



Review of Adequacy Studies

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Presentation

- Review Four Approaches to Adequacy
- Examine the Number and Type of Adequacy Studies since 2003
- Examine the Resources Identified
 - Instructional
 - Student Support
 - Administrative

Adequacy Approaches

- Four Approaches have been developed over the past 25 years to examine adequacy
 - Professional Judgment Educators identify the resources needed at the school and district level to meet state standards. Identifies the base cost and adjustments for district and student characteristic differences
 - Evidence Based Utilizes academic and school reform research to identify the resources needed at school and district level to meet state standards. Identifies the base cost and adjustments for district and student characteristic differences

Adequacy Approaches (Cont.)

- Successful Schools Identifies districts or schools that are outperforming other districts in the state on absolute performance and/or student growth.
 Only identifies a base cost figure
- Cost Function Utilizes statistical analysis to examine the relationships between spending and outcomes considering the differences in student and district characteristics. Identifies the base cost and adjustments for district and student characteristic differences

Studies Since 2003

- Studies have been undertaken across the country. The study team identified each study, the approach(es) used, and the type of entity the study was done for including:
 - State
 - Advocacy Group

Studies

- Forty-nine studies were done from 2003-2019 in 31 states
 - 21 studies used Professional Judgement
 - 18 studies used Evidence-Based
 - 17 studies used Successful Schools
 - 8 studies used cost function
- Studies were either sponsored by state entities or outside organizations
 - 47% of the studies were done for state entities
 - 53% of the studies were done for outside organizations

SREB Studies

	No Study/ Other Study	Cost Function	Evidence Based	Professional Judgement	Successful Schools
Arkansas			X		
Alabama				X	Χ
Delaware				X	Χ
Florida	X				
Georgia	X				
Kentucky			X	X	
Louisiana	X				
Maryland			Χ	X	X
Massachusetts	X				
Mississippi	X				
North Carolina		X			
Oklahoma	X				
South Carolina	X				
Tennessee		X			
Texas			X		
Virginia	X				
West Virginia	X				

Identifying Resources

- The professional judgment and evidence-based approach studies generate specific resources that can be compared to the Arkansas matrix resources
 - The successful schools and cost function provide dollar amounts and weights, but do not provide information specific resource information
- The following slides look at the resources from the studies for schools/districts that seemed most comparable to Arkansas based on school and district sizes

Comparison Approach

- Identified most recent study done for each state and examined the resources for districts/schools closest to 500 students
- Tables show the minimum and maximum student to staff ratio for personnel resource areas, the national mode (most frequent), and detail for all SREB studies
- Important to remember these are study results, not actual funding levels in most states

Instructional Resources: Class Size - Elementary

	17		2			_
	K	1	2	3	4	5
Arkansas (Matrix)	20:1	23:1	23:1	23:1	25:1	25:1
All State Low	15:1	15:1	15:1	15:1	17:1	17:1
All State High	20:1	20:1	21:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
All State Mode	15:1	15:1	15:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
Alabama	18:1	18:1	21:1	21:1	25:1	25:1
Delaware	17:1	17:1	17:1	17:1	17:1	17:1
Kentucky	15:1	15:1	15:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
Maryland	15:1	15:1	15:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
Texas	15:1	15:1	15:1	25:1	25:1	25:1

Instructional Resources: Class Size - Secondary

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Arkansas (Matrix)	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
All State Low	16:1	16:1	16:1	16:1	16:1	16:1	16:1
All State High	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
All State Mode	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
Alabama	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
Delaware	20:1	20:1	20:1	20:1	20:1	20:1	20:1
Kentucky	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
Maryland	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1
Texas	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1	25:1

Instructional Resources: Takeaways

Elementary

- Arkansas matrix ratios are higher than national mode and most SREB state studies for K-2
- Grade 3-5 ratios are similar to national mode and many of the SREB studies

Secondary

 Grade 6-12 ratios are similar to national mode and many of the SREB studies

Instructional Resources: Other

	Instructional	Facilitators	Library Media Specialist		
	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	
Arkansas (Matrix)	1:200	1:200	1:588	1:588	
All State Low	1:80	1:80	1:200	1:184	
All State High	1:540	1:600	1:450	1:1,025	
All State Mode	1:200	1:200	1:450	1:525	
Alabama	1:400	1:600	1:450	1:400	
Delaware	1:540	1:120	1:425	1:470	
Kentucky	1:200	1:200	1:450	1:525	
Maryland	1:150	1:180	1:450	1:480	
Texas	1:200	1:200	1:450	1:525	

Instructional Resources: Other Takeaways

- Instructional Facilitators
 - Variation across studies including the SREB studies
 - Arkansas Matrix ratios are in line with national mode for both elementary and secondary
- Library/Media Specialist
 - SREB studies and national mode produce relatively consistent results
 - Arkansas Matrix ratios are about 30% higher

Student Support Services

	Total Studen	t Support
	Elementary	Secondary
Arkansas (Matrix)	1:200	1:200
All State Low	1:100	1:81
All State High	1:500	1:500
All State Mode	1:150	1:180
Alabama	1:375	1:173
Delaware	1:101	1:122
Kentucky	1:281	1:182
Maryland	1:150	1:118
Texas	1:450	1:250

Student Support Services: Takeaways

- Looked at guidance counselor, nurse, psychologist, and social worker levels identified for all students in studies
- Variation across studies, including across SREB state studies
- Arkansas Matrix ratios are 33% higher in elementary and about 10% higher in secondary

Administration Services

	Adminis	trators	Administrator Support		
	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	
Arkansas (Matrix)	1:500	1:500	1:500	1:500	
All State Low	1:150	1:170	1:100	1:110	
All State High	1:500	1:525	1:360	1:263	
All State Mode	1:450	1:300	1:225	1:203	
Alabama	1:225	1:245	1:225	1:175	
Delaware	1:400	1:170	1:210	1:190	
Kentucky	1:450	1:375	1:225	1:213	
Maryland	1:150	1:190	1:150	1:190	
Texas	1:450	1:300	1:225	1:213	

Administrative Services: Takeaways

 Arkansas matrix ratios for administrators are higher than the national mode and all SREB study results for elementary and secondary

 Arkansas matrix ratios for administrative support are higher for both elementary and secondary when compared to national mode and SREB studies

English Learner Resources

	Total Instru	ıctional	Total Student Support		
	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	
Arkansas (Matrix)	Categorical	Categorical	Categorical	Categorical	
All State Low	1:7	1:6	1:75	1:100	
All State High	1:250	1:250	1:180	1:325	
All State Mode	1:100	1:100	1:100	1:100	
Alabama	1:30	1:30			
Delaware	1:8	1:7	1:75	1:290	
Kentucky	1:100	1:100			
Maryland	1:14	1:13	1:180	1:192	
Texas	1:100	1:100			

At-risk Student Resources

	Total Instructional		Total S	upport	Total Admin	
	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary
Arkansas (Matrix)	NSL/ESA	NSL/ESA	NSL/ESA	NSL/ESA	NSL/ESA	NSL/ESA
All State Low	1:18	1:30	1:75	1:45	1:125	1:290
All State High	1:100	1:100	1:545	1:315	1:790	1:700
All State Mode	1:50	1:50	1:100	1:100	1:390	1:300
Alabama	1:100	1:325	1:100	1:265	1:520	1:640
Delaware	1:35	1:35	1:390	1:211	1:785	
Kentucky	1:50	1:50				
Maryland	1:25	1:45	1:75	1:120		1:290
South Dakota	1:20	1:35	1:100	1:45		
Texas	1:100	1:100	1:100	1:100		

Special Education Resources

	Total Stude	nt Support	Total Admin		
	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	
Arkansas	1:22	1:22	N/A	N/A	
All State Low	1:5	1:5	1:22	1:33	
All State High	1:23	1:23	1:79	1:157	
All State Mode	1:6	1:6	1:34	1:65	
Alabama	1:6	1:6	1:46	1:145	
Delaware	1:6	1:6	1:48	1:103	
Maryland	1:9	1:20	1:34	1:75	

Special Education Resources: Takeaways

 Used the statewide average of 13% of students in special education for a total of 65 students

 Arkansas Matrix ratio is high for elementary and secondary compared to national mode and SREB studies

Other Costs

	Techn	ology	Instru	Instruction		Activities		Assessment	
	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	
Arkansas (Matrix)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
All State Low	\$100	\$100	\$125	\$160	\$385	\$145	\$5	\$5	
All State High	\$250	\$250	\$300	\$385	\$250	\$630	\$25	\$25	
All State Mode	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$25	\$250	\$20	\$20	
Alabama	\$100	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$25	\$250	\$15	\$15	
Kentucky	\$250	\$250	\$140	\$160	\$250	\$250	\$25	\$25	
Maryland			\$125	\$140	\$20	\$145	\$5	\$5	
Texas	\$250	\$250	\$140	\$160	\$250	\$250	\$25	\$25	

Other Costs: Takeaways

 Technology dollars per student in the Arkansas Matrix are the same as the national mode and similar to most of the SREB studies

 Instructional materials dollars per student in the Arkansas Matrix are the same as the national mode and the same or higher than SREB studies

Questions?