

State of Education Funding: Georgia

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 a hybrid model
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 does not include a weight for poverty
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for English learners		The formula includes a 158% weight for English learners
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for students with disabilities		The formula includes multiple SPED weights based on 5 specific disability categories
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for sparse and/or isolated districts		The state provides additional funding for some small school districts through a grant program, instead of providing a per-student weight

Formula includes weights or additional funding for districts with high levels of concentrated poverty		The formula does not include a weight for concentrated poverty
FUND SCHOOL DISTRICTS EQUITABLY		
State caps how much local revenue districts can raise to limit between-district disparities in local revenue		The formula sets a cap on local property tax rates and sets a level at which voters can vote to increase property taxes
FUND STUDENTS TRANSPARENTLY		
State annually publishes information about how the funding system is designed to work in clear, plain language		There is no publicly available document from the department of education that explains how the funding formula works or how allocations are determined; there is a broken link to what would be a primer on how the state funds public schools
State reports school spending data in alignment with equity-oriented principles		The state reports are partially aligned with equity-oriented school spending reporting principles
PUBLIC FUNDS FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Taxpayer funds are used to maintain and support public schools exclusively		The state has a voucher program for students with disabilities