

State of Education Funding: Virginia

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 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 provides additional dollars to district based on district poverty levels, rather than funding based on individual students living in poverty
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for English learners		The formula assigns English learner resources based on student-to-teacher ratios and not students' needs
Formula includes a weight or additional funding for students with disabilities		The state funds SPED by estimating the costs of special education staff positions (teachers and aides), divorced from the actual needs students have
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 has a concentrated poverty weight ranging from 1% to 26% more of the per-student base depending on district poverty level
FUND SCHOOL DISTRICTS EQUITABLY		
State caps how much local revenue districts can raise to limit between-district disparities in local revenue		The formula does not set a limit for how much local revenue districts can raise
FUND STUDENTS TRANSPARENTLY		
State annually publishes information about how the funding system is designed to work in clear, plain language		The state education department does not provide a simple, clear explanation of how the funding formula works
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 tax credit program that offers individuals and businesses credit for donating to a qualified scholarship foundation