THE ECS FORMULA
MULTIPLY THE 3 CATEGORIES:

NEED STUDENTS
THE WEIGHTED STUDENT COUNT

TOTAL STUDENTS
For whom the town is financially responsible

30% * LOW-INCOME STUDENTS
Students who receive free and reduced price lunch (FRPL)

15% * ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
5% * The number of FRPL students who put a town above 75% FRPL

LOW-INCOME CONCENTRATION

FOUNDATION AMOUNT
$11,525
Estimated Cost of Educating a Student

STATE AID PERCENTAGE
THE STATE’S SHARE OF EDUCATION COSTS

70% * PROPERTY COMPONENT
1 - 
1.35 * Median Town Net Grand List Per Capita

30% * INCOME COMPONENT
1 - 
1.35 * Median Town Household Income

• EXCEPT THE AID PERCENTAGE IS NO LESS THAN 10% FOR ALLIANCE DISTRICTS AND NO LESS THAN 1% FOR ANY OTHER TOWN
• AND THE 19 LEAST-WEALTHY TOWNS RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 3 TO 6 PERCENTAGE POINTS (towns with a Public Investment Community index over 300)

AND THEN ADD:

REGIONAL DISTRICT BONUS
If the Town Belongs to a Regional District

([Number of Grades in Regional District] / 15) * 100

THE FORMULA PHASE-IN BEGAN IN FY 19.
It continues in FY 20 and FY 21.
See the next page.
THE ECS FORMULA PHASE-IN

IS

THE TOWN'S FY 17 ACTUAL GRANT (AFTER MIDYEAR REDUCTIONS) > THE TOWN'S FULL FUNDING AMOUNT UNDER THE NEW FORMULA

(Greater than)

NO

THE TOWN IS "UNDERFUNDED"

YES

THE TOWN IS "OVERFUNDED"

FY 19 GRANT:

THE TOWN'S FY 17 ACTUAL GRANT (AFTER MIDYEAR REDUCTIONS) + 4.1% OF:

THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NEEDED, FROM FY 17 ACTUAL, TO REACH FULL FUNDING

FY 20 - FY 27:

EVERY YEAR, THE TOWN RECEIVES AN ADDITIONAL 10.66% OF THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO REACH FULL FUNDING (FROM FY 17 ACTUAL)

THE FULL FUNDING AMOUNT CHANGES ANNUALLY TO REFLECT UPDATED STUDENT AND TOWN DATA.

IN FY 28, THE FORMULA IS FULLY PHASED-IN. NO TOWN IS OVER- OR UNDER-FUNDED.

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