

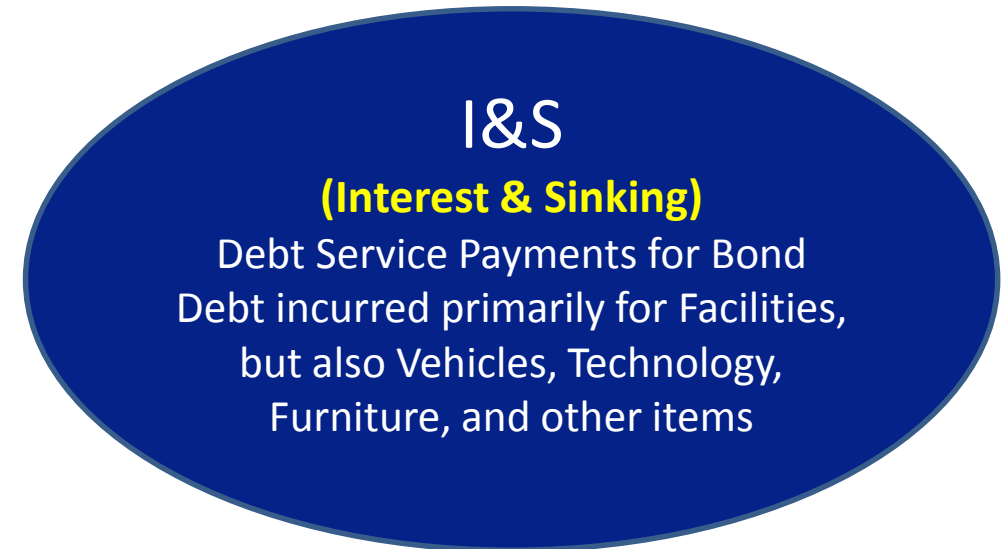
Texas Public School Finance

Layers of Knowledge Series
an Equity Center Presentation

SF 1: Overview of the Foundation School Program



The Foundation School Program



The Foundation School Program

M&O

Maintenance & Operations

Tier 1

Adequate resources to provide each eligible student a basic instructional program



Tier 2

Access to substantially equalized funds to provide an enriched program beyond the basic program

The Foundation School Program

Tier 1

Basic Instructional Program

is composed of

**10 Funding
Allotments**

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Tier 1

Basic Instructional Program

Regular Program
Allotment



Nine Special
Purpose Allotments

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Tier 1

Regular Program

Special Education

Compensatory Education

Bilingual Education

Career and Technology Education

Transportation

Gifted and Talented

Public Education Grant

New Instructional Facility (NIFA)

High School Allotment

2013-14 Statewide Tier 1 Allotments

(TEA Near Final Statewide Summary of Finance 01.06.2015 9:32 AM)

Tier 1 Allotments	2013-14 Statewide Amounts	Percent of Total
Regular Program Allotment	24,266,567,542	72.7%
Special Education Allotment	2,668,928,042	8.0%
Career and Technology Allotment	1,677,644,467	5.0%
Gifted & Talented Allotment	147,840,226	0.4%
Compensatory Education Allotment	3,495,329,369	10.5%
Bilingual Education Allotment	421,040,690	1.3%
Public Education Grant	1,155,797	0.0%
New Instructional Facility Allotment	0	0.0%
Transportation Allotment	355,173,474	1.1%
High School Allotment	359,389,246	1.1%
Total Cost of Tier 1	\$33,392,643,999	100%

Nine Dedicated Tier 1 Allotments

- **Special Education Allotment**

- Funding for students with certain disabilities—strong federal requirements involved
- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed by an Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committee
 - An ARD committee must have at least one parent, administrator, regular program teacher, special education teacher, and evaluation personnel
- Allowable expenditures include salaries; special materials, equipment and furniture; transportation; related services; etc.

Nine Special Tier 1 Allotments

- **Compensatory Education Allotment**
 - Programs and services to *supplement* the regular education program
 - For At-Risk Students
 - Performing below grade level or at risk of dropping out of school
- **Bilingual / English as a Second Language (ESL) Allotment**
 - Programs and services to help students with limited English proficiency (i.e., primary languages other than English) participate in the educational program while they are learning to speak, read, and write English

Nine Special Tier 1 Allotments

- **Career and Technology Education Allotment**
 - Sometimes CTE or CATE
 - Provides funding for courses and programs that enable students to learn trades, gain entry-level employment, gain certification in certain areas, and/or continue with further training after high school
- **Gifted and Talented Allotment**
 - Sometimes TAG or GT
 - Not necessarily the same as “high achiever”

Nine Special Tier 1 Allotments

- **Public Education Grant (PEG)**
 - Additional funding for districts for students who transfer from a “low-performing” campus
 - Something like a carrot for the receiving district
- **New Instructional Facilities Allotment**
 - Funding to help with start up costs during the first two years a new campus is operated
- **High School Allotment**
 - Funding for college readiness and dropout prevention

Nine Special Tier 1 Allotments

- **Transportation Allotment**
 - Funding for student transportation to and from school
 - Does not include funding for extra-curricular travel
 - Funds less than one-third of actual transportation expenditures
 - Changes in a district's allotment result from changes in miles and number of students carried
 - No increase in funding level since 1984

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Tier 2

Enrichment beyond the basic instructional program

T2, Level 1

Golden Pennies

First 6 pennies of adopted M&O tax rate above the compressed tax rate; called “golden” because of the high funding level and the absence of recapture



T2, Level 2

Copper Pennies

All pennies of M&O tax rate above the golden pennies (at least 11); called “copper” because of the low funding level and recapture

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Tier 2

Enrichment beyond the basic instructional program

General purpose; no specific restrictions

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I&S

(Interest & Sinking)

Debt Service Payments

State Funding

Instructional Facilities
Allotment (IFA)

Existing Debt Allotment (EDA)

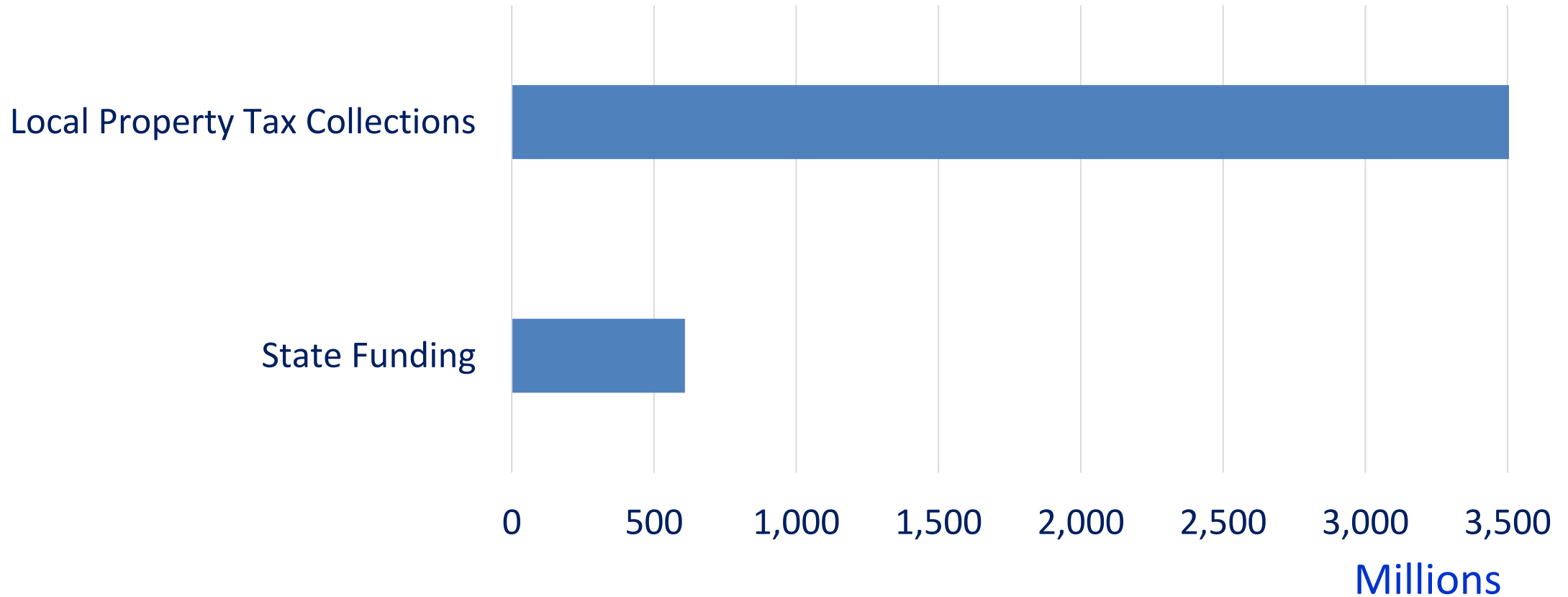


Local Funding

Ad valorem
or Property Tax
Collections generated by a
locally-adopted I&S tax rate

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I&S Revenue 2013-14





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