



K-12 and Special Education Funding

Primary Funding Model

Filters:

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- *Student-based foundation*: Districts receive a base amount of funding per student, with additional money or weights added to provide additional support to students with a higher need.
- *Resource-based allocation*: All districts receive a minimum base amount of resources. Resources could be staffing, services or programs, and are often based on a ratio of students to staffing.
- *Guaranteed tax base/tax-levy equalization*: Funding levels are determined by a formula that equalizes the taxes paid on the base amount of property within the district. The state provides higher levels of funding to lower property-wealthy districts than higher property-wealthy districts.
- *Hybrid model*: Hybrid models often combine aspects of student-based foundation models, resource-based allocation models and various cost factors.

50-State Comparisons on each data point are [here](#).

STATE	Primary Funding Model	Model Name	Notes
Alabama	Resource-based allocation	Foundation Program	
Alaska	Student-based foundation	State Aid to Public Schools	
Arizona	Student-based foundation	Base Support Level	

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Arkansas	Student-based foundation	School Foundation Funding	
California	Student-based foundation	Local Control Funding Formula	
Colorado	Student-based foundation	District Total Program	
Connecticut	Student-based foundation	Education Cost Sharing Grant	
Delaware	Resource-based allocation	State Appropriations	
District of Columbia	Student-based foundation	Uniform Per Student Funding Formula	
Florida	Student-based foundation	Florida Education Finance Program	
Georgia	Hybrid	Quality Basic Education	
Hawaii	Student-based foundation	Weighted Student Formula Program	
Idaho	Resource-based allocation	Educational Support Program	
Illinois	Hybrid	Evidence-Based Funding	
Indiana	Student-based foundation	State Tuition Support	
Iowa	Student-based foundation	State School Foundation Program	
Kansas	Student-based foundation	State Foundation Aid	

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Kentucky	Student-based foundation	Support Education Excellence in Kentucky	
Louisiana	Student-based foundation	Minimum Foundation Program	
Maine	Hybrid	Essential Programs and Services	
Maryland	Student-based foundation	The Blueprint for Maryland's Future	
Massachusetts	Hybrid	Ch. 70 Aid	
Michigan	Student-based foundation	Foundation Grant	
Minnesota	Student-based foundation	General Education Revenue	
Mississippi	Hybrid	Mississippi Adequate Education Program	
Missouri	Student-based foundation	School Foundation Program	
Montana	Student-based foundation	Base Amount for School Equity (BASE)	
Nebraska	Student-based foundation	Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA)	
Nevada	Student-based foundation	Pupil Centered Funding Plan	
New Hampshire	Student-based foundation	Adequate Education Aid	

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New Jersey	Student-based foundation	School Funding Reform Act	The base per pupil amount and students weights are from the 2020 Educational Adequacy Report as published by the New Jersey Dept. of Education.
New Mexico	Student-based foundation	State Equalization Guarantee	
New York	Student-based foundation	Foundation Aid	
North Carolina	Resource-based allocation	School Allotments	
North Dakota	Student-based foundation	State Aid	
Ohio	Student-based foundation	Foundation Program	
Oklahoma	Student-based foundation	State Aid	
Oregon	Student-based foundation	Distribution formulas for State School Fund to school districts	
Pennsylvania	Student-based foundation	Reimbursements by Commonwealth and Between School Districts	
Rhode Island	Student-based foundation	Foundation Level School Support	
South Carolina	Student-based foundation	Education Finance Act of 1977	
South Dakota	Resource-based allocation	General State Aid to Schools	
Tennessee	Resource-based allocation	Basic Education Program	

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Texas	Student-based foundation	Foundation School Program	
Utah	Student-based foundation	Minimum School Program	
Vermont	Guaranteed tax base		
Virginia	Resource-based allocation	Standards of Quality Formula	
Washington	Resource-based allocation	Allocation of state funding to support instructional program of basic education--Distribution formula	
West Virginia	Resource-based allocation	Public School Support Program	
Wisconsin	Guaranteed tax base	General Aid	
Wyoming	Resource-based allocation	Education resource block grant model	
Total answers	Student-based foundation: Resource-based: Hybrid: Guaranteed tax base:	34 10 5 2	