

Let's Make Funding More Fair Y'all



SOUTHERNERS
FOR FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING
POWERED BY THE EDUCATION TRUST—TENNESSEE

Our imperative to rally **Southerners for Fair School Funding** is urgent: improving student access to high-quality education opportunities across the South, particularly for students of color, students experiencing poverty, and rural students has the potential to propel the region forward and create crucial generational change. Our goal is to support advocates, educators and parents who want to improve education funding in their communities and state.



4 *out of* **10**

Southern states* rank in the bottom 10 states in per-student expenditures.

[🔗 Reference](#)

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Southern states* rank in the bottom 10 states of average teacher salaries.

[🔗 Reference](#)

6 *out of* **10**

Southern states have the highest child poverty rates in the country.

[🔗 Reference](#)



What does **fair funding** in Southern schools look like?



Funding students adequately



Funding specific student needs and fund those needs adequately and fairly



Funding to address the impact of concentrated poverty



Funding districts and schools transparently



Using public funds to fund public schools exclusively

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Who are we?

Southerners for Fair School Funding is an initiative designed to support organizations and advocates who are building a movement to fairly fund all schools in the South. Powered by The Ed Trust – Tennessee, we support organizations and advocates for fair school funding in Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

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What's next?

Check out our website for resources and upcoming opportunities including:

- Our Dollars and Sense Learning Series
- Data on funding formulas in Southern states
- Research and advocacy tools
- Webinars on school funding
- Events in your state



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