

Community School Funding Information

ORC 3314.08 provides the basis for which Community Schools are funded. Community Schools receive funding from the state through the per-pupil foundation allocation. Unlike city, local, exempted village and joint vocational school districts, Community Schools have no tax base from which to draw funds for buildings and investment in infrastructure. As with all public schools, community schools may seek additional funds through grants, as well as other government and private sources. **Note: Funding amounts have been corrected on this page as of 12-17-2012**

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Full-Time Equivalence (FTE)

A full-time student is one who attends the entire school day for the entire school year. A student that has attended a community school for the entire year will have an FTE of 1.0. Students who attend a community school for less than the entire year will have an FTE that will equal less than 1.0 FTE. To calculate the FTE for students not attending the full year is as follows:

- If reporting in hours: # hours student will be attending / # total learning hours offered
- If reporting in days: # days student will be attending / # total learning days offered

Community Schools are funded on a per-pupil FTE basis.

Foundation Funding Consists of:

- Formula Amount (for FY12 this amount is \$5,653)
- Poverty Based Assistance, PBA Guarantee, Intervention Aid (Level I, II, and III), Limited English Proficient, Professional Development, All Day Kindergarten, Dropout Prevention, Class Size Reduction, and Community Outreach.
- Special Education Weighted Amount (*listed below*)
- Parity Aid
- Gifted Units
- Career-Technical and Adult Education Weighted Funding for approved programs

NOTE: Internet- or “e-school” community schools receive only the formula amount and the special education weighted amount. They are not eligible for extra State assistance.

Special Education

Students must have current IEPs (Individual Educational Plans) completed and dated and signed Dec. 1st of the school year to qualify for weighted funding. There are six categories of special education weight for the fiscal year 2012

- Category 1: Speech Only (0.2892)
- Category 2: Learning Disabled (also known as Specific Learning Disability, SLD), Developmentally Handicapped (also known as Cognitive Disability, CD), 1/2 of other health handicapped (OHI Minor) (0.3691)
- Category 3: Severe Behavior Handicapped (also known as Emotional Disturbance, ED), Hearing or Visually Impaired (1.7695)
- Category 4: 1/2 of other health handicapped (OHI Major), orthopedically handicapped (2.3646)
- Category 5: Multi-handicapped (also known as Multiple Disability) (3.1129)
- Category 6: Deaf-blind, Traumatic Brain Injury, Autism (4.7342)

The following will determine the total Weighted Funding amount the school will receive:

Weighted Funding = (SPED formula amount* x weight amount x # of students x .90)

* *SPED formula amount* = \$5,732

There is additional funding available to community schools in the form of Federal competitive and non-competitive grants through applications found in the [CCIP](#) (Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan).

External Finance Links

To launch any of the sites listed below, simply click on the name of the site.

- [State Auditor](#)
- [State Auditor -Community Schools](#)
- [State Teachers Retirement System](#)
- [State Employees Retirement System](#)
- [Department of Taxation](#)