

Agenda Item #11: Review of Weighted Funding for Students who are At-Risk

Commission on School Funding

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State Board of Education

Definition of At-Risk

- Within the context of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan
- A pupil is “at-risk” if the pupil has an economic or academic disadvantage such that they require additional services and assistance to enable them to graduate with their cohorts.
 - The term includes, without limitation, pupils who are members of economically disadvantaged families, pupils who are at risk of dropping out of high school, and pupils who do not meet minimum standards of academic proficiency.
 - The term does not include pupils with a disability, pupils also designated as gifted and talented, or pupil that are English Learners.

Indicators for identifying students At-Risk of not graduating with cohorts

- Four basic data types used in calculation
 - Academics
 - Assignments, Assessments, Course Grades, etc.
 - Attendance
 - Daily Attendance, Absence Codes, Chronic Absenteeism
 - Behavior
 - Number, type and frequency of incidents
 - Stability
 - Zip Code, Special Populations, Homeless Youth, Foster Youth, Years in School

Pupil-Centered Funding Plan

Allocation of Weighted Funding

- A pupil who belongs to more than one weighted category receives only the weighted funding for the single, applicable category with the highest weight.
- A pupil who belongs to more than one weighted category must also receive applicable services for the other category or categories for which they qualify

Comparison of Students Served through Zoom, GATE, and Victory

Student Groups	FY 2020 Students Served	FY 2021 Students Served	October 1, 2021 Count Day
English Learner (Zoom) ¹	44,366	46,439	N/A
English Learner (PCFP)	N/A	N/A	67,815
Gifted and Talented	9,696	9,663	7,975
At-Risk (Victory) ²	21,730	21,200	N/A
At-Risk (ELO, SB 178) ³	58,281	58,281	N/A
At-Risk (PCFP, SBE Definition)	N/A	N/A	97,981

¹ Zoom funding previously allocated to eligible schools with high concentrations of English learners

² Victory funding previously allocated to low-performing schools in highest poverty zip codes

³ Extended Learning Opportunity funding previously allocated to FRL and EL students in bottom quartile

Enrollment and Per Pupil Weighted Funding Comparison:

- Count Day date: October 1, 2021
- Student Data Source: Infinite Campus
- Allocation of Student based on Weighted Funding Group: ADAM Team

Weighted Student Categories	Students included in each funding category	Students included in highest weighted category using SBE definition	Per Pupil Funding
Special Education	59,839	59,839	N/A
English Learner	67,815	54,313	\$1,648
Gifted and Talented	7,975	7,466	\$869
At-Risk (FRL) ¹	385,447	271,618	\$243
At-Risk (SBE definition) ^{2, 3}	97,981	67,490	\$885

¹ Definition of At-Risk included in legislatively approved budget: 2021-2023 biennium

² Definition approved by the State Board of Education

³ Funding maintained at \$59,979,522 for both definitions of Students who are At-Risk

Thank you