

Three Decades of Funding Reform Discussion

RevieW Committees

2007 **BEP Modified Slightly**

Basic Education Program (BEP) Created



2016

BEP Modified Slightly Again



2021 Robust Public Engagement

Begins









1000s

of public comments

representing Tennesseans across the state













Input channeled to subcommittees

made up of district and school leaders, higher education partners, elected officials, business leaders, families, education stakeholders and members of the public

Subcommittees developed

recommendations for the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) formula using public comments

A steering committee of state officials discussed recommendations and provided feedback and guidance to the department



Potential Next Steps

- Bill is introduced
- Bill is heard and discussed in at least 7 committees
 - Bill is voted on by the Senate and House
 - Bill is signed by governor, if passed
 - Bill becomes law



Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement is designed to...



Empower each student to read proficiently by third grade.

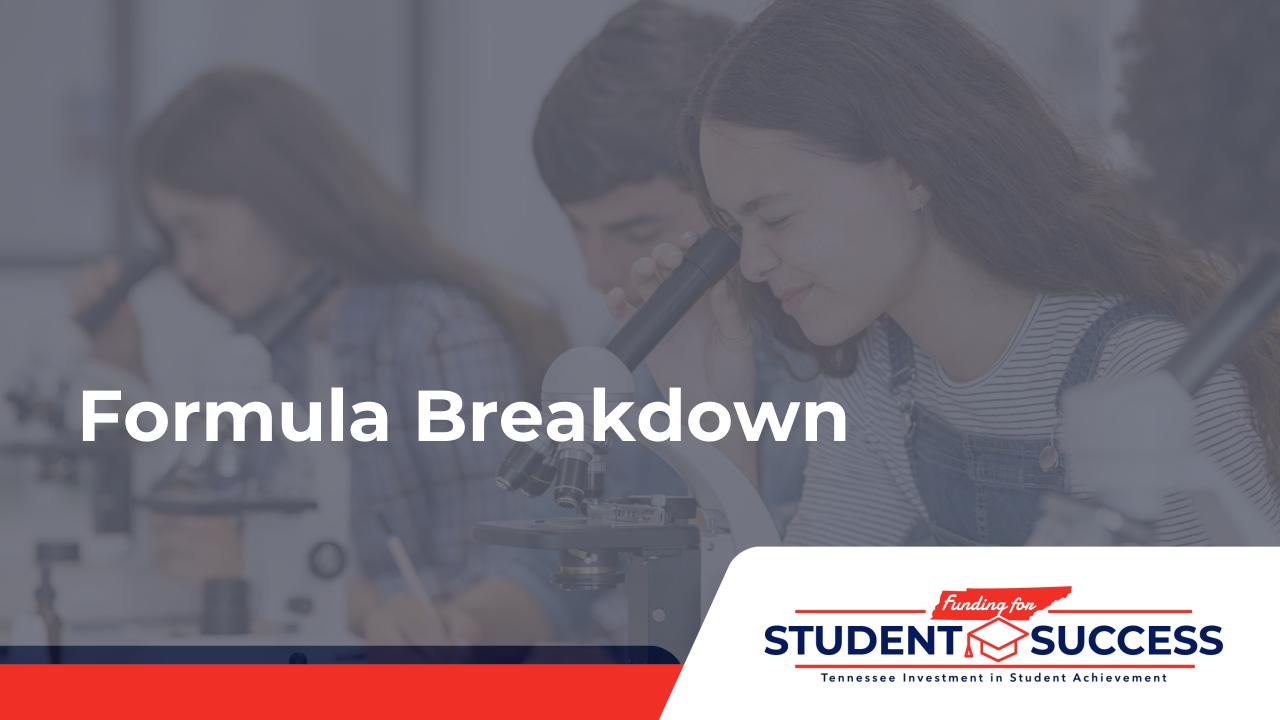


Prepare each high school graduate to succeed in the postsecondary program or career of the graduate's choice.

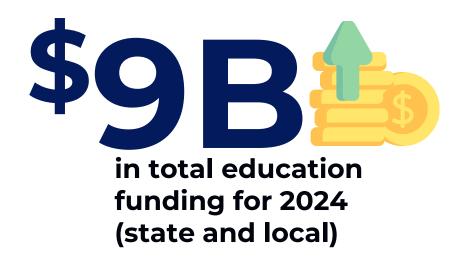


Provide each student with the resources needed to succeed, regardless of the student's individual circumstances.





Overall Funding Landscape





\$750 In one-time state funds in FY23



Biggest Take-aways

• **Districts:** Districts would receive more funding under the TISA than they would under the BEP (assuming stable enrollment).

- **Local:** The total local contribution does not increase for another 4 years. In FY27, the increase is similar to what districts would normally experience.
- **Note:** If the General Assembly were to put \$1B into the BEP, it would mean ~25% of LEAs would need to increase taxes. The TISA adds state funding without increasing taxes.



Framework of A Student-based Formula

Base + Weights + Direct + Outcomes

Direct Funding

Offers students learning opportunities beyond everyday classroom instruction

Base

Covers the essentials each student needs for a K-12 education

Outcomes Funding

Incentivizes student achievement and education excellence

Weights

Provides additional funds for students with unique learning needs or who may need additional supports



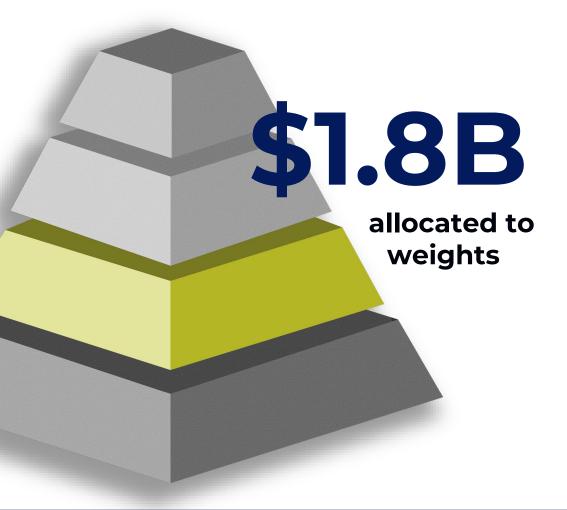
Overview: Base Funding



- Existing funding was maintained and strengthened
- Additional funding available for teacher salaries, nurses, counselors, principals, RTI2, technology
- Funds school support staff so teachers are empowered to concentrate more on academic instruction
- Empowers Tennessee to recruit
 out-of-state teachers and grow the in-state teacher
 workforce



Overview: Weight Funding



Economically Disadvantaged and Concentration of Poverty

Sparse and Small

Unique learning needs, including:

- Students with disabilities and gifted students, English learners, and students with characteristics of dyslexia
- Students with multiple learning needs can receive additional funding for each need

Charter school facilities



Breaking it Down: Weights

TISA would provide funds for the \$6,860 BASE plus:

Economically disadvantaged students



Base x 25%



322,073 students

Students living in areas of concentrated poverty



Base x 5%



652,039 students

Students in sparsely populated communities and students in small school districts



Base x 5%



326,549 students

Students with unique learning needs



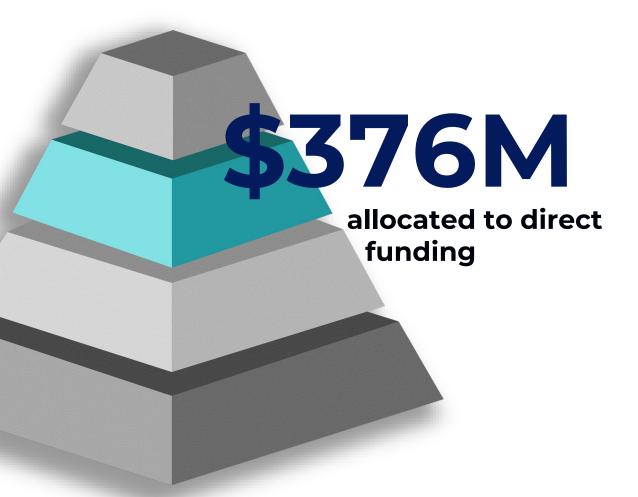
Base x ULN % Range: 15% - 150%



288,072 services



Overview: Direct Funding



Supports programs that offer students learning opportunities beyond everyday classroom instruction

\$145 million to enhance K-3rd grade literacy

\$8 million to offer literacy tutoring to 4th graders who need more support

\$210+ million to support career and technical education

\$13 million to fund post-secondary assessments (ACT and ACT Retake)



Breaking it Down: Direct Funding

TISA would provide districts additional funds to:

Enhance literacy supports for K-3 students

\$500 per K-3 student

288,862 students

Offer literacy tutoring to students who need more help



\$500 per student

15,737 students

Strengthen and expand high-value career and technical education offerings



\$5,000 avg. per student 42,064



Pay for two administrations of a post-secondary assessment.



\$185 per student

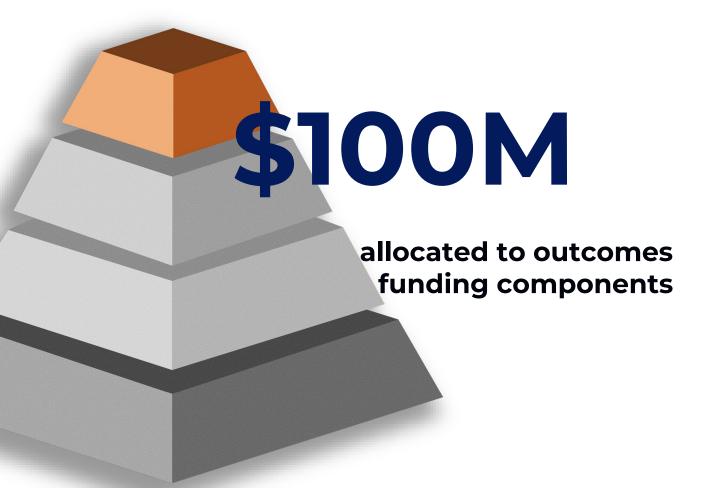


42,064 students

69,894 students



Overview: Outcomes Funding



Awards per-student bonuses when students demonstrate success in learning to read and college and career readiness.

Awards per-student outcomes funding for students who are on-grade level in reading at the end of 3rd grade, with additional funding for students who are economically disadvantaged.

Awards per-student outcomes funding when students achieve college and career ready benchmarks of either ACT performance or improvement, or earning a Tier II or Tier III industry credential. Additional funding awarded for economically disadvantaged students and those who enroll in college or directly enter the workforce in CTE field.

Example Elementary Students



Characteristic	Eligible?	Value
Base	~	\$6,860
Economically Disadvantaged		
Concentration of Poverty		
Sparse		
Small		
Charter		
Unique Learning Need	~	Base x 20%
K – 3 rd Grade Student	✓	\$500
4 th Grade Tutoring		
CCTE		
Post-Secondary Assessment		



Characteristic	Eligible?	Value
Base	~	\$6,860
Economically Disadvantaged	~	Base x 25%
Concentration of Poverty	✓	Base x 5%
Sparse	✓	Base x 5%
Small	~	Base x 5%
Charter		
Unique Learning Need	~ ~	Base x 60% Base x 20%
K – 3 rd Grade Student		
4 th Grade Tutoring	~	\$500
CCTE		
Post-Secondary Assessment		

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,732

TOTAL FUNDING: \$15,592



Example Middle School Students



Student 1

Characteristic	Eligible?	Value
Base	✓	\$6,860
Economically Disadvantaged		
Concentration of Poverty		
Sparse		
Small		
Charter		
Unique Learning Need	~	Base x 70%
K – 3 rd Grade Student		
4 th Grade Tutoring		
CCTE		
Post-Secondary Assessment		



Student 2

Characteristic	Eligible?	Value
Base	~	\$6,860
Economically Disadvantaged		
Concentration of Poverty		
Sparse	✓	Base x 5%
Small		
Charter		
Unique Learning Need		
K – 3 rd Grade Student		
4 th Grade Tutoring		
CCTE		\$4,500
Post-Secondary Assessment		

TOTAL FUNDING: \$11,662

TOTAL FUNDING: \$11,703



Example High School Students



Characteristic	Eligible?	Value
Base	~	\$6,860
Economically Disadvantaged	✓	Base x 25%
Concentration of Poverty	~	Base x 5%
Sparse		
Small		
Charter		
Unique Learning Need	~	Base x 40%
K – 3 rd Grade Student		
4 th Grade Tutoring		
CCTE	✓	\$6,000
Post-Secondary Assessment	✓	\$185



Characteristic	Eligible?	Value
Base	~	\$6,860
Economically Disadvantaged		
Concentration of Poverty		
Sparse	✓	Base x 5%
Small		
Charter		
Unique Learning Need		
K – 3 rd Grade Student		
4 th Grade Tutoring		
CCTE	✓	\$4,000
Post-Secondary Assessment	✓	\$185

TOTAL FUNDING: \$17,847

TOTAL FUNDING: \$11,388



TISA - FY24 Projections District XXXX **District ID** XXXX Element Amount **Students/Services Funding** \$6,860.00 1,965.11 \$13,480,639.81 Base **Students/Services** WEIGHTS Weight **Funding Economically Disadvantaged** 25% 741.85 \$1,272,271.76 5% Concentrated Poverty 1,845.32 \$632,945.59 5% Small 5% 1,965.11 \$674,031.99 Sparse 4% Charter ULN 1 15% 112.16 \$115,412.59 ULN 2 20% 203.47 \$279,156.70 \$173,879.30 ULN 3 40% 63.37 ULN 4 60% 0.94 \$3,879.86 ULN 5 \$18,106.03 70% 3.77 ULN 6 \$238,987.44 75% 46.45 ULN 7 80% 29.53 \$162,074.81 ULN 8 100% ULN 9 125% 46.92 \$402,353.92 150% \$20,757.27 **ULN 10** 2.02 DIRECT K-3 Literacy \$500.00 536.39 \$268,196.36 4th Grade Tutoring \$500.00 23.35 \$11,673.38 CTE \$5,000.00 131.57 \$657,858.19 ACT \$185.34 176.92 \$32,790.73 OUTCOMES твр TOTAL \$18,445,015.73

District Overview



Other Education Funding: Fast-Growing

Fast-Growing Student Stipend

LEAs with current-year growth above 2% from the prior year will receive same-year funding for the additional students.

Fast Growing Infrastructure Stipend

LEAs with 2% growth each year for three consecutive years may also receive an infrastructure stipend with remaining funds.



Supporting Teachers

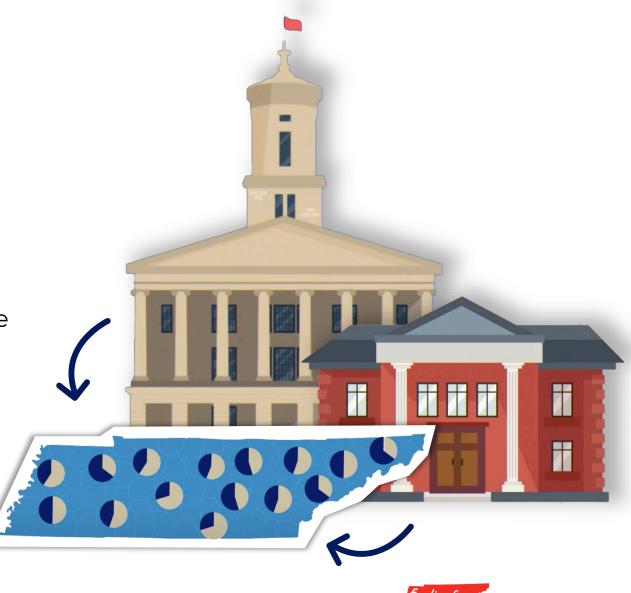
- Funds school support staff so teachers can concentrate on academic instruction.
- Provides for the Governor and General Assembly to direct education funding increases to go to raises for existing teachers.
- Requires increases in education funding to also trigger increases to state minimum salaries, which is on-track to increase the state minimum salary \$10k from \$35,000 in Jan 2019 to \$45,000 by 2026.





Local Contribution & Fiscal Capacity

- State and local share is split 70/30 for the base and weights only. The state will cover direct funding, outcomes and fast-growing.
- Fiscal capacity will be established by CBER, evaluated by the Comptroller of the Treasury, and approved by the State Board each year. The department will provide grants to help distressed and at-risk counties, and those with special circumstances related to maintenance of effort (MOE).
- FY25, and FY26 and begin to increase again in FY27, in an amount similar to prior years so that the new state investment does not overwhelm local requirements. No changes to MOE.





Improving Transparency and Accountability

School Boards

- Must establish academic goals that the local budget is intended to support
- Must describe the results and return on investment of the prior year strategy

Districts and Public Charter Schools

- An LEA or public charter school with a D or F school may be asked to present to an ad hoc Education Finance Committee to discuss funding and outcomes
- The results of that hearing may lead to no action, a corrective action plan, or an inspector general appointed by the Comptroller
- This provision also includes all state-run districts and schools





Improving Reporting

- Detailed reporting on funding and spending will be publicly posted at the school and district levels, per federal requirements, and be included on the annual report cards.
- Instead of a small committee, every LEA will have the opportunity to provide annual input on:
 - What the LEA hopes to see funded
 - The research base and return on investment
 - Reasons why the LEA is unable to afford those resources in the existing budget.
- The department will produce a report each year, to include:
 - An academic analysis
 - Accountability report cards
 - LEA TISA Review requests
 - Comptroller review of TISA





Professional Development

- A professional development series on TISA will include training on:
 - The TISA and TISA Guide
 - How to budget to increase achievement
 - How to connect achievement with investments
 - How to hold decision-makers accountable
- Professional development and a passing score on the assessment will be required for:
 - Directors, state and local school board or governing board members, local legislative bodies responsible for school funding, and state and local employees responsible for LEA and school budgets.
- Optional professional development will be provided at no cost for school employees related to maximizing investment to increase achievement.









The Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement would...

- Address the needs of each individual student, so each can learn and achieve to the fullest
- Support the state's economic vitality by helping students develop workforce-relevant skills that meet employers' needs
- Empower districts and schools with the flexibility to meet the needs of the unique populations they serve
- Improve transparency and accountability in education funding
- Build on the bold programmatic reforms in Tennessee over the last decade, and fund their sustainability





"We are on the cusp of achieving an updated approach to public education that prioritizes students and invests in the future of Tennessee."

-Governor Bill Lee







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