

After an unusual and contentious budget season that went well into the beginning of the school year, Gov. Whitmer signed the state budget on Oct. 7, 2025.

The school aid omnibus budget totals \$24.1 billion and provides funding for pre-K, K-12, and community colleges and higher education. The budget works towards a more equitable funding formula and continues to invest in important categoricals to support our schools and students. Here's a quick breakdown.

## FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE



**\$10,050**  
PER PUPIL

The foundation allowance is the main source of operational funds for local school districts. This funding is distributed on a per-pupil basis and is set at \$10,050.

## WEIGHTED STUDENT FUNDING

Students with greater needs require more resources, and therefore more funding, to educate. These students receive the foundation allowance and an additional percent, or weight, of the foundation to help fund the resources they require.



### At-Risk Funding

Total funding of **\$1.3 billion**; distributed on a per-pupil basis; percent of the foundation increases as the concentration of poverty in a district increases. Weights range from 15.98%-21.46%.



### English-Language Learner Funding

Total funding of **\$62 million**; distributed on a per-pupil basis; funding level is dependent on English language proficiency as determined by the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) screener.



### Rural and Isolated Districts

Total funding of **\$12.9 million**.

## IMPORTANT CATEGORICALS

**\$201.6 million**

**Free School Meals for All**

**\$321 million**

**Mental Health and School Safety**

**\$32.9 million**

**Adult Education**

**\$125 million**

**Transportation**

### Career and Technical Education (CTE)

**\$41.7 million** to provide districts with funds for the added costs of providing CTE courses; **\$70 million** to be spent over three years in CTE deserts.

### Special Education

Continues providing special education students with their foundation allowance amount and cost reimbursement of 28.6% for services provided. Total funding is **\$2.8 billion**.