



# Funded: Base Amount Report

## Policies in Each State



## Base Amount

Many states use a per-student base amount as the foundational component of the education funding formula. This amount is meant to represent the cost of educating an average student with no special needs or disadvantages. This report indicates which states use a per-student base amount when calculating state education funding allocations, and what base amount is in use in each state, if applicable.

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**Alabama** The state of Alabama uses a resource-based funding formula and therefore does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.

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**Alaska** Alaska has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2015, the per-student base amount was \$5,830.

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**Arizona** Arizona has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2017, the base funding amount was \$3,426.74.

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**Arkansas** Arkansas has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$6,584.

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**California** California has per-student base funding amounts that differ by grade level. For FY2015, the amounts ranged from \$7,011 to \$8,491.

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**Colorado** Colorado has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$6,292.

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**Connecticut** Connecticut is not currently making use of its education funding formula and has not done so for several years. Connecticut has a primarily student-based funding formula. Though the formula has not been repealed or replaced, instead of calculating district's state education aid in accordance with that formula, the state legislature now awards each district a block grant. The grant amounts are specified in legislation.

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**Delaware** The state of Delaware uses a resource-based funding formula and therefore does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.

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**Florida** Florida has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$4,154.45.

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<b>Georgia</b>	Georgia has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$2,463.78.
<b>Hawaii</b>	Hawaii has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the base amount was \$3,825.47.
<b>Idaho</b>	The state of Idaho uses a resource-based funding formula and therefore does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.
<b>Illinois</b>	Illinois has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2017, the per-student base amount was \$6,119.
<b>Indiana</b>	Indiana has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2017, the per-student base amount was \$5,088.
<b>Iowa</b>	Iowa has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$6,446.
<b>Kansas</b>	Kansas has suspended its student funding formula and does not currently use a base amount. School districts currently receive funding in the form of a block grant.
<b>Kentucky</b>	Kentucky has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$3,981.
<b>Louisiana</b>	Louisiana has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$3,961.
<b>Maine</b>	Maine has a base funding amount per student that varies from district to district. For FY2016, the base amount ranged from \$5,238 to \$7,649.
<b>Maryland</b>	Maryland has a fixed base funding amount. For FY2015, the per-student base amount was \$6,860.
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Massachusetts does not have a single, statewide base amount. Instead, it uses several funding amounts that are associated with different categories of students.
<b>Michigan</b>	The state of Michigan's per-student base funding amount was generally \$8,169 for FY2016, though there was some variation based on historical district funding levels.
<b>Minnesota</b>	Minnesota has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$5,948.
<b>Mississippi</b>	Mississippi has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$5,354.98.

<b>Missouri</b>	Missouri has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$6,110.
<b>Montana</b>	Montana does not have a single, statewide base amount. Instead, the state provides both a per-student amount and a per-district amount; both vary from district to district.
<b>Nebraska</b>	Nebraska has a base funding amount that varies from district to district based on student enrollment numbers. Each district's base funding is determined based on the average per-student expenditure amount across a comparison group of the twenty districts closest to it in size, as defined by their student enrollments.
<b>Nevada</b>	Nevada is in the process of determining a fixed base funding amount per student. The state passed legislation authorizing a new funding formula in 2015, and the details of the formula are still to be determined.
<b>New Hampshire</b>	New Hampshire has a fixed base funding amount. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$3,561.27.
<b>New Jersey</b>	New Jersey has a fixed base funding amount. For FY2017, the per-student base amount was \$11,009.
<b>New Mexico</b>	New Mexico has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base was \$4,027.75.
<b>New York</b>	New York has a fixed base funding amount. For FY2015, the per-student base amount was \$6,451.
<b>North Carolina</b>	The state of North Carolina uses a resource-based funding formula and therefore does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.
<b>North Dakota</b>	North Dakota has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$9,365.
<b>Ohio</b>	Ohio has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$5,900.
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Oklahoma has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$3,049.80. This figure is the sum of two kinds of aid: foundation aid in the amount of \$1,599.00, and salary incentive aid in the amount of \$1,450.80.
<b>Oregon</b>	Oregon has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base funding amount was \$4,500. This amount reflected the assumed cost of educating an average student with no special needs or disadvantages. The state's base amount is adjusted to reflect each district's staff costs before other funding weights are applied.

<b>Pennsylvania</b>	The state of Pennsylvania does not have a funding formula in use at this time.
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Rhode Island has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2015, the per-student base amount was \$8,966.
<b>South Carolina</b>	South Carolina has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$2,220.
<b>South Dakota</b>	South Dakota has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$4,877.
<b>Tennessee</b>	The state of Tennessee uses a resource-based funding formula and therefore does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.
<b>Texas</b>	Texas has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$5,140.
<b>Utah</b>	Utah has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2016, the per-student base amount was \$3,092.
<b>Vermont</b>	Vermont has a fixed base funding amount per student. For FY2015, the per-student base amount was \$9,285.
<b>Virginia</b>	Virginia has a base funding amount per student that varies from district to district. Each district's per-pupil base amount is determined by the state's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission based on the cost of meeting the state's mandated standards of quality.
<b>Washington</b>	The state of Washington uses a resource-based funding formula and therefore does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.
<b>West Virginia</b>	The state of West Virginia uses a resource-based funding formula and therefore does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.
<b>Wisconsin</b>	The state of Wisconsin uses a program-based funding formula and does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.
<b>Wyoming</b>	The state of Wyoming uses a resource-based funding formula and therefore does not use a base per-student amount as the basis for its funding.

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