

How Does a School District Receive Funding

In 1973 the Florida Legislature enacted the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) and established the state policy on equalized funding to guarantee to each student in the Florida public education system the availability of programs and services appropriate to his or her educational needs that are substantially equal to those available to any similar student notwithstanding geographic differences and varying local economic factors.

Source of Funds for School Districts

Federal Support – School districts receive funds from the federal government directly and through the state as an administering agency. School districts may receive federal funds from various agencies such as the Department of Labor, Veterans Administration, Department of Interior, Department of Education, Department of Defense, and Department of Agriculture.

State Support – Funds for state support to school districts are provided primarily by legislative appropriations. Other minor state funding sources include receipts from mobile home licenses and state forest funds.

Local Support – Local revenue for school support is derived almost entirely from property taxes levied by Florida's 67 counties, each of which constitutes a school district.

Source: <http://www.fldoe.org/fefp>, Funding for Florida School Districts