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QUESTION: What is the total amount of disability funding available to students with disability in the NT education system, including a breakdown/contribution of AG and NTG funding

ANSWER:

In 2026, a total of \$109.29 million of school funding was provided for students with a disability. The breakdown of the funding is as follows:

Funding	2026 Calendar Year Budget
NCCD funding ¹	\$24,941,520
Special Schools	\$40,918,225
Special Annexes	\$21,384,655
Universal SWD	\$20,209,604
Subtotal	\$107,454,004
High Extensive	\$1,836,513
Total 2026 Budget	\$109,290,517

¹ Does not include funding the NT provides for an additional level of adjustment – high extensive. This funding is to support students who need complex, ongoing, extensive adjustment in mainstream schools. Schools access this funding through an application process.

In 2026-27, an additional budget of \$15.59 million provided through central programs that supports students with a disability. Breakdown is below:

Breakdown of 2026-27 budget	2026-27 Budget
Student Wellbeing and Inclusion Programs and Services (SWIPS) including: - SWIPS Client Services for all NT regions - Professional Practice and Service Intake	\$14,145,538
Student Advocacy	\$750,000
Inclusive Education Support	\$700,000
Total 2026-27 Budget	\$15,595,538

Breakdown/contribution of AG and NTG funding

- Funding from both the Australian Government and the NT Government is pooled and distributed through the department’s budget, including the NT School Resourcing Model, which determines each school’s annual allocation. This includes funding provided for students with a disability.
- Approximately 67% of funding is contributed by the NT Government.
- Approximately 33% of funding is contributed by the Australian Government.