

Description of Formula Aids to School Districts

Foundation	Unrestricted aid to school districts for school operation and maintenance. It was based on an adjusted foundation amount less an expected minimum local contribution. Formula recognized regional cost, district need factors and fiscal capacity and was to be phased-in over time.
Full-Day K Conversion	Unrestricted aid paid on a current year basis for approved programs in districts that agree to convert to full-day kindergarten programs.
Universal Pre-Kindergarten	Grant program provided to districts to support their approved UPK programs.
Transportation	Reimbursement aid for approved operating and capital expenditures for transportation of pupils.
Summer Transportation	Transportation aid was expanded to cover summer school programs. Districts with approved programs are eligible for aid up to a maximum State total of \$5 million.
BOCES	Reimbursement aid for districts that are components of BOCES to obtain services.
Special Services— Computer Administration	Reimbursement aid for computer expenditures for the Big 5 and school districts that are not a component of a BOCES up to a maximum amount per pupil.
Special Services— Career Education	Reimbursement aid for career education expenditures for the Big 5 and school districts that are not a component of a BOCES up to a maximum amount per pupil.
Excess Cost--Private	Aid program to support students with disabilities that the district places in private settings or in the state-operated schools for the deaf or blind.
Excess Cost—Public High Cost	Aid program to support students with disabilities in public school or BOCES-run very high cost programs. Costs exceeding a threshold are reimbursed using an aid ratio based on district property and income wealth.
Hardware and Technology	Reimbursement for instructional computer hardware and educational technology equipment.
Computer Software	Reimbursement for computer software expenditures up to a maximum amount per pupil.
Library Materials	Reimbursement for library materials expenditures up to a maximum amount per pupil.
Textbook	Reimbursement for textbook expenditures up to a maximum amount per pupil.
Charter School Transitional	Targeted aid program provided to districts that are the most impacted by a concentration of charter school students.
Reorganization Incentive	Additional unrestricted operating aid for districts that reorganize (merge).
Academic Enhancement	Additional Aid for districts identified as in need of improvement.
High Tax	Targeted aid program provided to eligible districts where their residential tax levy exceeds a specified percent of adjusted gross income.
Supplemental Public Excess Cost Amount	Aid for eligible districts to accommodate changes in the way aid was provided for public excess cost pupils.
Building	Reimbursement aid for construction and financing of approved building projects.
Reorganization Incentive -Building	Additional building aid for districts that have reorganized (merged).
Community Schools Setaside	The amount of Foundation Aid in the 2018-19 school year set aside to support Community Schools.