

Testimony to Vermont Task Force on Implementation of Pupil Weighting Factors Report SELECTED ECS RESOURCES

K-12 FUNDING RESOURCES

- <u>Glossary of K-12 Education Funding</u> This Policy Outline defines key K-12 education funding terms and outlines the various ways that states distribute financial support to K-12 school districts.
- <u>50-State Comparison: K-12 and Special Education Funding</u> Across all 50 states, there are different ways in which states allocate K-12 and special education funding to districts. Education Commission of the States has collected information on states' primary funding models, base per-student funding amounts, student attendance count methods, funding for special education, English language learners, students from low-income backgrounds, gifted and talented, and small schools. In addition to identifying which states include mechanisms for base funding and student populations funding, this resource also provides information on how those mechanisms work.
 - Primary Funding Model
 - English Learner Funding
 - <u>Small Size or Isolated Funding Adjustment</u>
- <u>K-12 Funding Policy Responses to COVID-19</u> This Policy Snapshot provides examples of legislation in 13 states that have proposed or enacted legislation addressing the following principles of K-12 funding models: attendance and enrollment, revenue and equity-based initiatives.
- <u>COVID-19 Series: Funding Equity</u> This Policy Outline reviews the topic of funding in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and provides both policy considerations and policy examples for state leaders looking to alleviate current challenges.

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