State Foundation Payment Letter
Fiscal Year 2026 October Community/STEM School Payment on October 15, 2025

General Information on State Foundation Payments

Foundation payments to community/STEM schools are calculated once a month. This letter, generated with each foundation payment, provides details about updated payments to these entities including deductions, adjustments and transfers. The scheduled payment dates for FY 2026 are below:

July 14, 2025	January 15, 2026
August 13, 2025	February 13, 2026
September 15, 2025	March 13, 2026
October 15, 2025	April 14, 2026
November 14, 2025	May 14, 2026
December 12, 2025	June 12, 2026

Funding reflects the most current data available and includes **ALL** updates authorized by **Am. Sub. HB 96** (the current biennial budget).

Information Relevant to the October Payment

- The October payment marks the transition from FY2025 to **FY2026 data** for Enrolled ADM and certain categorical data (special education, English learners, and economically disadvantaged students) and is based on information compiled as of September 30, 2025.
- CTE FTE and transportation data will transition to FY2026 current-year data in December.
- Funding base amounts were recalculated for community schools that opened in FY2021 or later.
- Eligible Dropout Prevention and Recovery school received Rural Transportation Grant payment (JV21).
- Eligible Quality Community and STEM School received Quality Community School Support payment (JV96).
- The FY2025 statewide average per-rider amount was applied to ridership data as of February 1, 2025, and paid at 100%.
- FY2024 Final #1 deductions (spread over multiple years for some schools) continue to appear in settlement reports.
- Facilities funding was paid at $1,000 per FTE for brick-and-mortar community schools and $25 per FTE for e-schools. The total appropriation for facilities funding is $90,155,000. Since the October payment exceeded this amount, it was prorated at 98.68168152%.

Statement of Settlement

The Statement of Settlement shows the amount of funding by component paid monthly from SFPR and non-SFPR sources. Typically, the monthly amounts fluctuate based on data updates that occur during each payment period. On the statement of settlement, funds are generally paid out on a percentage basis or the remaining payments of the year basis.

The adjustments below are applied to the FY 2026 October payment. These items are reflected on the statement of settlement with their respective journal voucher codes for proper accounting. This payment includes:

- JV09 College Credit Plus Current Year
- JV21 Community School Rural Transportation Grant
- JV31 FY25 Final #1 Community Schools
- JV32 FY24 Final #1 Community Schools
- JV71 Community School FTE Review
- JV93 OSS Sponsorship Fee
- JV96 Quality Community Schools Support

Additional Resources

- A complete list and description of JV codes
- Community Schools Funding Components description
- College Credit Plus Deduction Reports
- Foundation Legacy Payment Reports (2002-2021)
- Foundation Payment Reports
- Monthly payment letters
- Payment Data Calendar
- Statewide Payment Reports in Excel Format

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