

PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES

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SCHOOLS THAT SERVE A HIGH NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

The services required to provide high-quality and equal education to students with special needs are often associated with higher costs. Weighted B Group Add Ons will be available as a reference point for schools.

- Unique services like occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy
- Multiple health needs require nurses, transportation, and expensive technology
- Students "tuition out" to specialized schools like the Foundation for Blind Children or the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind



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SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS

Schools in rural and remote areas have to split personnel and non-personnel costs over a small number of students.

- Transportation for students in rural areas covers a longer distance
- Higher proportion of students receiving special education services (not limited to rural schools)
- Management of school buildings and facilities divided among smaller student population
- Funds for staff & educators divided among a smaller student population



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SCHOOLS WITH MANY HIGHLY EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS

Schools with a high number of highly-experienced educators on staff will have higher per-pupil expenditures as they pay more for these highly-qualified and highly-skilled professionals.

- Educators with many years of experience
- Administrators with many years of experience
- Highly skilled specialists like OTs with many years of experience
- Educators who come from the field with multiple degrees like a high school science teacher who holds a Ph.D.



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SCHOOLS WITH UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES

Because each school and community is unique, certain circumstances will affect school funding and drive a higher than average per-pupil expenditure.

- Districts that receive desegregation funding
- Districts that receive federal impact aid
- Districts with a recent budget override
- Small school adjustments per ASRS 15-949
- Parent and community contributions

