

Funding for Students Receiving District 75 Special Education Supports in Non-District 75 Schools

Non-District 75 schools receive funding for students receiving District 75 special education inclusive services and supports in their school through the Fair Student Funding (FSF) allocation formula. FSF provides funding based on student attributes. Each student and their special need(s) have a weight assigned that translates to a per capita dollar amount. The students receiving District 75 special education supports in the community school are added to the Non-District 75 School's general education register, where they will generate funding based on the established weights and per capita, which differ by grade span. **The Regional School Net Register (RSNR) Report for each of the Non-District 75 schools will reflect the students receiving these services on their class list.**

Register Projections:

For 2015-16, the Office of Student Enrollment will provide general education and special education projections for all non-District 75 schools. The projections are placed on the Department of Education intranet website for schools to review and request appeals. The projections also include students receiving District 75 Inclusive Services pupil counts, based on prior year audited October 31st enrollments. In spring 2015, the Register Projections Site (RPS) will open to schools, and principals will have the opportunity to review and appeal projections. At this time, principals can modify projections of students receiving District 75 Inclusive Services to include incoming spring students that were not included in the audited fall registers. The link to the 2015-16 Register Projections Site is: <https://ats.nycboe.net/sis/RPS/RPSHome.aspx>

An example of one school that supports students receiving District 75 Inclusive Services is shown below:

2015-2016 Final Projections															
		Date	User												
OSE															
OSE Comment:															
Pre-K Registers		Full Time Students	Full Time Classes	Half Time Students	Half Time Classes										
2014-2015 Current		18	2	0	0										
2015-2016 Projected		36	2	0	0										
OSE Register Projection		KG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
A	Self Contained Special Education (>= 60% SPED)	Register	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
B	Sp Ed Pupils in Collab/Team Teach (>=60% SPED)	Register	2	8	9	8	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Subtotal of FT SC and FT ICT (Line A & B)			3	8	9	8	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
C	PT-CIT/M-SETSS (20% to 60% SPED) (students where this is their only SE service)	Register	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
D	Students Receiving SETSS (<=20% SPED)	Register	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	D75 Inclusion	Register	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
G	General Ed (Remaining Pupils)	Register	24	30	28	17	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	123
Subtotal of GE, Part-Time, D75 Inclusion, and SETSS (Line C, D, F, & G)			24	30	31	17	15	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	131
Total Budget Register (excludes LTAs)			27	38	40	25	21	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	170

Midyear Adjustment/Additional Spending Authority (ASA) Funding:

The Division of School Budget Planning and Operations (DSBPO) makes allocation adjustments for register twice this fiscal year. The first allocation adjustment will adjust register changes in the Grade Weight and Portfolio weight. The adjustment is scheduled to take place in December. The second and final midyear adjustment will take place early February based upon audited October 31, 2015 registers.

The Division of Instructional and Informational Technology (DIIT) will provide DSBPO with a list of students receiving District 75 Inclusive Services in Non-District 75 schools. These counts will be added to the schools audited general education counts. If the total actual enrollments (which were modified to include students receiving District 75 Inclusive Services) are greater than the initial projections, the school will receive additional funding based on the FSF formula. However, if the actual enrollment (updated to include students receiving District 75 Inclusive Services) is less than or equal to the initial register projections, the school will receive a negative adjustment to their FSF budget.

Since the final midyear adjustment does not occur until early February, a school experiencing documented growth greater than projected may need to staff up accordingly. Schools with growth can request Additional Spending Authority (ASA) for Register Growth in advance of the allocation adjustment from their Borough Field Service Center (BFSC) The BFSC will only provide ASA funding if the school demonstrates an overall register increase. In other words, the current enrollment in the school plus the total number of students receiving District 75 Inclusive Services must be greater than the projected enrollment. If the increase in students receiving District 75 Inclusive Services does not result in an overall increase in the school's register, then no ASA funding will be provided. Schools that receive ASA funding will have the ASA funding removed once the actual midyear allocation adjustment is made in early February.

If principals have additional questions they should contact their BFSC budget liaison.

FAIR STUDENT FUNDING FORMULA

In the Fair Student Funding formula, funding follows the child. Each student at the same grade level receives the same base amount of funding. Students that require additional resources, such as special education students, students with low academic achievement students (low-income data is used as a proxy for academic achievement in elementary schools), or English language learners, will receive extra funds to support their educational needs. Funds arrive at schools as "real dollars," with principals making spending decisions that reflect local priorities and that will improve student achievement.

Under this formula, dollars will flow to schools through four basic categories:

Foundation—a fixed, \$225,000 sum for all schools;

Grade weights, based on student grade levels;

Needs weights, based on student needs; and

Enhanced weights for students in "portfolio" and "specialized" high schools

Grade Weights - Policy

Provides every student with a base weight determined by grade level:

FAIR STUDENT FUNDING		
Grade Weight	Weight	Per Capita
K-5	1.00	\$4,104.38
6-8	1.08	\$4,433.06
9-12	1.03	\$4,227.11