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California Lottery Raises Over \$2 Billion for Public Education for Third Year in a Row

Lottery Celebrates 40th Year with Over \$46 Billion in Contributions Since 1985

SACRAMENTO – Final audit figures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year confirm the California Lottery has much to celebrate as it begins its 40th year of providing supplemental funding to California's public education system. Total sales once again exceeded \$9 billion, resulting in contributions of more than \$2.287 billion for public education programs statewide, from kindergarten to the community college, California State University, and University of California systems. This marks the third consecutive year the California Lottery has been able to generate over \$2 billion to public schools across the state.

“As we celebrate our 40th year of the California Lottery, I want to thank our players, retail partners, and employees for their decades-long commitment to our mission,” California Lottery Director Harjinder K. Shergill Chima said. “It is that commitment to providing supplemental funding to California public education that sustains our work across the state and allows us to perform year after year for all of California.”

Since the first games went on sale in 1985, the California Lottery has provided more than \$46 billion in supplemental funding for public education programs. Those funds enhance student education by providing support for programs and services students might not otherwise have access to. Examples of California Lottery-funded programs include equipment for [Fresno's Career Technical Education Charter High School](#), where students pursue career pathways in manufacturing and construction, and the architectural program at [Glendale City College](#), where Lottery money helps reduce material fees for students.

The funds raised by the California Lottery are largely discretionary, so local school budget decision-makers decide how best to spend them.

Lottery funding is also modest when compared to the entirety of the California State education budget.



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The California Lottery is a self-sustaining state organization funded entirely by revenue generated by the responsible sale of games. To see how California Lottery funds are disbursed, an interactive map is available on the California Lottery [website at calottery.com/who-benefits](http://calottery.com/who-benefits), and there are videos examples available on the [official California Lottery YouTube channel](#).

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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