

State of Education Funding: Kentucky

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 a moderate 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 15% weight for students living in poverty
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for English learners		The formula includes a 9.6% weight for English learners
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for students with disabilities		The formula includes SPED weights for 3 different categories of needs: low/severe (135%), moderate (17%) and high (24%) incidence
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for sparse and/or isolated districts		The formula does not include a sparsity 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 allows voters to approve additional tax increases to raise revenue
FUND STUDENTS TRANSPARENTLY		
State annually publishes information about how the funding system is designed to work in clear, plain language		The state education department publishes an executive summary that provides an overall explanation of the components of the state's formula; the department also publishes several documents that explain district calculations, but they are not user friendly
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 does not have any programs that divert public dollars to private schools