
K-12 Per Pupil Funding Variation

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Senate Education Committee



Districts Received \$(1,125) Less in Per Pupil Formula Funds in FY 22 than Charters - But Total District Funding from All Sources is \$2,077 Higher

Table 1: Equalization Formula Funding Only

| Item | School Districts | | Charter Schools | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Total | Per Pupil | Total | Per Pupil |
| Average Daily Membership (ADM) pupils | 888,029 | | 220,839 | |
| Base Support Level (BSL) | \$5,472,595,919 | \$6,163 | \$1,307,571,454 | \$5,921 |
| Transportation Support Level (TSL) | 120,971,372 | 136 | | |
| District Additional Assistance | 423,979,458 | 477 | | |
| Charter Additional Assistance | 0 | 0 | 437,176,522 | 1,980 |
| Total | 6,017,546,749 | \$6,776 | 1,744,747,976 | \$7,901 |

Table 2: All Reported Funding

| Item | School Districts | | Charter Schools | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Total | Per Pupil | Total | Per Pupil |
| Average Daily Membership (ADM) pupils | 888,029 | | 220,839 | |
| Maintenance & Operations (M&O) | \$6,632,068,621 | \$7,468 | | |
| Unrestricted Capital Outlay | 572,287,262 | 644 | | |
| Classroom Site & Instruc Improv Funds | 795,030,588 | 895 | | |
| School Facilities | 248,399,407 | 280 | | |
| Adjacent Ways | 36,489,913 | 41 | | |
| Debt Service | 825,908,932 | 930 | | |
| Other | 2,914,847,465 | 3,282 | | |
| Charter School - General Projects | | | \$1,954,151,679 | \$8,849 |
| Charter School - Federal Projects | | | 349,589,107 | 1,583 |
| Charter School - State Projects | | | 29,416,520 | 133 |
| Charter School - Classroom Site Project | | | 198,534,902 | 899 |
| Total | \$12,025,032,188 | \$13,541 | \$2,531,692,208 | \$11,464 |

Variation is Greater Among Non-Formula Funding Sources and Small Districts/Charters

| Table 1 | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| School District Per Pupil Funding by Percentile for Select Funding Sources | | | | | | |
| | Average | 10th | 25th | 50th | 75th | 90th |
| Total Funding | \$13,541 | \$8,994 | \$12,325 | \$14,827 | \$20,785 | \$27,435 |
| Equalization Formula | 6,776 | 6,319 | 6,586 | 7,064 | 8,568 | 11,045 |
| M&O/Unrestricted Capital | 8,113 | 6,419 | 7,290 | 8,178 | 11,250 | 18,525 |
| Debt Service | 930 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 781 | 1,367 |
| Federal Projects | 1,947 | 466 | 1,201 | 2,126 | 3,614 | 6,895 |
| Districts with Less than 600 Pupils Attending | 18,427 | 6,237 | 15,272 | 20,440 | 26,511 | 37,454 |
| Districts with 600 or More Pupils Attending | 13,423 | 10,946 | 12,088 | 13,115 | 15,009 | 18,222 |
| Table 2 | | | | | | |
| Charter School Per Pupil Funding by Percentile for Select Funding Sources | | | | | | |
| | Average | 10th | 25th | 50th | 75th | 90th |
| Total Funding | \$11,464 | \$10,018 | \$10,759 | \$12,219 | \$14,265 | \$17,398 |
| Equalization Formula | 7,901 | 7,406 | 7,635 | 8,132 | 8,714 | 9,236 |
| Federal Projects | 1,583 | 333 | 793 | 1,909 | 3,135 | 4,799 |
| Charters with Less than 600 Pupils Attending | 12,752 | 10,292 | 11,344 | 12,912 | 15,083 | 18,708 |
| Charters with 600 or More Pupils Attending | 10,690 | 9,709 | 10,233 | 10,595 | 11,667 | 12,331 |

Contributing Factors to Funding Variation

- Within the Equalization Formula:
 - Weighted Student Counts
 - Transportation Route Miles
 - DAA/CAA funding difference
- Outside the Equalization Formula:
 - Voter-approved budget increases (Bonds/Overrides)
 - Other District Tax Levies (e.g. TRCL, Small School Adjustment, etc.)
 - ADOA-SFD New Construction/Building Renewal
 - Federal programs