



Individual State Profile

K-12 and Special Education Funding 2021

State Profile - Arkansas

October 2021

PRIMARY FUNDING MODEL

Primary Funding Model	Student-based foundation
Model Name	School Foundation Funding

BASE AMOUNTS

Base Amount (Y/N)	Yes
Base Amount	\$7182 (2021-22) \$7349 (2022-23)
Source	A.C.A. § 6-20-2305

STUDENT COUNT

Student Count Method	Membership average
Source	A.C.A. § 6-20-2303

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

Special Education Funding Mechanism	Hybrid - census-based and high-cost services funding
Special Education Program Name	Foundation Funding Special Education High-Cost Occurrence
Special Education Amount (Dollar amount or weight)	Census-based - Special education positions factored into the calculation of the base foundation amount per student. Funds are allocated on total student enrollment. High-cost services: State reimburses 100% of the amount above \$15,000 up to \$65,000 and 80% of the amount above \$65,000. No individual high-cost occurrence shall be eligible for reimbursement of more than \$100,000 per year.

Is there a Cap or Minimum threshold in place?	Yes, minimum threshold for high-cost services funding.
Special Education Funding Description	Census-based - Included in the matrix calculation used to generate the base per pupil in foundation funding. High-cost services funding - Funded by line item. Districts qualify for funding for any student who needs more than \$15,000 worth of services, after Medicaid, federal IDEA Part B funding, and available third-party funding is applied. The maximum amount of reimbursement a district/charter can receive is 100% of the amount above \$15,000 up to \$65,000 and 80% of the amount above \$65,000. No individual high-cost occurrence shall be eligible for reimbursement of more than \$100,000 per year.
Source	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2305 Ark. Admin. Code 005.18.24-24.05 through 005.18.24-24.07 Arkansas School Funding Guide

ENGLISH LEARNER FUNDING

English Learner Funding? (Y/N)	Yes
English Learner Funding Mechanism	Categorical grant
English Learner Program Name	Student Special Needs Funding – English Language Learners
English Learner Amount (Dollar amount or weight)	Flat funding amount of \$359 (2021-22) is distributed to districts for each ELL student.
Source	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2305 Code Ark. R. 005.28.36-3.00 Code Ark. R. 005.28.36-5.00

FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

At-Risk Funding for Low-Income Students (Y/N)	Yes
Low-Income Students Funding Mechanism	Categorical grant
Low-Income Students Program Name	Student Special Needs Funding – Enhanced Student Achievement Funding
Low-Income Students Identifier	Reduced or free - National School Lunch Program

Low-Income Students Amount (Dollar amount or weight)	For districts with: Less than 70% NSL students: \$532 per NSL student 70-90% NSL: \$1063 per NSL student 90% or more NSL: \$1594 per NSL student
Source	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2305 Code Ark. R. 005.28.36-3.00 Code Ark. R. 005.28.36-6.00

GIFTED AND TALENTED FUNDING

Gifted and Talented Funding? (Y/N)	Yes
Gifted and Talented Funding Mechanism	Categorical grant
Gifted and Talented Program Name	Public School Fund
Gifted and Talented Amount (Dollar amount or weight)	\$739,025 (2019-20)
Source	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-42-106

SMALL SIZE OR ISOLATED FUNDING ADJUSTMENT

Small Size or Isolated Adjustment? (Y/N)	Yes
Small Size Funding Mechanism	Multiple Student Weights
Small Size Program Name	Public School Fund
Small Size Amount (Dollar amount or weight)	Based on ADM, the number of schools designated as isolated, and density ratios, a district may qualify for one or more additional per pupil weights ranging from 0.05 to 0.2 applied to the ADM.
Small Size Identifier	Multiple - Number of students, distance, and population density
Source	AR ST § 6-20-601 AR ST § 6-20-604