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STATE BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA

As established through SHB 2776, and its predecessor SHB 2261.



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What drives state basic education funding?

- Enrollment quantified as annual average full-time equivalent student enrollment, by grade level or program.
- Professional and educational experience of certificated instructional staff (staff mix factor).
- Free and reduced-priced lunch eligibility of students enrolled as of October 1 of the school year.
- State budget drivers as approved by the Legislature in the omnibus appropriations act.



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State Funding – For Allocation Purposes Only

- SHB 2776 states the distribution formula shall be for allocation purposes only. Nothing requires school districts to maintain a particular classroom teacher-to-student ratio or other funded staff-to-student ratio.
- *Exceptions:* K-3 Class Size, Learning Assistance, Special Education, etc., and other categorical funds continue to be restricted for use in programs.



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SHB 2776: Functional Structure

- SHB 2776 breaks out the funding structure into three major functional areas of a school district:
 - School Based Funding
 - District Level Funding
 - Other Instructional Funding



SCHOOL BASED FUNDING

This funding is generated based upon student enrollment by grade, and is intended to provide funding for the operation of schools.



What is a Prototypical School?

- A prototypical school is a fixed theoretical school size that is used for modeling purposes.
- As adopted in SHB 2776, it is fully scalable.
- Funding is generated based on the grade level reported rather than a school's classification.

Category	Elementary (K-6)	Middle (7-8)	High (9-12)
Base Enrollment	400	432	600



SHB 2776: Prototypical Assumption of Class Size

Grade Level	Class Size (Basic Ed) 2016-17	Class Size (High Poverty) 2016-17
Kindergarten*	<u>19.00</u>	<u>17.00</u>
Grade 1*	<u>21.00</u>	<u>17.00</u>
Grade 2*	<u>22.00</u>	<u>18.00</u>
Grade 3*	<u>22.00</u>	<u>21.00</u>
Grade 4	27.00	N/A
Grades 5-6	27.00	N/A
Grades 7-8	28.53	N/A
Grades 9-12	28.74	N/A
Lab Science	19.98	N/A

*subject to K-3 class size compliance calculations.

Program	Class Size (Basic Ed) 2016-17
Vocational (Grades 7-8)	26.57
Vocational (Grades 9-12)	26.57
Skill Centers	22.76



SHB 2776: School Level Other Staffing

School Level Staffing	Elementary (K-6)	Middle (7-8)	High (9-12)	Staff Type
Base Enrollment	400	432	600	Student
Principals*	1.253	1.353	1.880	CAS
Teacher Librarians	0.663	0.519	0.523	CIS
Guidance Counselors	0.493	1.216	2.539	CIS
Health & Social Services ⁺	0.135	0.068	0.118	CLS
Teaching Assistance*	0.936	0.700	0.652	CLS
Office Support*	2.012	2.325	3.269	CLS
Custodians*	1.657	1.942	2.965	CLS
Student & Staff Safety*	0.079	0.092	0.141	CLS
Family Involvement Coordinators	0.0825	0.0	0.0	CLS

*CTE and Skill Center programs allocations are provided through per pupil factors using these factors.

⁺Included in the Health and Social Services are School Nurses, Social Workers, and Psychologists.



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DISTRICT LEVEL

This funding is generated at the district level without regard to the prototypical school model or grade level.



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SHB 2776: Districtwide Support

Districtwide Support	All Grades	Staff Type
Base Enrollment	1,000	Student
Technology	0.628	CLS
Facilities, Maintenance, and Grounds	1.813	CLS
Warehouse, Laborers, and Mechanics	0.332	CLS



SHB 2776: Central Administration

Central Administration	Percent	Staff Type
Total Central Admin Staff	5.3%	
Percent Certificated Administrators	25%	CAS
Percent Classified	75%	CLS

- Central Administration is 5.3% of staffing units generated as K-12 Teachers, School Level Staffing, and Districtwide Support.



Staffing Allocation Values

- **Certificated Instructional Staff:**
 - Statewide average per allocated staff unit for 2016-17 school year is \$55,140.23.
- **Certificated Administrative Staff:**
 - Statewide average base salary allocation for the 2016-17 school year is \$62,854.47.
- **Classified Staff:**
 - Statewide average base salary allocation for the 2016-17 school year is \$33,911.84.
- Benefit rates are established in the state budget independently for certificated staff and classified staff.



SHB 2776: Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs

Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs	General Education	Skill Center	Vocational
Total MSOC per Annual Average Student FTE	\$1,223.36	\$1,286.99	\$1,447.40
Technology	\$128.58		
Utilities and Insurance	\$349.35		
Curriculum and Textbooks	\$138.04		
Other Supplies and Library Materials	\$293.07		
Instructional Professional Development for Certificated and Classified Staff	\$21.35		
Facilities Maintenance	\$173.07		
Security and Central Office	\$119.90		

Students enrolled in grades 9-12 generate an additional MSOC allocation of \$168.05 for 2016-17.



OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL FUNDING

The formulas are based upon a staffing assumption for each program.



Categorical and Special Education

- Learning Assistance, Transitional Bilingual, and Highly Capable program formulas generate an allocation for certificated instructional staff (CIS) units.
- Allocations provided for these programs must be spent within these programs, or it gets recovered by the state.
- Special Education formula provides enhanced funding based on a multiple of a calculated per pupil allocation rate that varies by district.
- Special Education programs must maintain effort to avoid a reduction of funding in future years.



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