

General Fund Revenues

State School Funding Formula

The State School Funding Formula encompasses 75% of the District's 2008–2009 budgeted General Fund resources. This formula was established following the 1990 passage of Ballot Measure 5, a property tax limitation measure. Prior to that measure, local voters controlled the amount of funding dedicated to schools.

Now, the legislature controls the funding in an attempt to equalize public education resources across districts. Most of the locally collected revenues, like property taxes, fall under the funding formula and lower the amount paid by the state.

The formula attempts to match revenue for current students to constant revisions. The final amount of revenue available under the formula for 2008-09 will not be determined by the state until May 2010, almost a year after completion of the funded school year.

This formula is based on four main factors:

- **Average Daily Membership (ADM)** weighted for certain student populations (ADMw). These weightings reflect differences across the state; they are not expected to tie to spending.
 - The largest component of ADMw is regular enrollment for the school year. A kindergarten student counts as 1/2 the ADM of a student in grades 1 through 12.
 - The formula takes the larger of last year's ADMw or this year's. Given that 509J's student population is projected to increase in 2008-2009, state funding will be based on the 2008-09 student enrollment.
- Students on Individualized Education Plans generate an additional 1.0 ADM. Only up to 11% of the regular enrollment ADM can be claimed under this weighting factor without a waiver from the State.
- Students participating in English Language Learners programs generate an additional 1/2 ADM.
- In total, we expect to receive funding for 7,606.0 ADMw in 2008-2009.
- **Target Rate \$4,500 per ADMw +/- \$25** for each year that the district's average teacher experience differs from the statewide average experience. Our projection for 2008-2009 is that this factor will generate \$37.50 per ADMw for a difference of 1.5 years.
- **Funding Ratio** that adjusts the overall cost of school funding to within the legislature's budget. The state prepares estimates of the formula cap for each district, local revenues to be received, and the remaining amount to be paid by the state.

The initial funding ratio factor that is estimated in March typically varies significantly throughout the subsequent two years as better information about statewide student enrollment and property taxes are known. Our projection for 2008-2009 is that we will receive 98% of the target funding ratio, for a net ratio of 1.32913.
- **Transportation** reimbursement for up to 70% of the cost of required home-to-school transportation. We expect to receive \$1,404,900 in transportation reimbursement.