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What we do

We believe in the power of **learning from experience** and we know informed policymakers create **better education policy.**



Developments in School Funding

- **How New York Funding Compares**
- **Funding Trends**
 - ◆ At-risk
 - ◆ English Language Learners
 - ◆ Special Education
- **Why/How States Change Their Funding Systems**

Public K-12 Expenditures Per Pupil

FY 2012-13

National Average	\$10,724
New York	\$19,818
New Jersey	\$18,228
Connecticut	\$16,631
Vermont	\$16,419
Massachusetts	\$14,545
Pennsylvania	\$13,864

Source: U.S. Census

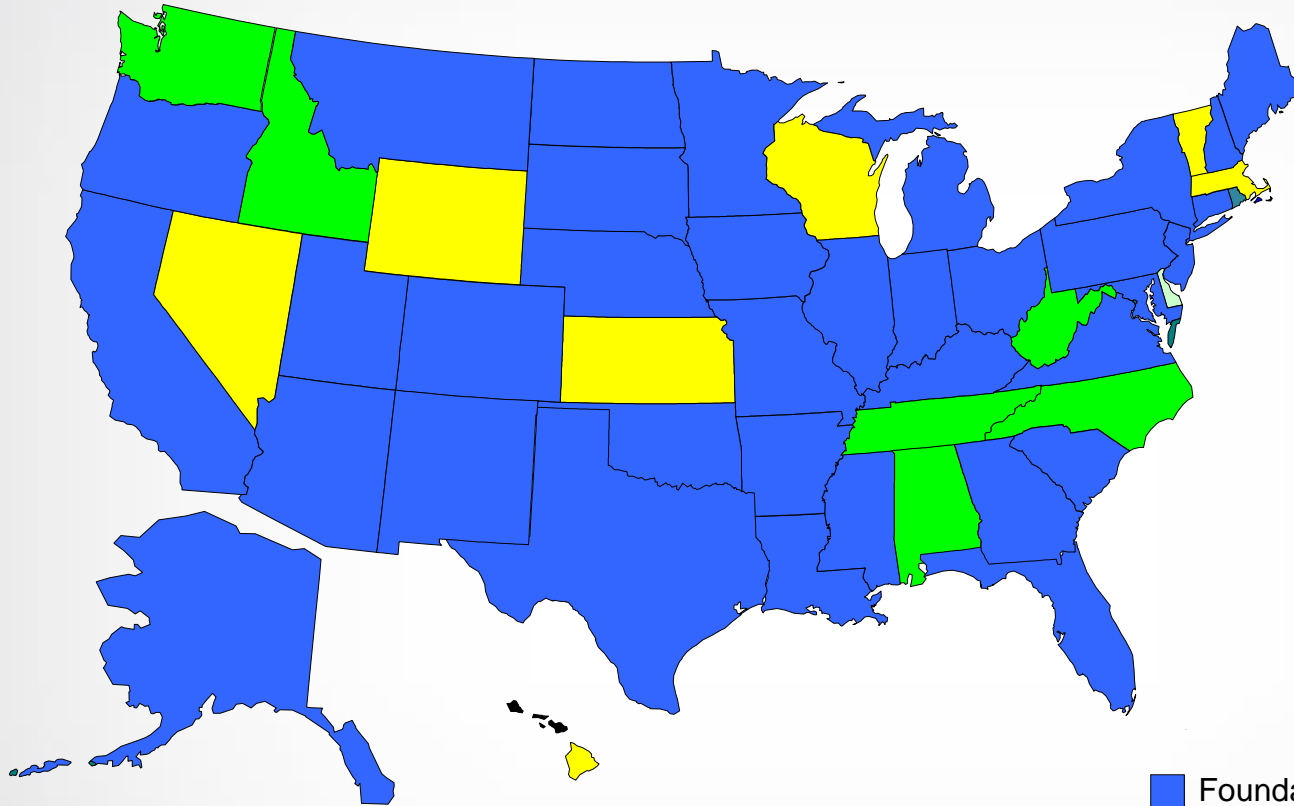
Public K-12 Revenue Sources

FY 2012-13

	State Funding	Local Funding	Federal Funding
National Average	45.8%	45.1%	9.1%
New York	39.8%	54.6%	5.6%
Vermont	88.4%	4.5%	7.1%
New Jersey	40.6%	55.2%	4.2%
Massachusetts	40.2%	54.7%	5.1%
Connecticut	38.3%	57.4%	4.3%
Pennsylvania	36.1%	56.3%	7.6%

Source: U.S. Census

State K-12 School Funding Formulas



- Foundation Programs (36)
- Resource Allocation Systems (7)
- Other (7)

General Formula Aid as a Percentage of Total State K-12 Funding

National Average	67.5%
New York	68.1%
Vermont	80.6%
Massachusetts	64.9%
New Jersey	59.8%
Pennsylvania	55.2%
Connecticut	39.2%

Source: U.S. Census

- ◆ 43 states currently provide additional funding for at-risk Students
- ◆ At-risk funding issues
 - ▶ Student identification
 - ➔ 27 states use Free/Reduced Lunch
 - ▶ Density funding
 - ▶ *Wraparound services/Community schools*

Emerging Issues – English Language Learners

- 46 states currently provide additional funding for ELL students
- ELL funding issues
 - ◆ Incentivizing schools to move students off of ELL designation
 - ◆ “Front Loading” funding
 - ◆ Allowing for both ELL & At-risk funding

Emerging Issues – Special Education

- All 50 states provide additional funding for Special Ed. students
- Special Ed. funding issues
 - ◆ Greater sophistication in funding
 - ◆ Addressing “High-Need” students

State Changes to School Funding

- Since 2000 several states have have adopted new school funding formulas or made major changes to how they fund schools:

◆ <i>Arkansas (2002)</i>	<i>Litigation</i>
◆ <i>California (2013)</i>	<i>Governor led/voter approved</i>
◆ <i>Kansas (2014)</i>	<i>First litigation then Governor led</i>
◆ <i>Maryland (2002)</i>	<i>Legislative led change</i>
◆ <i>Nevada (2015)</i>	<i>Legislative/Gov. led change</i>
◆ <i>Ohio (2013)</i>	<i>First litigation then legislative led</i>
◆ <i>Pennsylvania (2015)</i>	<i>Legislative led change</i>
◆ <i>Rhode Island (2010)</i>	<i>Legislative led change</i>
◆ <i>Wyoming (2001)</i>	<i>Litigation</i>

State Changes to School Funding

What do you need to change a funding system without litigation:

- Leadership
- Funding
- Public support

Note: The public tends to give states “one bite at the apple” when it comes to change

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