

STUDENT EQUITY NEEDS INDEX (SENI)

The District uses the Student Equity Needs Index score to allocate Targeted Student Population (TSP) funds to schools.

Overview

There are four fundamental principles in designing an equity-based funding formula:

- Equity – funds should be allocated according to need.
- Transparency – the methodology for allocating funds is clear, simple, and understandable.
- Fairness – schools with similar needs should receive similar funds per TSP student.
- Stability and Feasibility – funds should be allocated in a manner that causes minimal disruption to school planning.

Equity-Based Funding Formula

- Based on the school's SENI score, there are five rankings: Highest, High, Moderate, Low, and Lowest.
- Funds are allocated on a continuous per pupil rate based on the school's Student Equity Needs Index score.
- In Fiscal Year 2019-2020, some schools are held harmless to match their 2018-19 TSP allocation (Program 10183, 10400, 10405). It is a one-time hold harmless adjustment to transition to the new SENI ranking.
- The SENI per pupil rates for secondary schools are higher than elementary schools to recognize the higher costs of operating middle and high schools.

Student Equity Needs Index 2018 - Refresh

Student Equity Needs Index 2018					
	Index 2.0 Indicators of Need	Data Range	Index Weight		
			HS	MS	ES
Highest	Percentage of Foster Youth	Annual	5%	5%	5%
	Percentage of Homeless Youth	Annual	5%	5%	5%
High	Percentage of English Learners	Annual	5%	5%	5%
	Percentage of Standard English Learners	Annual	5%	5%	5%
Moderate	Percentage of Low-Income S.W.D.	Annual	5%	5%	5%
	Percentage of Unduplicated Students	Annual	20%	20%	20%
	Suspension Rates	Annual	5%	5%	5%
	1 st Grade DiBELS	Annual			30%
Low	Incoming 6 th /9 th Grade Math SBAC	Annual	10%	15%	
	Incoming 6 th /9 th Grade ELA SBAC	Annual	10%	15%	
Lowest	Chronic Absenteeism	Annual	5%	5%	5%
	I-Star Reports	3-Year Avg.	5%	5%	5%
	Asthma Severity Rate	3-Year Avg.	5%	5%	5%
	Non-Fatal Gun Shot Injuries	3-Year Avg.	5%	5%	5%
	A-G Completion Rate (High School Only)	Annual	10%		

STUDENT EQUITY NEEDS INDEX (SENI) SCHOOL PER PUPIL RATES

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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 FY 2019-20
 As of March 13, 2019

Funding Source	Description	School Type	Program Code	SENI Rank	Per Pupil Rate	
					From	To
Targeted Student Population	Student Equity Needs Index (SENI)	Elementary School	10552	Highest	\$ 557.00	\$ 725.00
				High	\$ 505.00	\$ 557.00
				Moderate	\$ 458.00	\$ 505.00
				Low	\$ 387.00	\$ 458.00
				Lowest	\$ 203.00	\$ 386.00
Targeted Student Population	Student Equity Needs Index (SENI)	Middle School	10552	Highest	\$ 991.00	\$ 1,214.00
				High	\$ 887.00	\$ 973.00
				Moderate	\$ 808.00	\$ 884.00
				Low	\$ 675.00	\$ 783.00
				Lowest	\$ 422.00	\$ 658.00
Targeted Student Population	Student Equity Needs Index (SENI)	High School	10552	Highest	\$ 1,049.00	\$ 1,245.00
				High	\$ 940.00	\$ 1,042.00
				Moderate	\$ 822.00	\$ 936.00
				Low	\$ 682.00	\$ 820.00
				Lowest	\$ 431.00	\$ 671.00

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These allocations are based on equity-based funding formula based on the index.

School Type	SENI Ranking	No. of Schools	No. of Unduplicated Students	Total Allocation
Elementary	HIGHEST	102	40,109	25,512,948
	HIGH	102	43,475	25,142,566
	MODERATE	102	47,834	26,719,321
	LOW	102	45,376	22,206,586
	LOWEST	101	27,067	12,926,239
Elementary Total		509	203,861	112,507,660
Middle School	HIGHEST	18	11,151	13,025,076
	HIGH	18	15,523	14,863,576
	MODERATE	18	17,760	15,437,022
	LOW	18	14,941	13,541,837
	LOWEST	18	14,528	12,312,993
Middle School Total		90	73,903	69,180,504
High School	HIGHEST	23	18,732	22,591,599
	HIGH	24	18,458	19,543,546
	MODERATE	23	25,253	25,818,882
	LOW	23	22,567	19,686,078
	LOWEST	23	24,108	20,206,636
High School Total		116	109,118	107,846,741
Special Education School		15	2,321	796,902
Special Education School Total		15	2,321	796,902
Option School		52	5,800	2,099,226
Option School Total		52	5,800	2,099,226
Grand Total		782	395,003	292,431,033