

Education Law §3614 School Funding Allocation Report
Part F - Narrative Description

1. Describe the local methodology/approach used to allocate funds to each school in the district. If schools are allocated funds—either in part or in full—through a formula, outline the nature/mechanics of the formula and the elements impacting each school’s allocation.
Our methodology and rationale used to determine our school level funding consists of a combination of commonly applied factors. Two methods used are professional judgement from the years of experience by staff and cost analysis factors. Administrators, Grade Level and Team Chairpersons project number of students and review programs at each grade level, including, but separating, special needs students. The Board of Education and Administrators establish education goals based on previous accumulated data. We use this data to determine programs and adjustments needed and use this information to determine costs per building. A goal is to maintain average class sizes of twenty to twenty two students. How many staff do we need to achieve this along with support services is also determined. All of this data and information creates the best possibility to achieve our goals. As a rural school, the real driving factor is funding. We must calculate our budget to be within the tax cap, limited State Aid, increasing health care costs and other factors to determine if we can maintain current programs and staff. Each building needs are prioritized and then a budget is created. We use goals as our foundation, available funding to meet these goals and cooperation between buildings to further meet the goals.
2. If applicable, is there anything unique about certain schools which explain why per pupil spending at these locations may be significantly higher/lower than the district average?
Special Education students are 10% of total pupil count. High longevity of teachers.
3. If applicable, describe any items which the district feels are anomalous in nature and require additional description beyond the Excel entry.
Please note: Part A II (C) Other School Districts-Tuition. This is a budget line based on prior year number of Foster students.