

MFP Louisiana's Minimum Foundation Program

HOW LOUISIANA FUNDS PUBLIC EDUCATION



What is the MFP?

Louisiana's constitutional funding formula that determines the minimum funding required for public education and distributes more than \$4 billion annually to public school systems across Louisiana.

MFP Requirements



Provide equitable funding based on student needs



Account for local districts' ability to raise revenue



At least 70% of state and local education dollars be directed to classrooms and school-level administration

70%
MINIMUM TO
CLASSROOMS &
SCHOOL-LEVEL
ADMINISTRATION

Student-based Funding

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

**BASE
PER STUDENT
\$4,015
UNCHANGED
SINCE 2019**



Students with Disabilities **+150%**



Gifted & Talented **+60%**



Low Income & English Learners **+22%**



Career & Technical Education **+6% per course**

DISTRICT ADJUSTMENTS ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR:



Small school systems (up to 20% more than the base)



Districts with lower property and sales tax capacity

How the Formula is Adopted



BESE
Develops the formula every year



LEGISLATURE
Can only:
• Approve
• Reject
• Take no action



IF REJECTED
The previous approved formula remains in effect. (Currently the 2022 formula)

How the MFP is Structured

FY 2026-27 MFP FUNDING

\$2.4B

**Level 1
CORE STUDENT FUNDING**
Base amount + weighted students + district adjustments

\$511M

**Level 2
INCENTIVE FOR LOCAL EFFORT**
Rewards districts that raise additional local taxes for education

\$613M

**Level 3
LEGISLATIVE ALLOCATIONS**
Past teacher and support worker pay raises and mandated operational costs

\$402M

**Level 4
SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING**
Targeted initiatives including mentor teachers, shortage-area stipends, dual enrollment, and career development

\$80M

OTHER ALLOCATIONS
Lab schools, state-run schools, and select charter schools

TOTAL: JUST OVER \$4 BILLION

FY 2026-27 MFP

More Than \$4 Billion

INVESTED ANNUALLY
IN LOUISIANA PUBLIC EDUCATION

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