

EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT
Funding Information

Each eligible student who is approved for an Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA), will receive funding equal to 90% of the Base Support Level the eligible student would have generated for the public school in the 2011-2012 school year (the school attended during the prior school year). That calculation includes many factors so exact amounts are difficult to estimate for individual students until they are actually approved. Attached is the Group B Weights for the disability categories, their definitions and estimated per pupil amounts for just those factors based on the average base level. Additional factors included in the calculation:

Group A Weights -- These are weights for grade level and type of school

Teacher Experience Index (TEI) -- Schools receive additional funds if their average length of teacher experience is higher than the state average, no school is penalized however.

**Additionally, the resulting total will be reduced by 3% to cover the Department of Education and the Treasurer's Office administrative costs AND the servicing bank is authorized under the law to charge fees for administering the accounts.

APPROXIMATE FUNDING LEVELS
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DISABILITY CATEGORY - DEFINITION	WEIGHT	EST. PER PUPIL AMOUNT
HI - Hearing impaired	4.771	\$15,786
MD-R, A-R & SMR-R - Students with multiple disabilities, autism and severe mental retardation placed in resource programs.	6.024	\$19,931
MD-SC, A-SC & SMR-SC - Students with multiple disabilities, autism and severe mental retardation in a self contained program.	5.833	\$19,299
MD-SSI - Students with multiple disabilities and severe sensory impairments.	7.947	\$26,293
OI-R - Students with orthopedic impairments in a resource program.	3.158	\$10,448
OI-SC - Students with orthopedic impairments in a self-contained program.	6.773	\$22,409
P-SD - Preschool students with hearing impairments, visual impairments, developmental delay, preschool severe delay or speech/language impairment.	3.595	\$11,894
DD, ED, MIMR, SLD, SLI & OHI - Students with developmental delays (5-10 yrs), emotional disabilities, mild mental retardation, specific learning disability, speech/language impairment and other health impairment.	0.003	\$10
ED-P - Students with emotional disabilities enrolled in private special ed or intensive district programs	4.820	\$15,947
MOMR - Students with moderate mental retardation.	4.421	\$14,627
VI - Visually impaired.	4.806	\$15,901

ADDITIONAL WEIGHTS	WEIGHT	EST. PER PUPIL AMOUNT
K3 - Students in kindergarten through third grade.	0.060	\$199
ELL - English language learners.	0.115	\$380