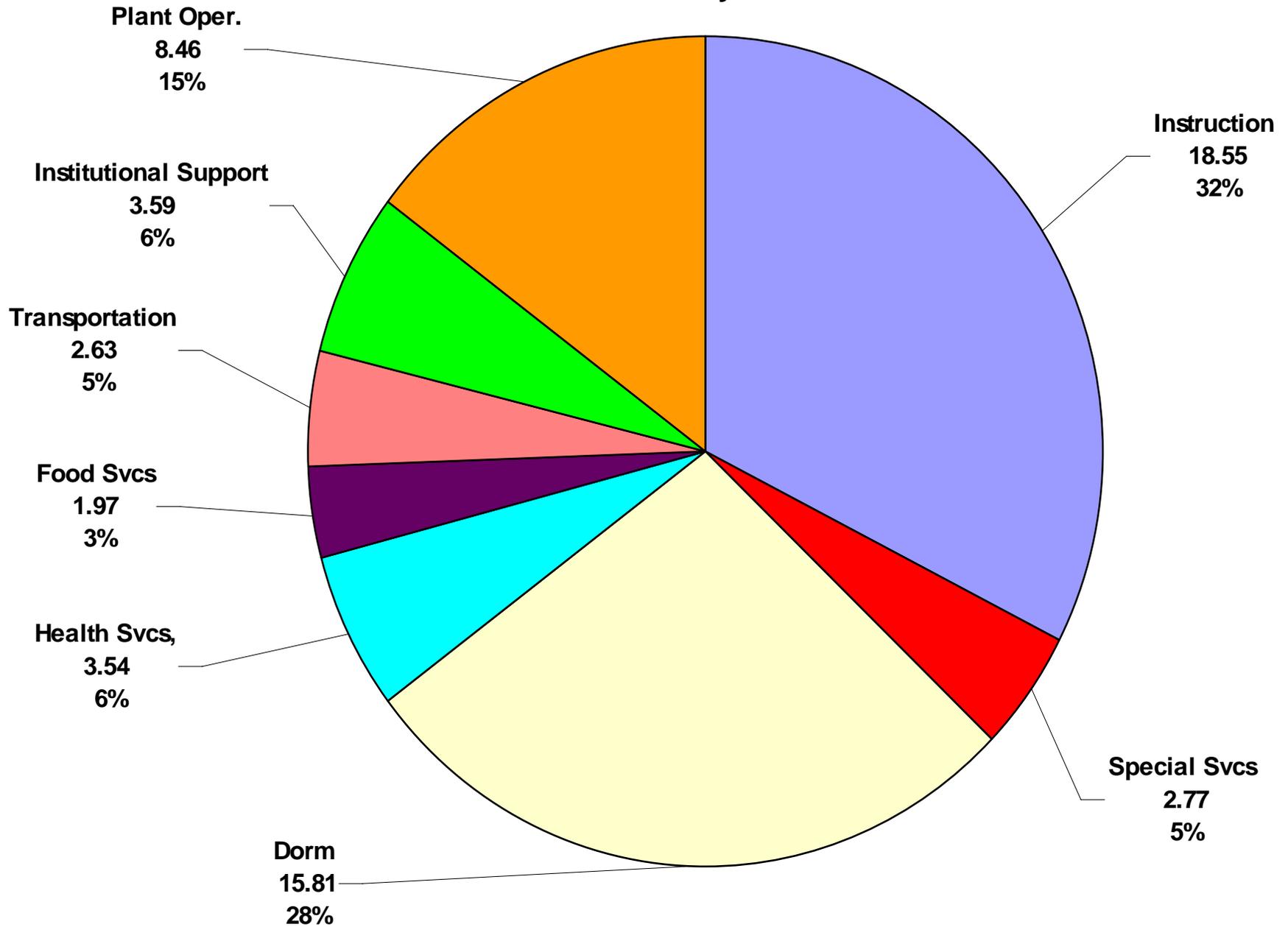
\$4,080,589



On-Campus Average Cost Per Student \$124,788 based on 32.7 Students



SY On-Campus K-12 Program FY05 FTEs of 57.32 by Function



FY05 Total Expenditures, FTEs, Students Served (All Programs/All Funds)

