

Core Instruction Amount: School Funding Formula in Rhode Island

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Design Features in the 2010 Funding Formula

- Core instruction amount for each student
- “Student Success Factor” to provide additional support for students from low-income background
- State and local funding follows the student
- Determinants of state aid to districts based on local fiscal capacity and concentrated poverty
- Gradual phase-in process
- Outside the formula: supplemental Categorical grants

Design Feature: Core Instruction Amount

- Proposed \$8,295 per student amount for core instruction in spring 2010, with annual adjustment (FY2020- \$9,871)
- Based on verifiable NCES data
- Cost based on averaging the core instruction amount in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island

Design Feature: Core Instruction Amount

- **Instructional Staff**
 - Salaries for teachers (regular, part-time, substitute, hospital-based, sabbatical, home-bound), teacher aides,
- **Other Instructional Service**
 - Salaries and contracts for technical and professional services, supplies, textbooks, professional dues and fees
- **Student Support**
 - Salaries for social workers, guidance counselors, staff in health, psychology, speech pathology, and audiology, nurses, coaches, bus supervisors, summer school teachers, supervisors in extra-curricular activities

- Other Student Support
 - Salaries for supervisors of instruction, library and media staff, computer lab staff, curriculum coordinators, in-service teacher training staff; salaries and contracts for professional services, supplies textbooks, professional dues and fees
- General District Administration
 - Salaries for school board members, school board staff, superintendent, central office staff, and purchased services and contracts
- School-level Administration
 - Salaries for principals, department chairs, administrative staff; purchased services; supplies; and professional dues and fees
- Staff Benefits (60%)
 - Fringe benefits for Instructional, Administrative, and Support Staff

Core Instruction: BEP/UCOA Function

- **UCOA Function 100: Face to Face Teaching & Classroom Materials: G13-2**
- All Teachers: Includes full- and part-time teachers for all programs, teacher assistants, and substitute teachers
- All Fringe Benefits: Fringe benefits except Teacher Retirement
- All Purchased Services: Contracted technical and professional services
- Instructional Supplies and Textbooks
- Dues, fees, professional memberships

Core Instruction: BEP/UCOA Function

- **UCOA Function 200: Pupil, Teacher & Program Support** G13-1.2, G13.3, G13.4, G-14, G15-2.2
- Social workers, guidance counselors, nurses, psychologists, occupational, physical and speech pathologists, audiology
- Supplemental amounts for coaching, supervising extracurricular activities, bus supervision, summer school teaching
- All Fringe Benefits except Retirement for staff in this category
- Instructional Support Services including Library and Media, Computer Lab
- Staff, Curriculum Coordinators, Professional Development, and PD Staff
- Purchased services: Contracted labor and equipment for any of the salaried categories listed above
- Supplies, books, periodicals, curricular books, films, slides, tapes, video tapes, television programs, reference books not in classroom
- Dues and fees for professional membership in organizations

Core Instruction: BEP/UCOA Function

- **UCOA Function 300 Operations (Selected Items)** G15-2, G15-2.1, G15-2.3, G15-2.3.2, G15-2.4
- Business, Central and other supports services
- All Fringe Benefits except Retirement for staff in this category
- Purchased services: Individuals contracted to perform business, central or other support services

Core Instruction: BEP/UCOA Function

- **UCOA Function 500 Leadership:** G-15, G15-1.2
- General Administration: Salaries for Superintendent and staff, School Board and Negotiations
- All Fringe Benefits except Retirement for staff in this category
- Purchased Services: Expenditures for legal firms, election services, staff relations, negotiation services
- Supplies: Books, periodicals, general supplies, paper, printing materials for board and for budget
- Dues and fees for membership to professional organizations
- Salaries for School Principal and Staff and Department Chairs
- All Fringe Benefits except Retirement for staff in this category
- Purchased Services: Consultants, school scheduling firms, administrative staff in service training
- School Admin. - Supplies Books, periodicals and general supplies
- Dues and fees for professional organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods and services

Core Instruction: BEP/UCOA Function

- **Items not in the core instruction amount:**
- Teacher Retirement (separate state funding mechanism where costs are shared 60% at the local level and 40% at the state level)
- Food Service, Transportation, Safety, Building Upkeep, Utilities and
- Maintenance, Budgeted Contingencies, Debt Service, Capital Projects,
- Retiree Benefits, Out of District Tuition and Transportation, Non Public
- Textbooks, Enterprise/Community Service, and Claims and Settlements
- Expenditures funded by Federal funds

Core Instruction as a Funding Component

- *Resident students x **core instruction amount** = core instruction funding*
- *Free/reduced lunch eligible students x student success factor = student success factor funding*
- ***Core instruction funding** + student success funding = total foundation*
- *The following slide shows the itemized amounts in Core (and non Core, in bold type) functions*

Function Description	Actual Spending FY13	Actual Spending FY17	% Change
Academic Interventions	\$2,636,680.71	\$3,949,848.36	49.80%
Enterprise and Community Service Operations	\$1,661,712.74	\$2,297,917.72	38.29%
Student Health and Services	\$16,670,503.78	\$22,499,460.36	34.97%
Staff Development and Support	\$38,810,447.15	\$49,377,411.54	27.23%
Pupil-Use Technology and Software	\$23,370,549.80	\$29,490,947.18	26.19%
Data Processing	\$11,171,423.14	\$13,627,327.60	21.98%
Deputies, Sr Admin, Researchers, Pgm Evaluators	\$11,144, 575.75	\$13,561,393.89	21.69%
Principals and Assistant Principals	\$60,314,892.74	\$71,900,390.86	19.21%
Transportation	\$77,285,414.29	\$91,422,667.48	18.29%
Safety	\$6,063,312.21	\$7,171,430.97	18.28%
Business Operations	\$40,935,993.46	\$47,780,723.22	16.72%
Instructional Materials/Trips/Supplies	\$26,246,862.36	\$30,288,208.92	15.40%
Instructional Paraprofessionals	\$75,198,062.04	\$86,578,046.82	15.13%
Superintendent and School Board	\$14,919,475.75	\$17,174,011.88	15.11%
School Office	\$36,045,794.85	\$40,927,548.86	13.54%
Therapists, Psychologists et al	\$124,677,674.80	\$141,521,031.97	13.51%
Student Health/Services	\$31,347,394.70	\$35,570,690.97	13.47%
Food Service	\$54,280,983.53	\$61,324,760.49	12.98%
Substitutes	\$23,899,862.67	\$26,985,631.98	12.91%
Extracurricular	\$19,159,237.01	\$21,396,896.25	11.68%
Program Management	\$34,688,140.71	\$38,595,661.52	11.26%
Guidance and Counseling	\$41,291,036.17	\$45,509,980.77	10.22%
Building Upkeep/Utilities/Maintenance	\$160,075,566.50	\$175,146,243.75	9.41%
Instructional Teachers	\$1,015,714,708.4	\$1,099,353,660.60	8.23%
Legal	\$3,668,122.82	\$3,969,176.62	8.21%
Curriculum Development	\$13,152,430.27	\$13,851,166.90	5.31%
Library and Media	\$25,218,071.33	\$25,217,789.77	0.00%
Retiree Benefits and Other	\$40,345,194.41	\$30,485,042.71	-24.44%
Claims and Settlements	\$1,460,804.07	\$857,776.70	-41.28%
Sabbaticals	\$181,461.07	\$101,531.04	-44.05%
Academic Student Assessment	\$8,685,370.81	\$2,706,769.01	-68.84%

CORE INSTRUCTION FUNDING TREND

- Core instruction & student success factor dollar amounts have increased steadily and predictably over the last several years

