









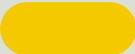


State of Education Funding: Louisiana

MEETS CRITERIA

PARTIALLY MEETS CRITERIA

DOESN'T MEET CRITERIA

RATING		REASON FOR RATING
FUND STUDENTS ADEQUATELY		
The funding formula is student-based, or weighted		The formula is student-based
Per-pupil funding is adequate enough for all students to achieve average, national test scores		There is high percentage of students attending schools in inadequately funded districts
FUND STUDENT NEEDS APPROPRIATELY		
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for students living in poverty		The formula includes a 22% weight for students living in poverty
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for English learners		The formula provides a 22% weight for English learners
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for students with disabilities		The formula includes a single SPED weight and does not differentiate between disability (the weight is 150% of the per-student base)
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for sparse and/or isolated districts		The sparsity weight is not generous (the weight ranges from 1.0 to 1.2 depending on enrollment)

<p>Formula includes weights or additional funding for districts with high levels of concentrated poverty</p>		<p>The formula does not include a weight for concentrated poverty</p>
<p>FUND SCHOOL DISTRICTS EQUITABLY</p>		
<p>State caps how much local revenue districts can raise to limit between-district disparities in local revenue</p>		<p>The formula sets a cap on local property tax rates and sets a level at which voters can vote to increase property taxes</p>
<p>FUND STUDENTS TRANSPARENTLY</p>		
<p>State annually publishes information about how the funding system is designed to work in clear, plain language</p>		<p>The state education department publishes several documents about the funding system, including a presentation that summarizes the state’s funding system, but it is not easy to locate on the website</p>
<p>State reports school spending data in alignment with equity-oriented principles</p>		<p>The state reports are partially aligned with equity-oriented school spending reporting principles</p>
<p>PUBLIC FUNDS FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>		
<p>Taxpayer funds are used to maintain and support public schools exclusively</p>		<p>The state has a voucher program for students with disabilities that live in certain areas; also has a scholarship program for low-income students attending low-performing schools</p>