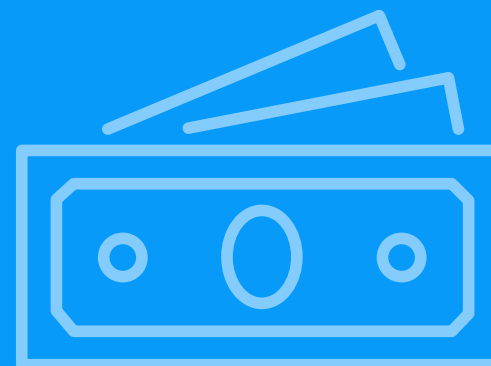
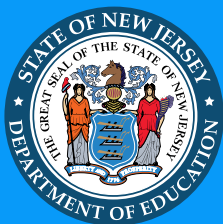




NJ School Funding Learning Series

NEW JERSEY STATE AID 101: PART I

Categorical aid

According to state law, the State distributes funding based on enrollment, need, transportation and other factors

Types of categorical aid



Security aid

Security aid helps support baseline safety and additional security needs. All districts get a base amount of security aid per pupil, and additional aid for each at-risk student.



Transportation aid

Transportation aid helps support the cost of getting students to and from school. Aid is provided according to the number of eligible students and the average distance for regular and special transportation.



Special education aid

Special education aid recognizes additional costs associated with serving students with disabilities. All districts receive 1/3 of the State average excess cost for special education services.

Key takeaways

- ▶ **Three aid types for every district**
Beyond the core formula, every district also receives transportation, security, and special education aid to fund specific costs.
- ▶ **Transportation follows eligible students and miles**
Transportation aid pays a per-pupil baseline plus a per-mile rate multiplied by the average distance, calculated separately for regular and special education riders.
- ▶ **Security aid scales with need**
Security aid gives every student a uniform base amount plus extra for each at-risk student, adjusted by the geographic cost adjustment.
- ▶ **Special education aid splits two ways**
Special education aid flows 2/3 into equalization aid (varies with wealth) and 1/3 as flat categorical aid.