



fact sheet

Minimum Foundation Program

OVERVIEW:

The Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula is a complex formula adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved by the Legislature. The MFP is used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools and helps to equitably allocate the funds to parish and city school systems. It also provides incentives for local support.

Funding through the Minimum Foundation Program is in the form of a block grant from the State to the parish and city school districts. Districts are afforded the flexibility to spend these funds as they determine to be in the best interest of the district, while satisfying all mandated program requirements. Funds within the MFP are not earmarked for specific purposes but are intended, in combination with other funds available to the parish and city school districts, to provide for the fiscal requirements of operating a school district.

MFP DETAILS:

Base per Pupil Amount - \$3,855 per HCR 207 - set annually by BESE with approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

Add-on weights - based on student characteristics recognizing the extra costs of instruction for certain categories of students

- At-Risk Students (22%)
- Career and Technical Ed Units (6%)
- Special Education Students
- Other Exceptionalities (150%)
- Gifted and Talented (60%)
- Economy of Scale up to 20% (for districts with less than 7,500 students)

Level 1 Funding:

- Total Level 1 Costs
- Local Deduction Calculation
- Targeted Local Contribution
- Targeted State Contribution

Level 2 Funding

Level 3 Unequalized Funding:

- Continuation of FY 2001-2002 Certificated Pay Increase
- Continuation of FY 2002-2003 Support Worker Pay Raise
- Continuation of FY 2006-2007 Certificated and Support Worker Pay Raises
- Continuation of FY 2007-2008 Certificated and Support Worker Pay Raises
- Foreign Language Associate Funding
- Hold Harmless Funding
- Mandated Cost Adjustment
- Accountability Student Transfer Enhancement

Required Expenditure:

Fifty Percent of Level 1 and 2 Growth Dedicated to Certificated Pay Raises

Other Considerations:

Funding for LSU and SU Lab. Schools

Funding for Recovery School District (RSD) Schools

Accountability for School Performance - report to the Legislature

Accountability for At-Risk Funding

Accountability for Career and Technical Education Funding

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