



50-State Comparison

K-12 Funding: Special Education Funding

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STATE ▲	SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING (Y/N)	SPECIAL EDUCATION CITATION
Alabama	Yes Census-Based System	Ala. Code § 16-13-232
Alaska	Yes Flat Weight System and High-Cost	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.17.420
Arizona	Yes Multiple Weights System	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-943
Arkansas	Yes High-Cost Student System	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2305
California	Yes Census-Based System	Cal. Educ. Code § 56836.11
Colorado	Yes Multiple Weights System	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-20-114

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Connecticut	Yes High-Cost Student System	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-76g
Delaware	Yes Resource-Allocation Model	Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 1703
District of Columbia	Yes Multiple Weights System	D.C. Code Ann. § 38-2905
Florida	Yes Multiple Weights System and High-Cost	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1011.62
Georgia	Yes Multiple Weights System	Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-161
Hawaii	Yes Resource-Allocation Model	Information on Hawaii's system of funding special education services comes from the Hawaii Department of Education.
Idaho	Yes Census-Based System	Idaho Code Ann. § 33-1002
Illinois	Yes Census-Based System and Resource-Allocation Model	105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/18-8.15
Indiana	Yes Multiple Weights System	Ind. Code Ann. § 20-43-7-6
Iowa	Yes Multiple Weights System	Iowa Code Ann. § 256B.9

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Kansas	Yes Reimbursement System	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-3422
Kentucky	Yes Multiple Weights System	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 157.200
Louisiana	Yes Flat Weight System	La. Stat. Ann. § 17:7
Maine	Yes Multiple Weights System and High-Cost	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 15681-A
Maryland	Yes Flat Weight System	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 5-209
Massachusetts	Yes Census-Based System and High-Cost	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 71B, § 5A
Michigan	Yes Reimbursement System	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 388.1652
Minnesota	Yes Multiple Weights System and Reimbursement System	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 125A.76
Mississippi	Yes Resource-Allocation Model	Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-23-35
Missouri	Yes Flat Weight System	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 163.011

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Montana	Yes Census-Based System	Mont. Code Ann. § 20-9-321
Nebraska	Yes Reimbursement System	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 79-1142
Nevada	Yes Multiple Weights System	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 387.122
New Hampshire	Yes Flat Weight System	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 186-C:18
New Jersey	Yes Census-Based System	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:7F-55
New Mexico	Yes Multiple Weight System	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8-21
New York	Yes Flat Weight System	Title V, Article 73, § 3602
North Carolina	Yes Flat Weight System	Note: This program is not in statute, but the weighted student formula is available through the Department of Education .
North Dakota	Yes Flat Weight System	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 15.1-27-03.1
Ohio	Yes Multiple Weight System	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3317.013

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Oklahoma	Yes Multiple Weight System	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 70, § 18-201.1
Oregon	Yes Flat Weight System	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 327.013
Pennsylvania	Yes Multiple Weight System	24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 25-2509.5
Puerto Rico	Yes Multiple Weight System	Note: This program is not in statute, but information is available through the Department of Education .
Rhode Island	Yes Reimbursement and Block Grant	16 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-24-6 and 16 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-7.2-6
South Carolina	Yes Multiple Weight System	S.C. Code Ann. § 59-20-40
South Dakota	Yes Multiple Weight System	S.D. Codified Laws § 13-37-35.1
Tennessee	Yes Resource-Allocation Model	Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0520-01-09-.09
Texas	Yes Multiple Weight System	Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 42.151
Utah	Yes Block Grant	Utah Code Ann. § 53F-2-307

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Vermont	Yes Reimbursement System and Resource-Allocation Model	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 2961 and § 2962
Virginia	Yes Resource-Allocation Model	Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-253.13:2
Washington	Yes Flat Weight System	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.150.390
West Virginia	Yes High-Cost Students System	Note: Information on West Virginia's system of funding special education services comes from the West Virginia Department of Education. https://wvde.us/special-education/finance/funding-opportunities/
Wisconsin	Yes Reimbursement System	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 115.881
Wyoming	Yes Reimbursement System	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-13-321