

Summary: Principles for Fair and Equitable Funding Systems or Proposals

1 Provide funding according to student need.

- Provide at least 100 percent more funding for students from low-income backgrounds.
- Provide at least 75 to 100 percent more funding for English learners (ELs).
- Provide additional funding to support students with disabilities.
- Provide the full amount of additional funding for every category of need that students meet.
- Target resources to high-poverty districts and schools.

2 Provide more funding to districts with lower fiscal capacity.

- Provide equalization funding to low-wealth districts.
- Provide additional funding for rural and sparse districts.

3 Ensure dollars are used well to improve student experience and outcomes.

- Require districts to spend according to student need.
- Require districts to develop and publish a plan for how they will use funding.

4 Be transparent about the system's design and monitor funding districts actually receive.

- Annually publish information about how the funding system is designed to work in clear, plain-language.
- Publish easy-to-follow data on the amount of funding each district should receive according to the state funding system, compared to what it actually receives.
- Review the funding system to understand patterns in which districts are being underfunded.

5 Provide transparent data on funding going to schools.

- Develop, use and publish consistent rules for calculating spending for all schools in the state.
- Report clear, timely and accessible school and district spending data alongside contextual information to enable equity-focused comparisons.

