

State Foundation Aid

- Ohio's largest source of state support for public schools
- Distributed by formula to traditional districts, joint vocational school districts (JVSDs), community schools, and STEM schools
- Mostly based on enrollment, district property values, and district income

FY 2024
\$9.63 Billion
 paid to school districts and other public schools

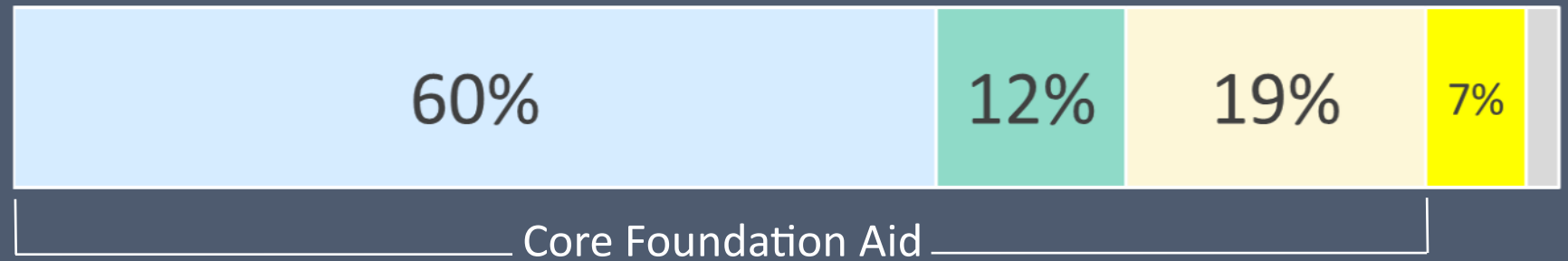
State Share of the Base Cost
 Determines a per-pupil local contribution then requires the state to make up the difference to bring the total up to a per-pupil base cost amount that varies by district. The formula provides a higher state share per pupil to lower wealth districts.

Targeted Assistance
 Generally, additional state aid to school districts with lower capacities to raise local revenues and small school districts with relatively low total property and income

Categorical Add-ons
 Additional funding based on unique needs of students— Special Education (10%), Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (6%), Career-Tech (2%), Gifted (1%), and English Learners (<1%)

Transportation
 Supports transporting students to and from school

Guarantees
 Prevent state aid from falling below certain historical funding levels (2%)

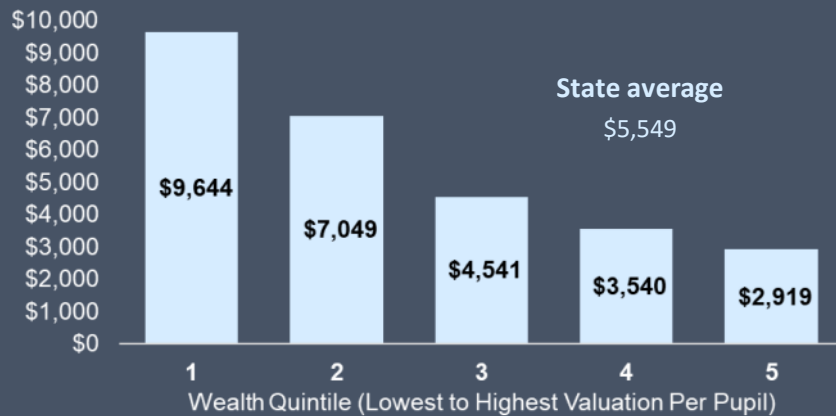


The formula is subject to a phase-in mechanism. Most components are phased in at 50% in FY 2024 & 66.67% in FY 2025

$$\text{Core foundation aid} = \text{FY 2020 funding} + [\text{Phase-in \%} \times (\text{New formula} - \text{FY 2020 funding})]$$

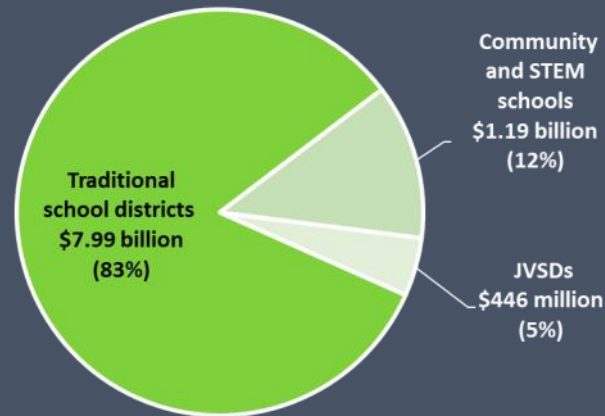
Lower wealth districts receive more foundation aid per pupil than higher wealth districts

Per-Pupil Foundation Aid by Wealth Quintile, FY 2024



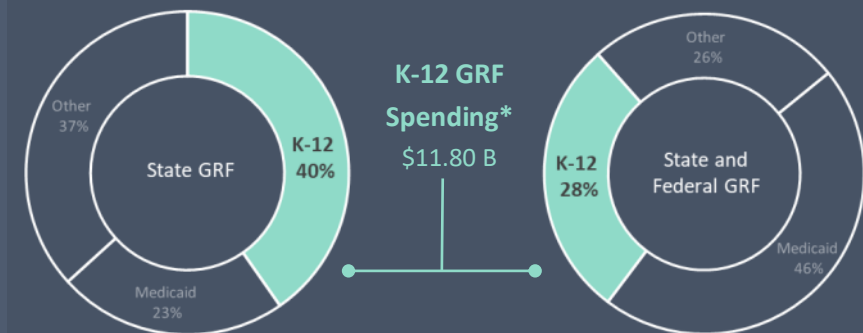
Community and STEM schools, Ohio's largest school choice program, received \$1.19 billion in foundation aid in FY 2024.

Foundation Aid by School Type, FY 2024



Foundation aid is the largest component of state funding for K-12 education, which represents the largest share of state GRF and the 2nd largest share of state and federal GRF.

Shares of GRF Spending* by Program Area, FY 2024



* Includes non-GRF line items supported by GRF transfers