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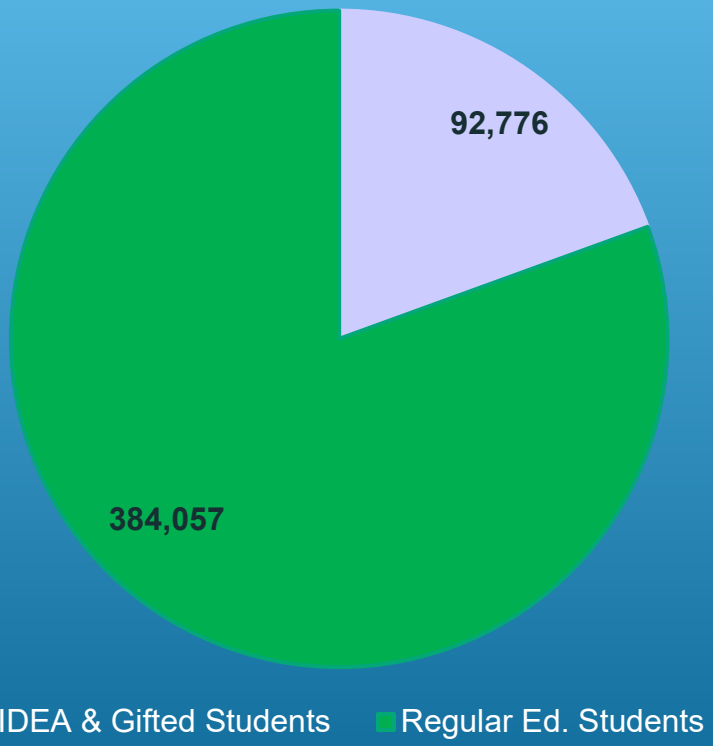
Public School Headcount by Special Education Status for School Year 2025



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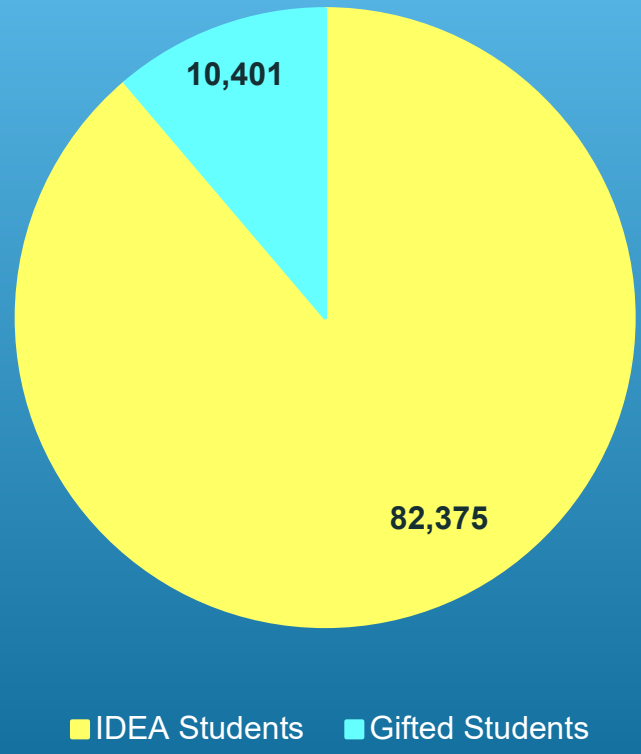

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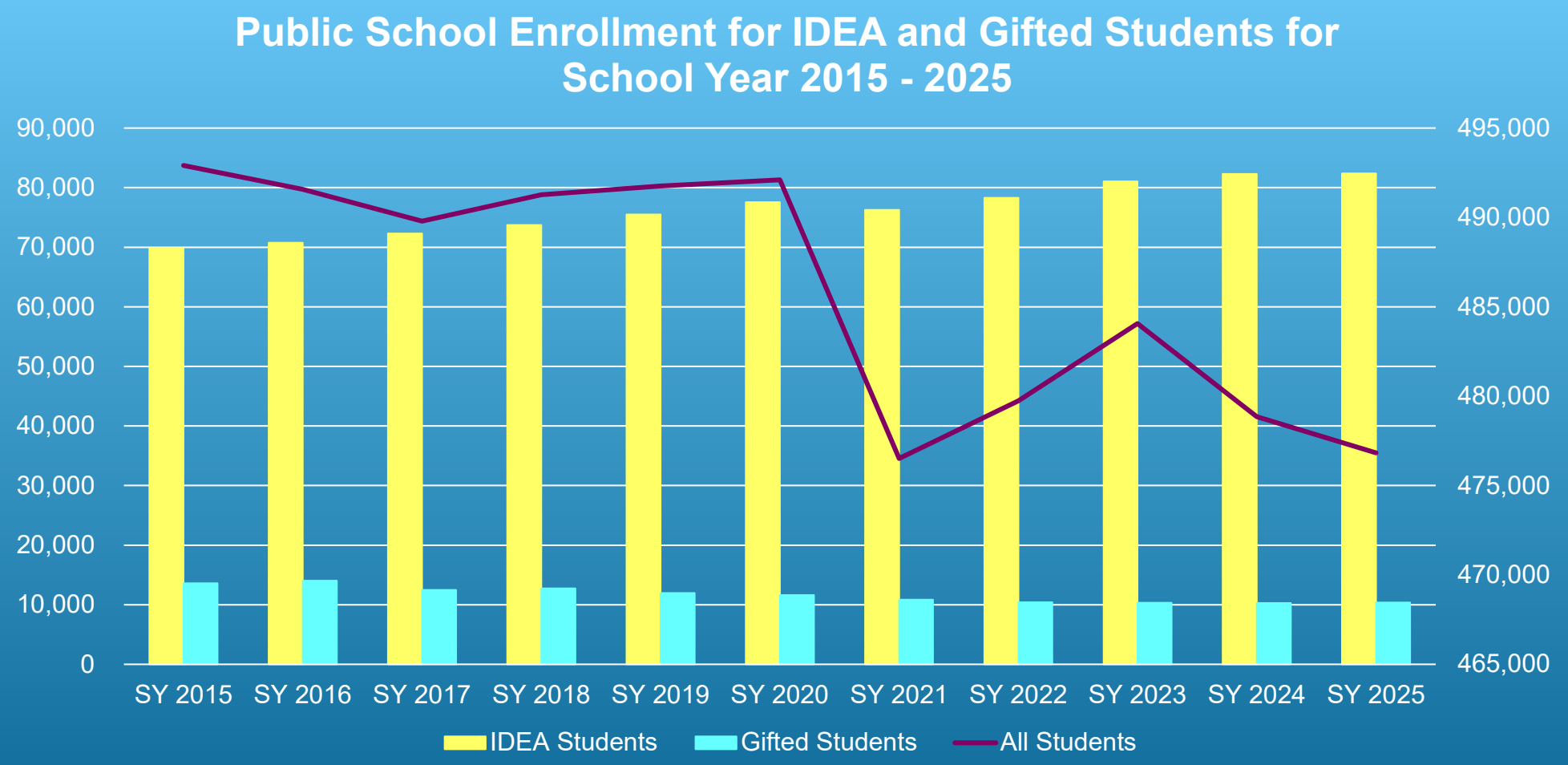

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Figure 1. Students ages 3–21 served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as a percentage of public school enrollment, by state and jurisdiction: School year 2022–23

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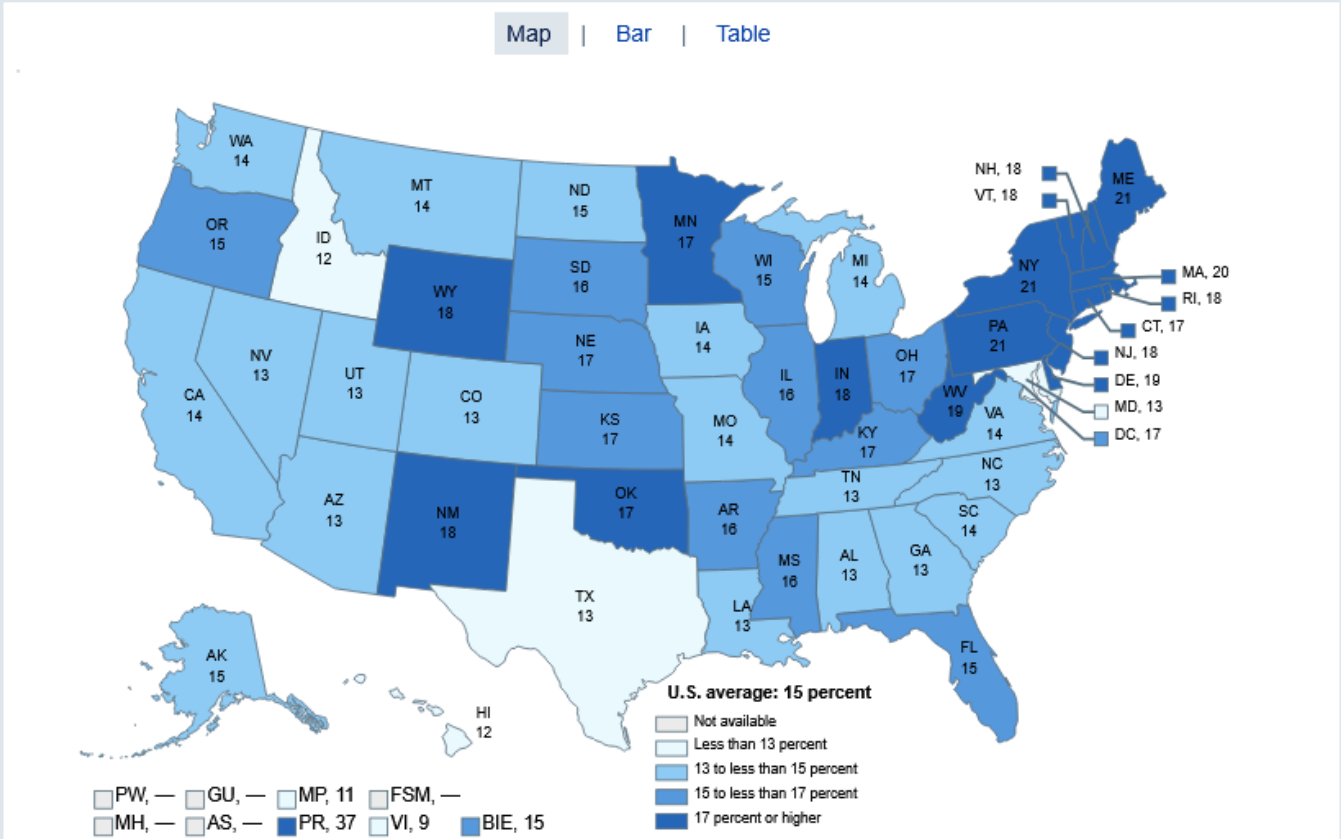

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NOTE: The U.S. average is for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Data for California and Oregon include imputations for nonreported prekindergarten enrollment. Figures are plotted based on unrounded data.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) database, retrieved October 13, 2023, from https://data.ed.gov/dataset/idea-section-618-state-part-b-child-count-and-educational-environments/resources. National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "State Nonfiscal Survey of Public Elementary/Secondary Education," 2022–23. See *Digest of Education Statistics 2023*, table 204.70.

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IDEA & Gifted Students Enrolled in Public School by Exceptionality for School Year 2025		
Exceptionality	**Headcount**	**Percentage**
Autism	7,546	8.13%
Deaf-Blind	26	0.03%
Developmentally Delayed	15,024	16.19%
Emotional Disability	2,633	2.84%
Hearing Impairments	629	0.68%
Intellectual Disabilities	3,477	3.75%
Multiple Disabilities	888	0.96%
Other Health Impairments	9,874	10.64%
Orthopedic Impairments	194	0.21%
Specific Learning Disability	28,081	30.27%
Speech / Language	13,612	14.67%
Traumatic Brain Injury	149	0.16%
Visual Impairments	242	0.26%
IDEA Total	82,375	88.79%
Gifted Total	10,401	11.21%
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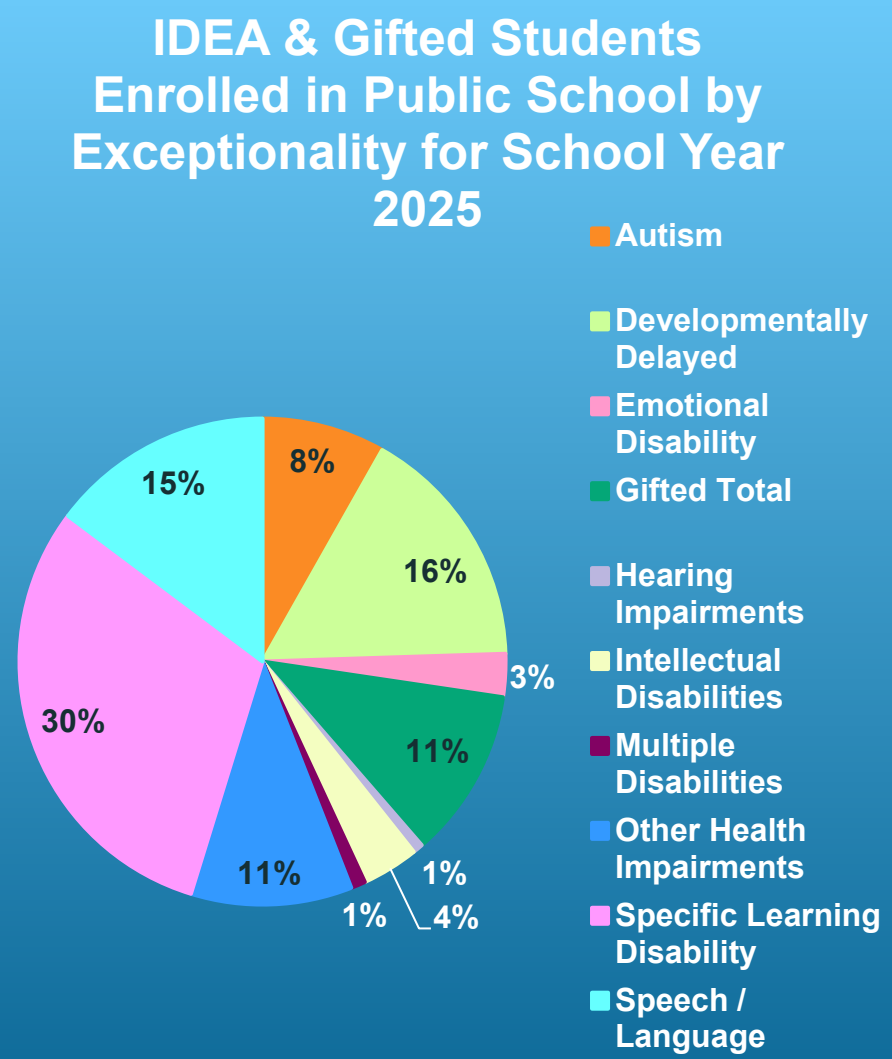

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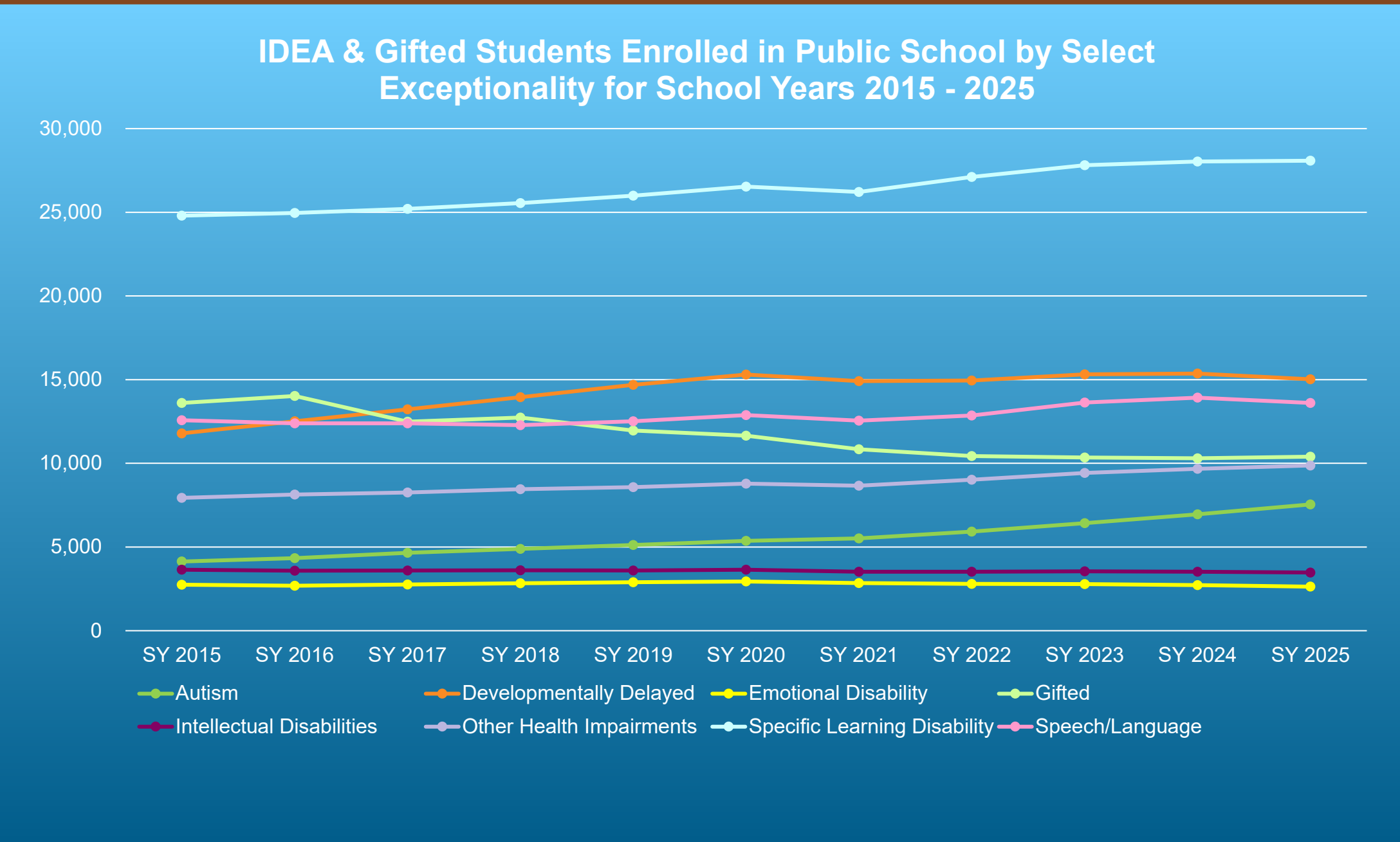

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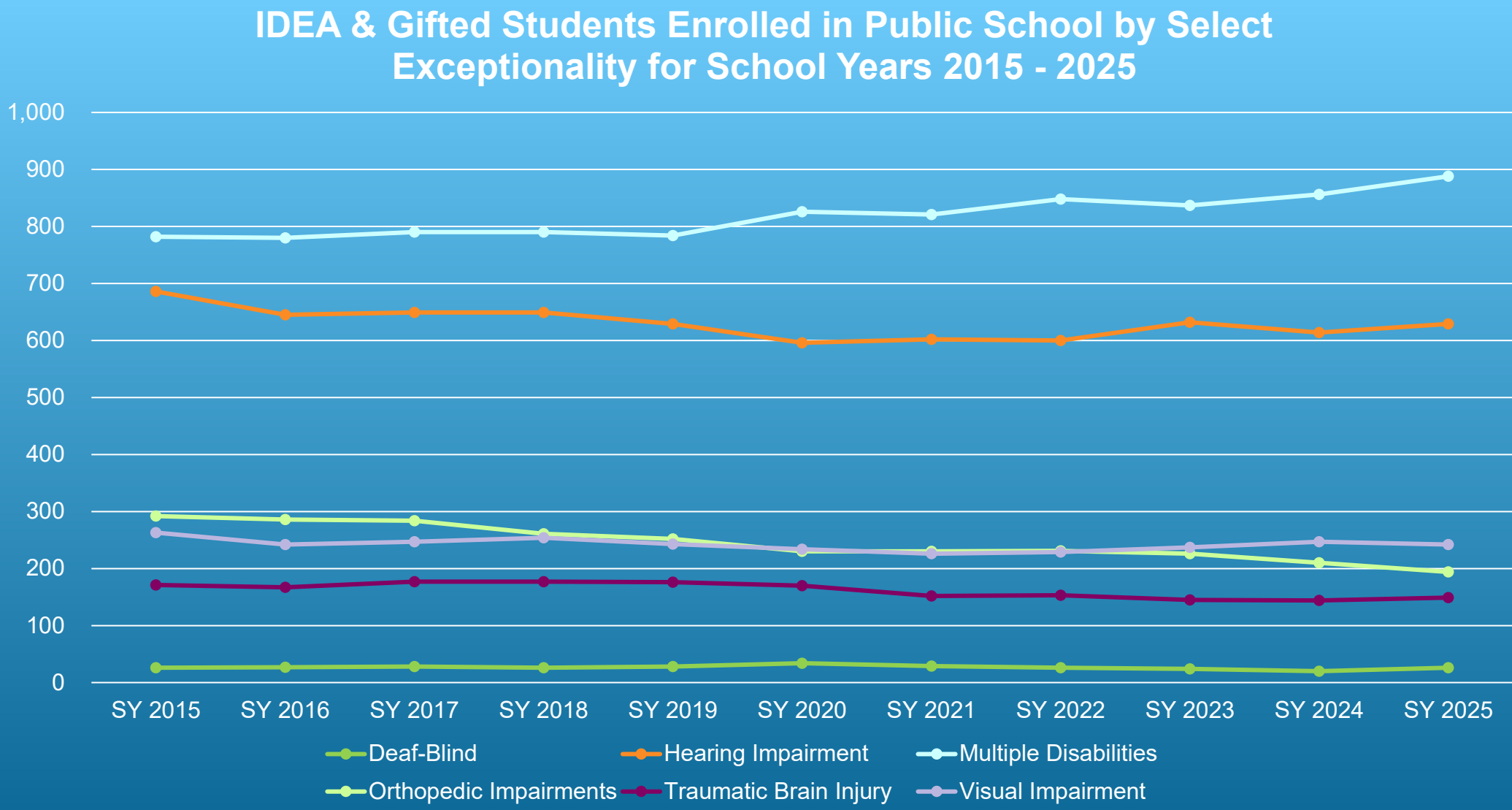

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IDEA & Gifted Student Enrollment in Public School by Percentage of Exceptionality for School Years 2015 - 2025											
Exceptionality	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Autism	5.9%	6.1%	6.4%	6.6%	6.8%	6.9%	7.2%	7.6%	7.9%	8.4%	9.2%
Deaf-Blind	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Developmentally Delayed	16.9%	17.7%	18.3%	18.9%	19.5%	19.7%	19.6%	19.1%	18.9%	18.7%	18.2%
Emotional Disability	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%
Gifted	16.4%	16.6%	14.8%	14.8%	13.7%	13.1%	12.5%	11.8%	11.4%	11.2%	11.3%
Hearing Impairments	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Intellectual Disabilities	5.2%	5.1%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%
Multiple Disabilities	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%
Other Health Impairments	11.4%	11.5%	11.4%	11.5%	11.4%	11.3%	11.4%	11.5%	11.6%	11.8%	12.0%
Orthopedic Impairments	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Specific Learning Disability	35.3%	35.3%	34.9%	34.7%	34.4%	34.2%	34.4%	34.6%	34.3%	34.1%	34.1%
Speech / Language	18.0%	17.5%	17.1%	16.7%	16.6%	16.6%	16.4%	16.4%	16.8%	16.9%	16.5%
Traumatic Brain Injury	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Visual Impairments	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%

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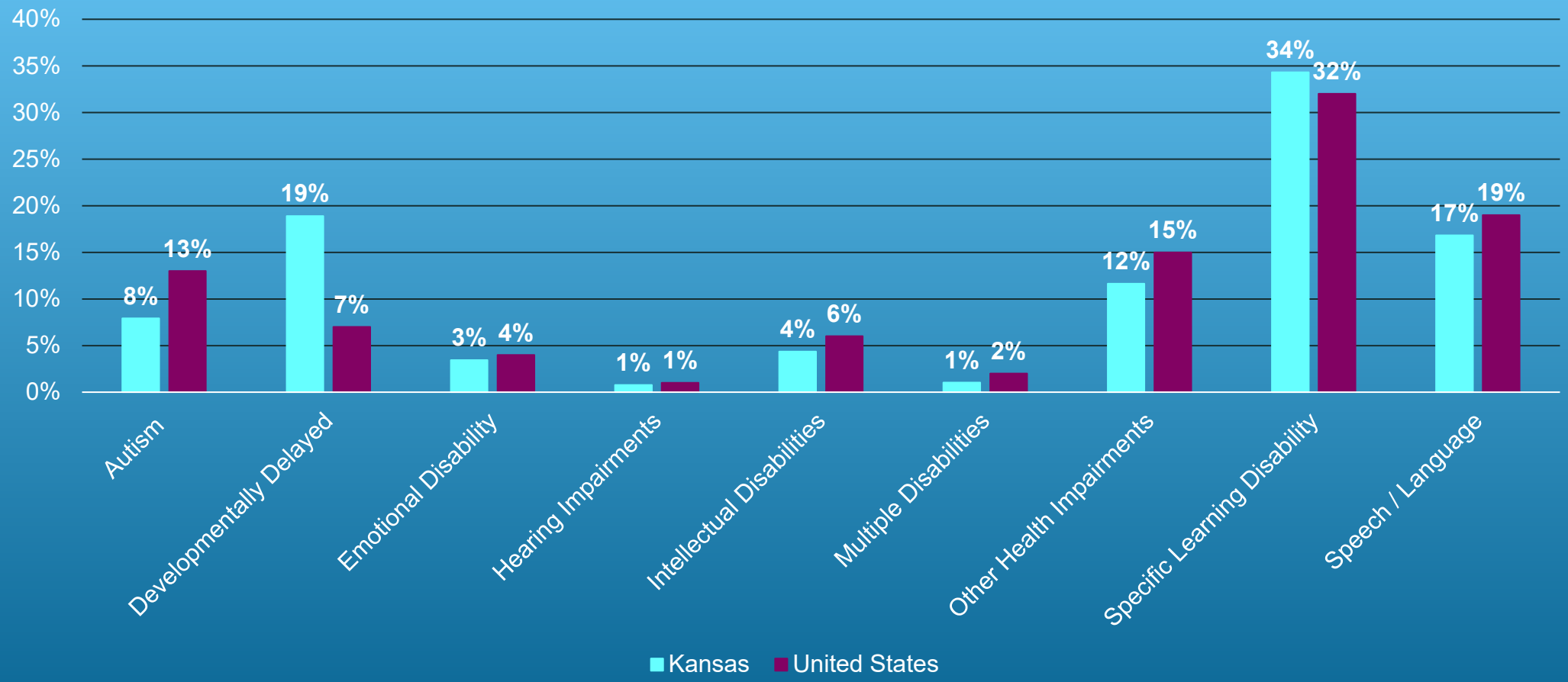
Comparison of IDEA Exceptionality Percentages Between KS and the United States for School Year 2023



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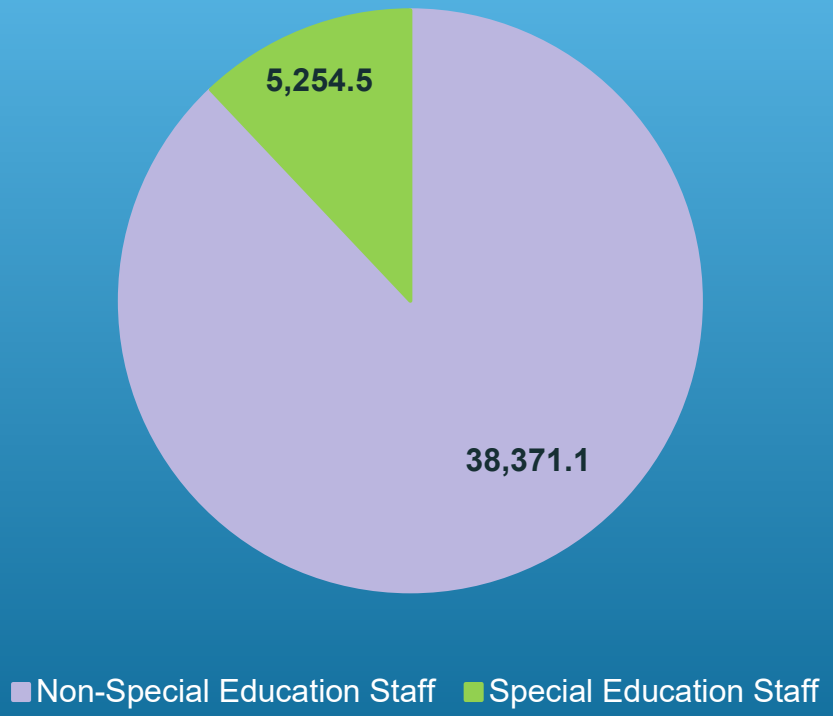

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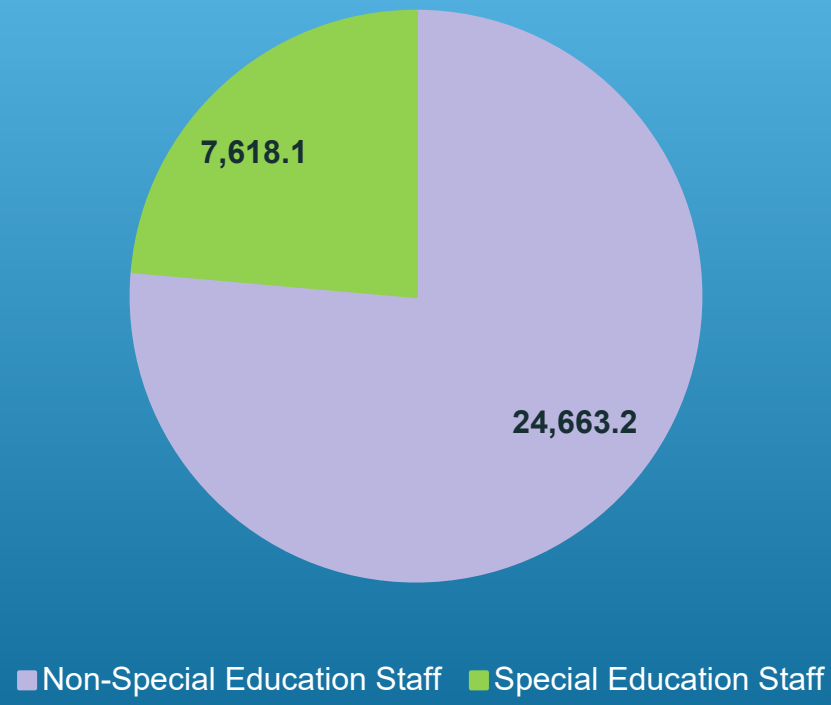

Licensed Special Education Staff includes Special Education Teacher, Special Education Directors, Speech Pathologist, and Audiologist. Non-licensed Special Education Staff includes Special Education Paraprofessionals.

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Special Education Staff FTE for USDs and Interlocals for School Year 2025		
Staff Position	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	Percentage of Entire Special Education Staff
Audiologist (USD)	20.6	0.1%
Special Education Director (USD)	131.5	0.8%
Special Education Para (Interlocal)	2,742.6	15.6%
Special Education Para (USD)	7,618.1	43.3%
Special Education Teacher (Interlocal)	1,965.7	11.2%
Special Education Teacher (USD)	4,374.2	24.9%
Speech Pathologist (USD)	728.2	4.1%
Total	17,580.9	100.0%

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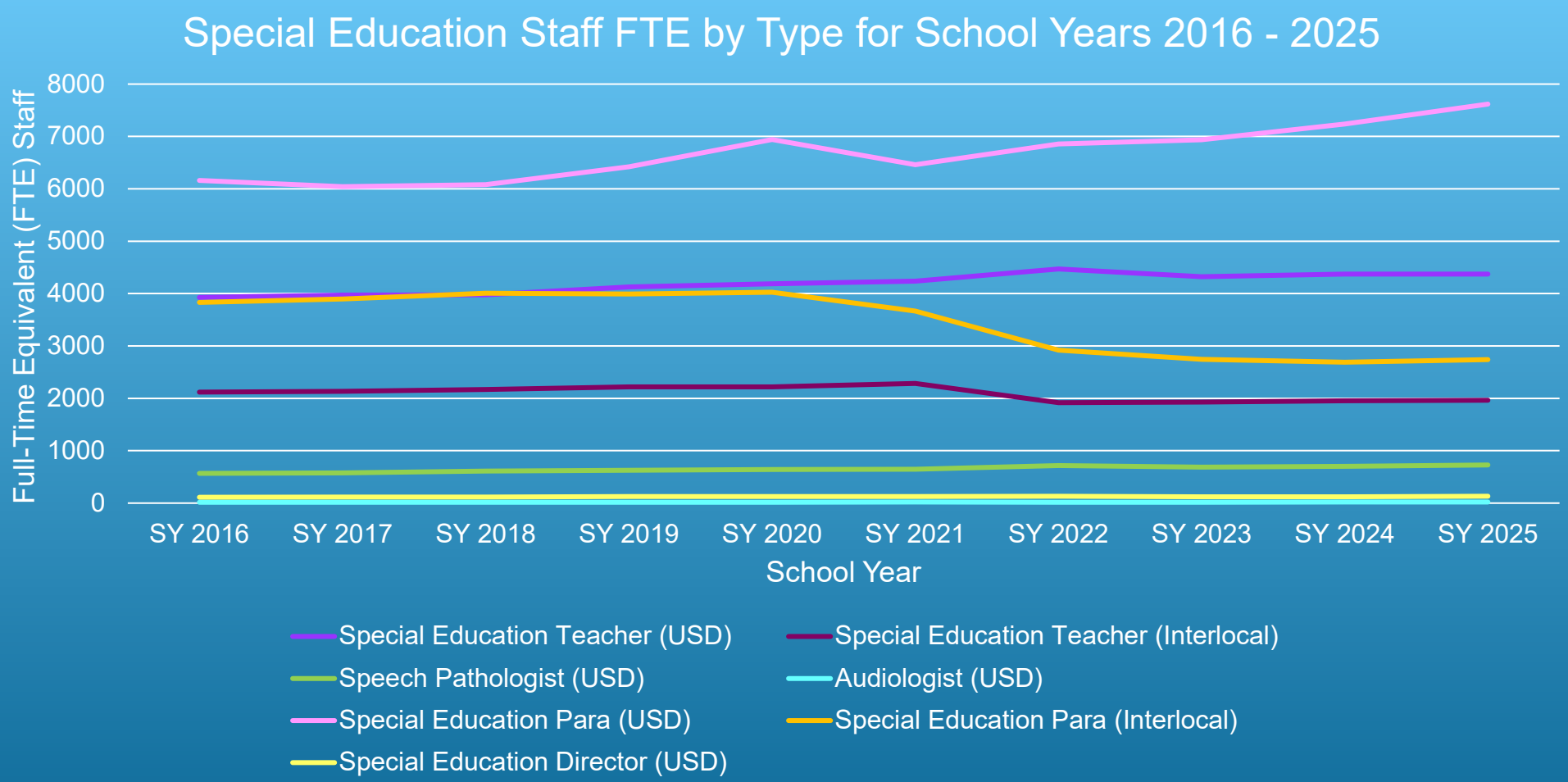

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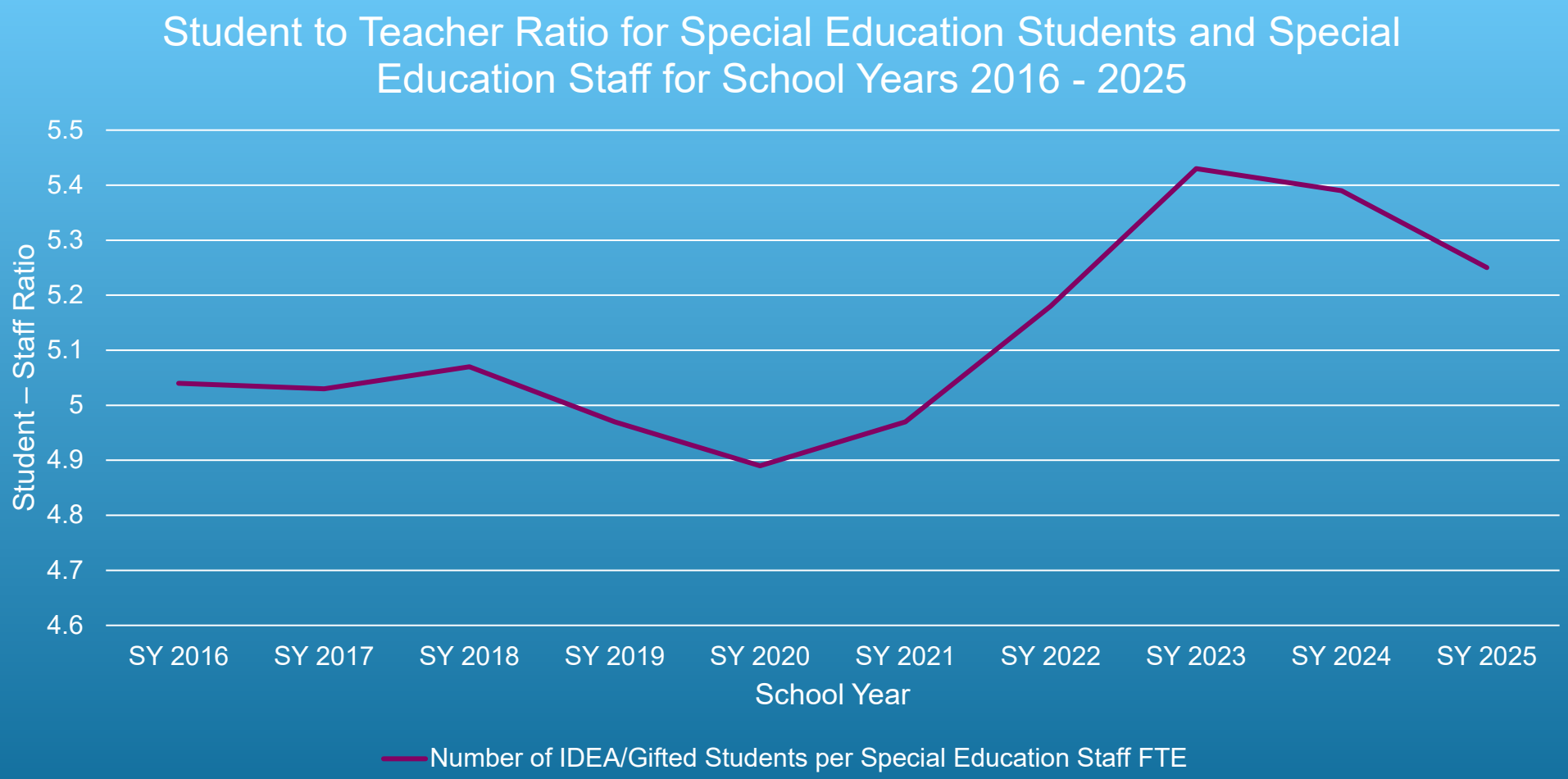

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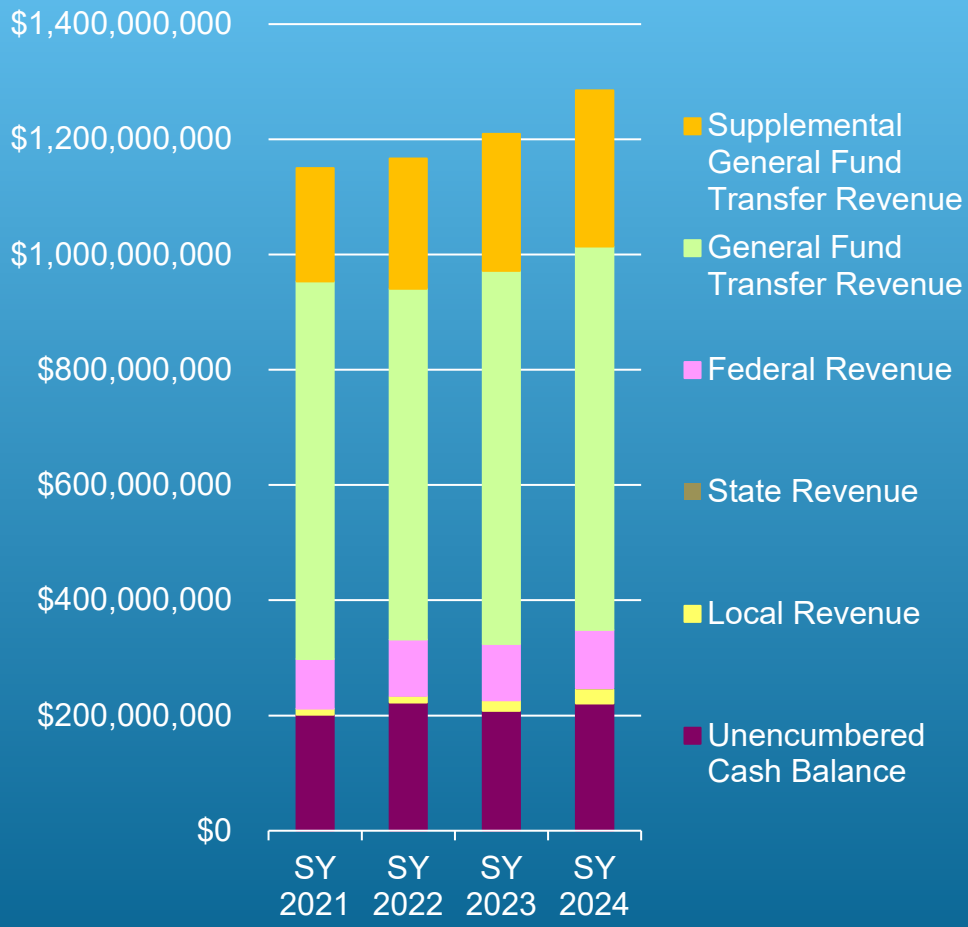

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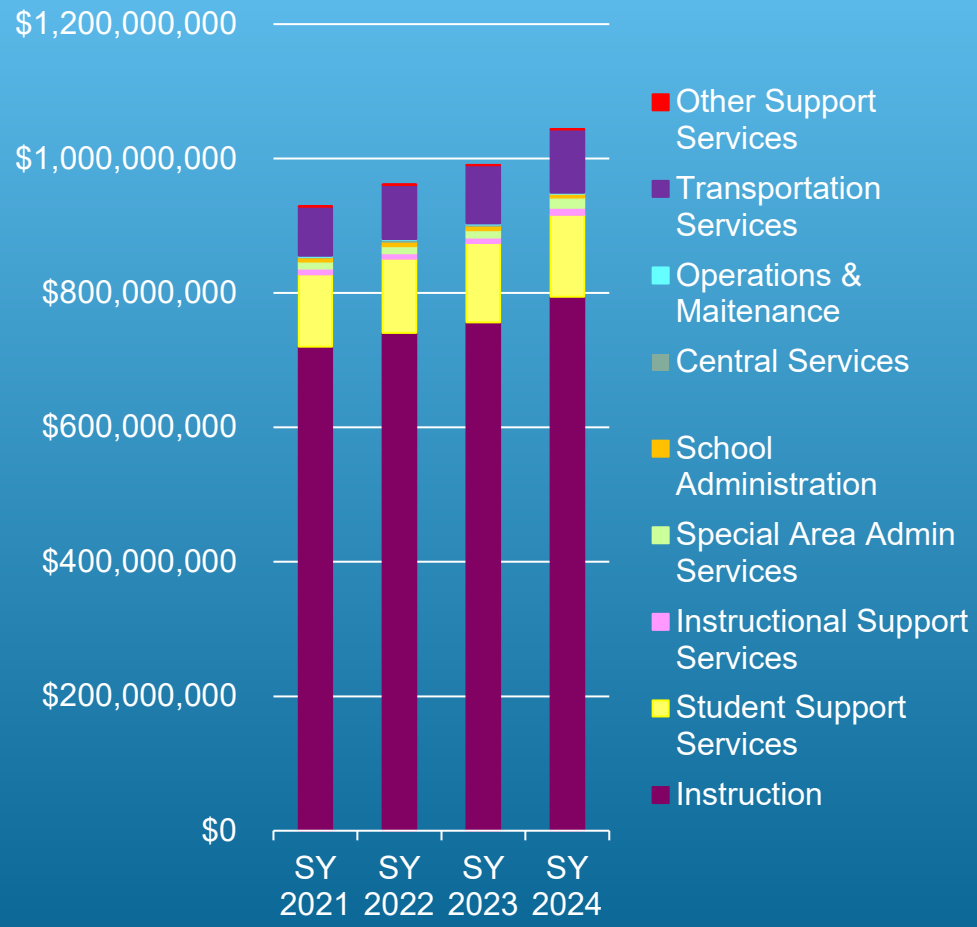

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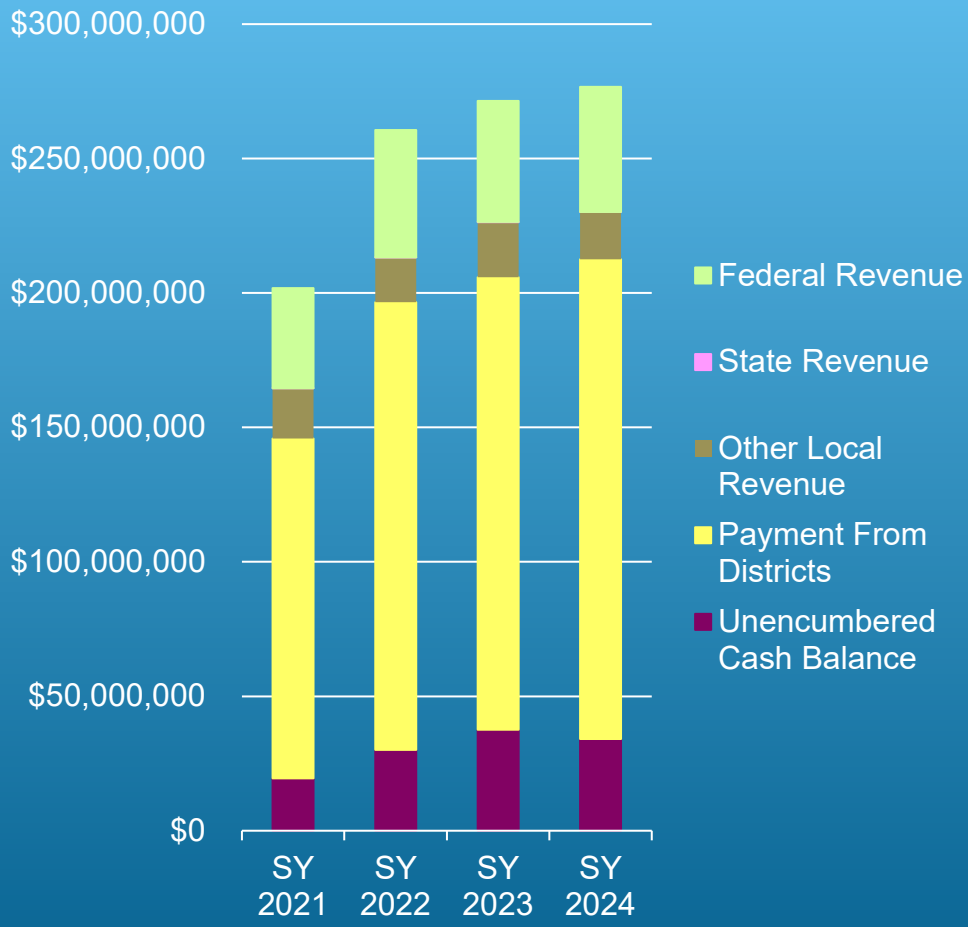

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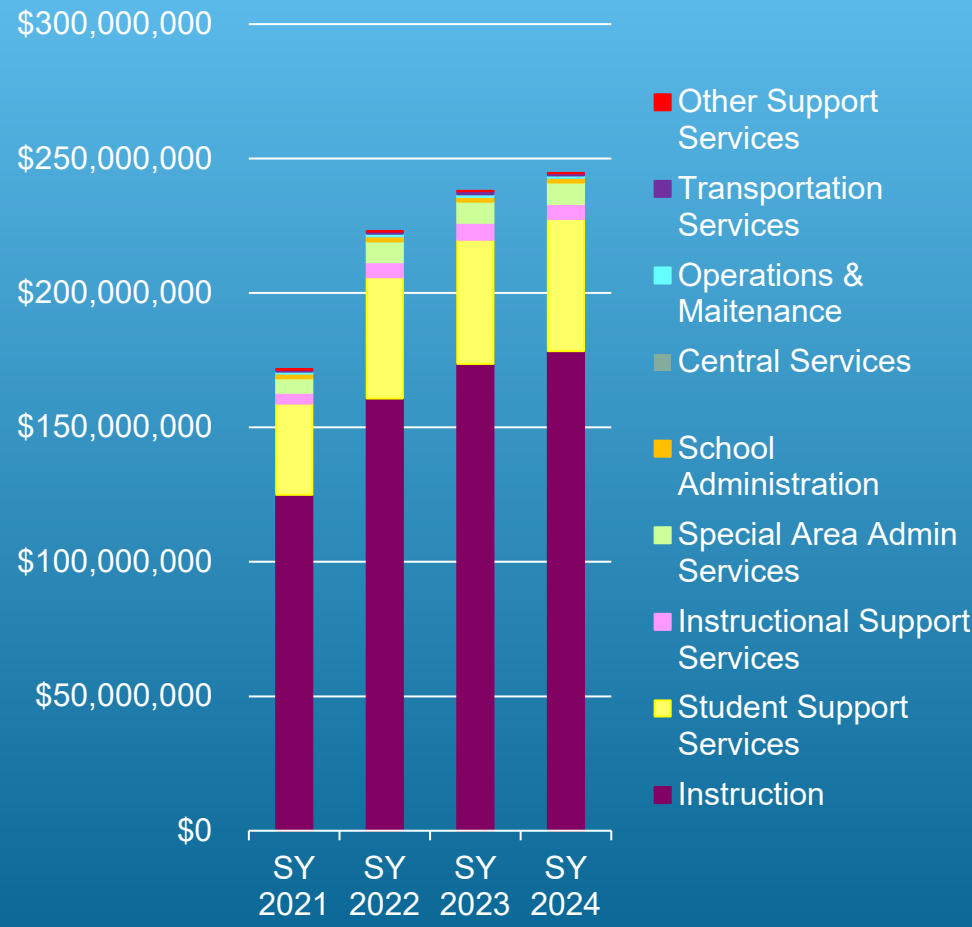

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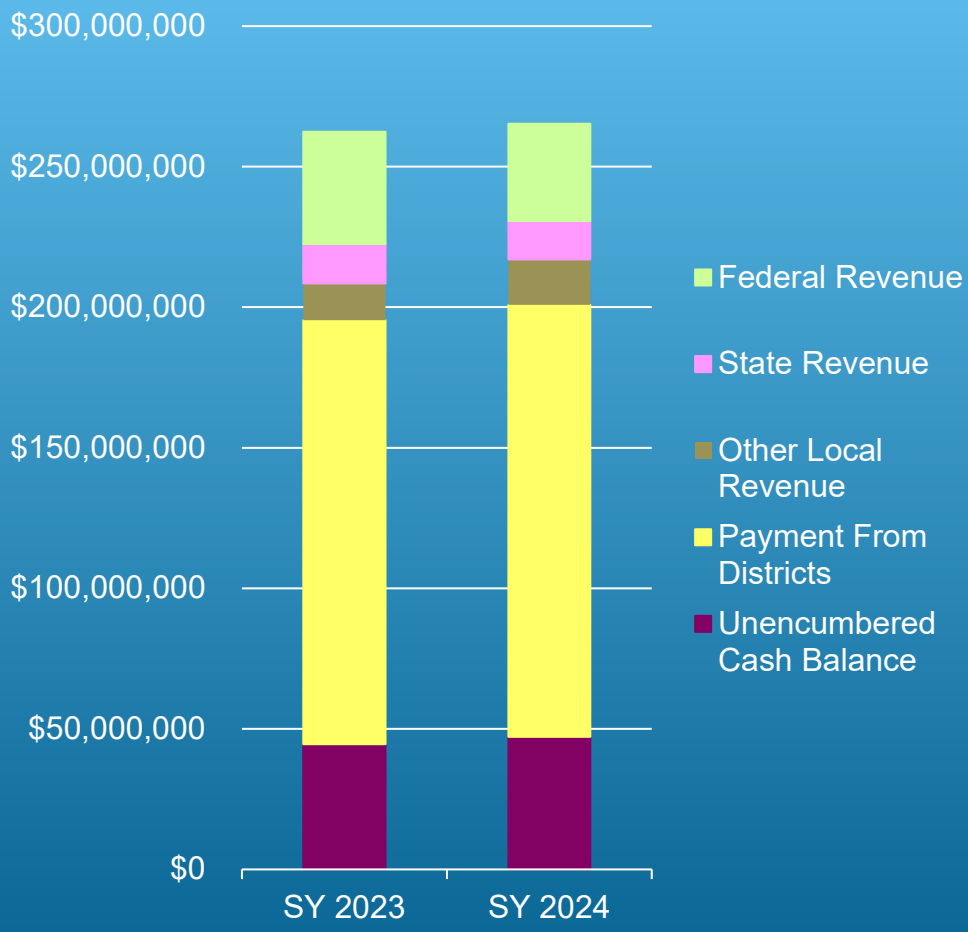

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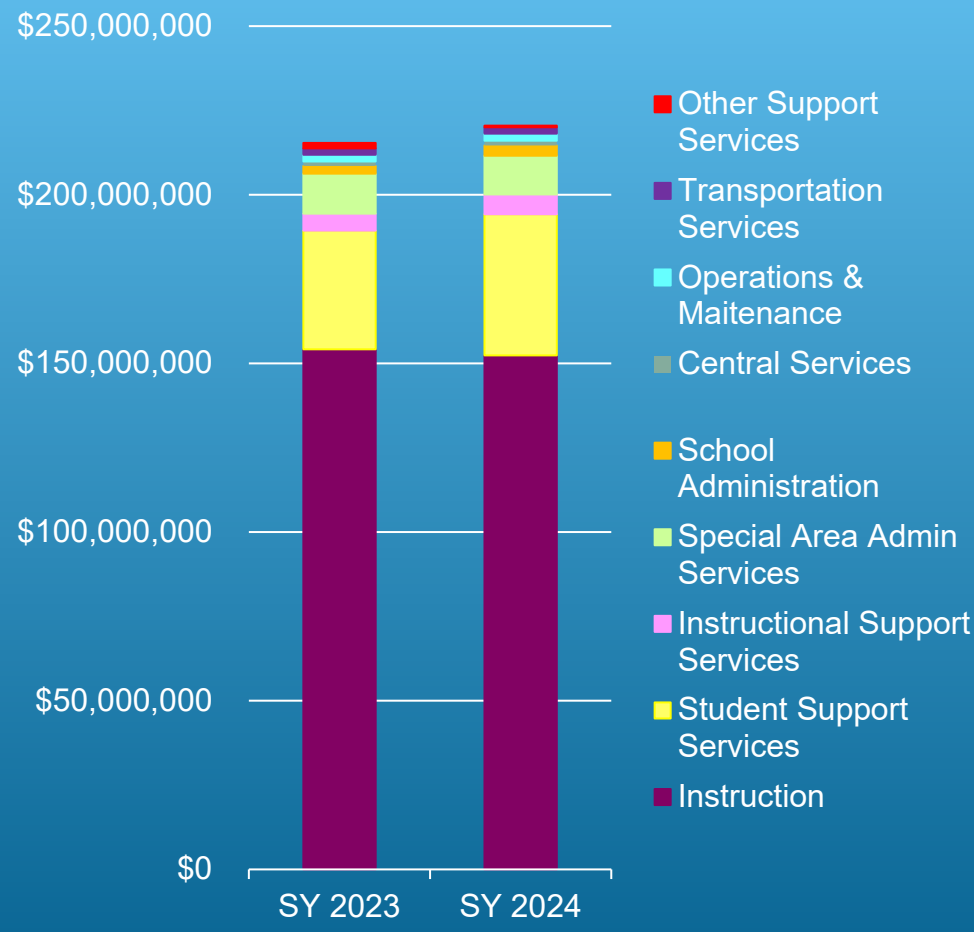

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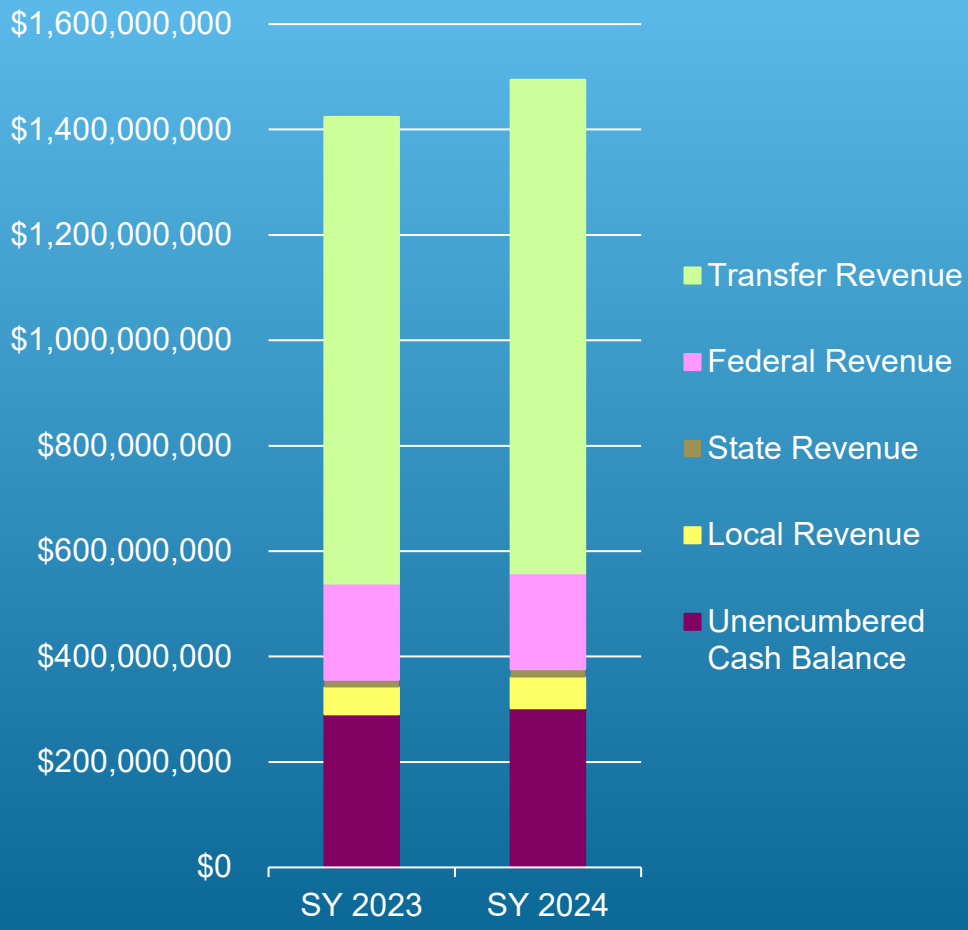

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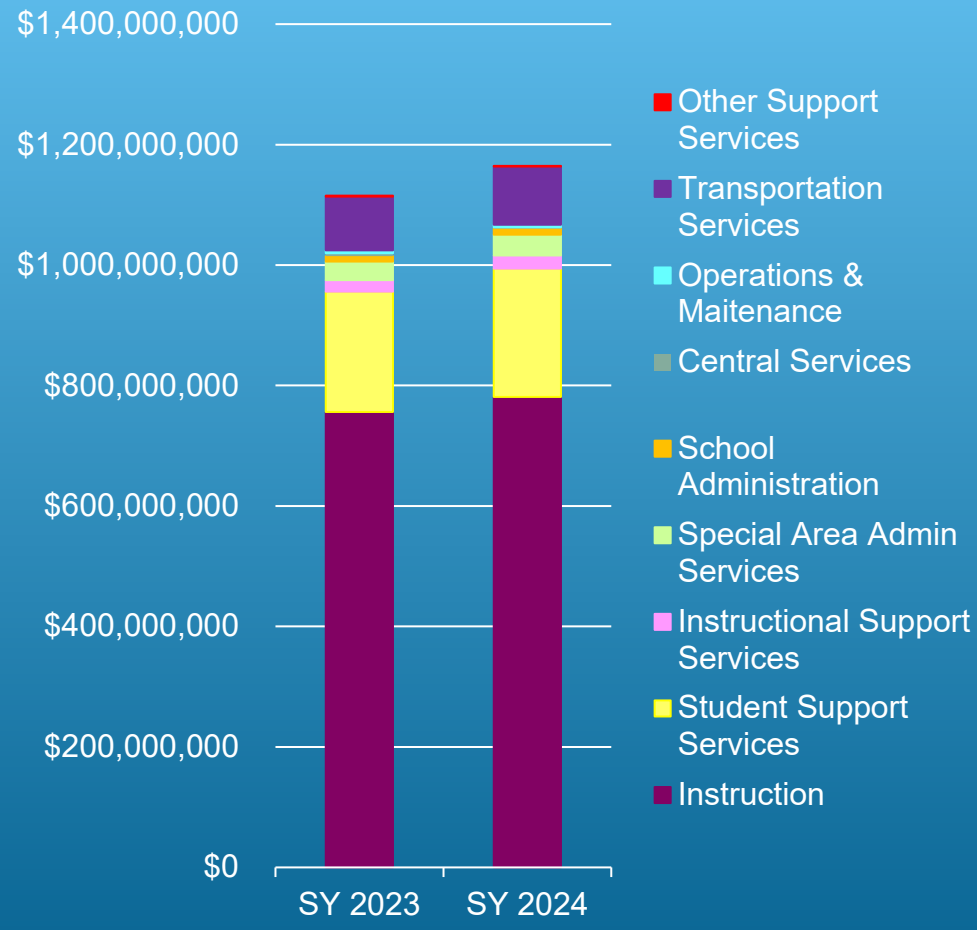

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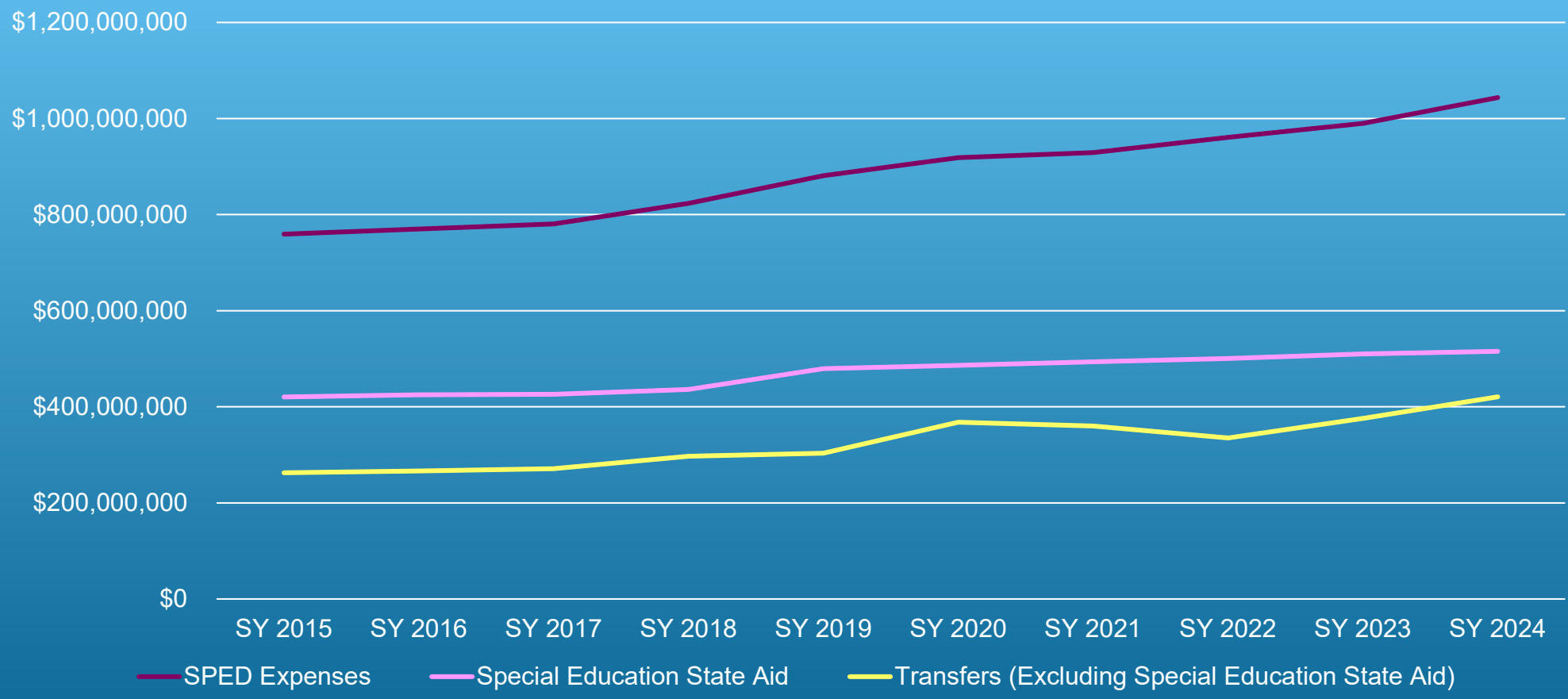

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