

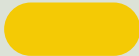










# State of Education Funding: Tennessee

MEETS CRITERIA

PARTIALLY MEETS CRITERIA

DOESN'T MEET CRITERIA

RATING		REASON FOR RATING
<b>FUND STUDENTS ADEQUATELY</b>		
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
<b>FUND STUDENT NEEDS APPROPRIATELY</b>		
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for students living in poverty		The formula includes a 25% weight for students living in poverty
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for English learners		The formula funds English learners at 3 different levels: 20%, 50%, and 70% of the per-student base
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for students with disabilities		The formula funds students across ten different categories of disability or student need
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for sparse and/or isolated districts		The formula does not provide generous weights for small and sparse districts (5%)

<p><b>Formula includes weights or additional funding for districts with high levels of concentrated poverty</b></p>		<p>The formula has a 5% concentrated poverty weight, failing to differentiate between different levels of district poverty</p>
<p><b>FUND SCHOOL DISTRICTS EQUITABLY</b></p>		
<p><b>State caps how much local revenue districts can raise to limit between-district disparities in local revenue</b></p>		<p>The formula does not set a limit for how much local revenue districts can raise</p>
<p><b>FUND STUDENTS TRANSPARENTLY</b></p>		
<p><b>State annually publishes information about how the funding system is designed to work in clear, plain language</b></p>		<p>The state education department maintains a webpage that explains the funding formula in clear language and has an accompanying guide that is in plain language and easy to find</p>
<p><b>State reports school spending data in alignment with equity-oriented principles</b></p>		<p>The state reports are partially aligned with equity-oriented school spending reporting principles</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC FUNDS FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b></p>		
<p><b>Taxpayer funds are used to maintain and support public schools exclusively</b></p>		<p>The state has a pilot ESA program available to low- and middle-income families in specific regions of the state</p>