



Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor

**Revised Public Notice**  
April 19, 2012

**REVISED FORMULAS USED TO ALLOCATE REVENUE AMONG  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS**

**I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.**

Pursuant to Education Law section 2590-r, the Chancellor must develop objective formulas for use in allocating revenue among community school districts and schools. The Department of Education (“DOE” or “the Department”) has developed formulas setting forth the baseline and special categorical weighted Fair Student Funding multipliers (the “FSF Formula Weights” or “formulas”) to allocate tax levy dollars to schools. The DOE uses these formulas, together with an estimate of the total sum of money available to the Department, to provide community school districts and schools with budget allocations for use in the school-based budgeting process set forth in Chancellor’s Regulation B-801.

On April 5, 2012, the DOE issued proposed formulas for the 2012-2013 school year. In them, the DOE proposed changes to the formulas to create greater alignment with college and career ready high school graduation requirements and the Special Education Reform.

The DOE is now issuing revised proposed formulas. The revised formulas correct an error in the original proposed formulas, which incorrectly stated that the weight for kindergarten students in Integrated Co-Teaching (“ICT”) applied to students in first through fifth grades as well. The revised proposed formulas correctly reflect different weights for ICT students in kindergarten and ICT students in grades 1-5. The difference in weighting is based on class size policies limiting ICT in Kindergarten to a maximum of 10 students with disabilities, while grades 1 through 5 can accommodate a maximum of 12 students with disabilities.

**2012-2013 marks the system-wide implementation of the [Special Education Reform](#). Goals of the reform include high academic standards for all of our pupils, special education services aligned to student needs, and exposure to the least restrictive environment that is academically appropriate. Proposed changes to the Special Education Needs Weights in support of the Special Education Reform are as follows:**

- ❖ Per capita rather than class funding, regardless of special education service model
- ❖ Increased weight for students receiving special education services during 20-60% of the school day, including multi-SETSS, part-time self-contained (“SC”) and part-time Integrated Co-Teaching (“ICT”) programs
- ❖ Decreased weight for full-time ICT students across all grades, and a decreased weight for full-time SC students in grades K-8
- ❖ Additional funding for students who are declassified from special education services, in order to support IEP declassification services and the students’ transition into general education

**Given the need to ensure college and career ready standards for all of our pupils, and the phase-out of the local diploma option for general education students; proposed changes to the**



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**Portfolio and Academic Needs Weights to better support students with significant graduation challenges are as follows:**

- ❖ Two-tiered per capita funding for Transfer school pupils based on level of graduation challenge

New per capita allocation for non-transfer school pupils who demonstrate significant credit accumulation challenges who are admitted through the over-the-counter enrollment process

**II. Summary of all public comments received following the initial public notice.**

Only one comment related to budget has been received to date. The commenter questioned whether money saved from a reduction in student transportation costs could be redirected to schools using the formulas.

**III. Information regarding where the full text of the revised proposed item may be obtained.**

For more information, please see the revised proposed FSF Formula Weights, available at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/BudgetAllocationFormula2012>

**IV. Further submission of public comment.**

Comments can be delivered by e-mail to [Budget@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Budget@schools.nyc.gov), by phone to (212) 374-6754, or by mail to the address set forth in section V.

**V. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the revised proposed item.**

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**VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the revised proposed item.**

May 23, 2012 at 6:00pm  
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240 East 172nd Street  
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