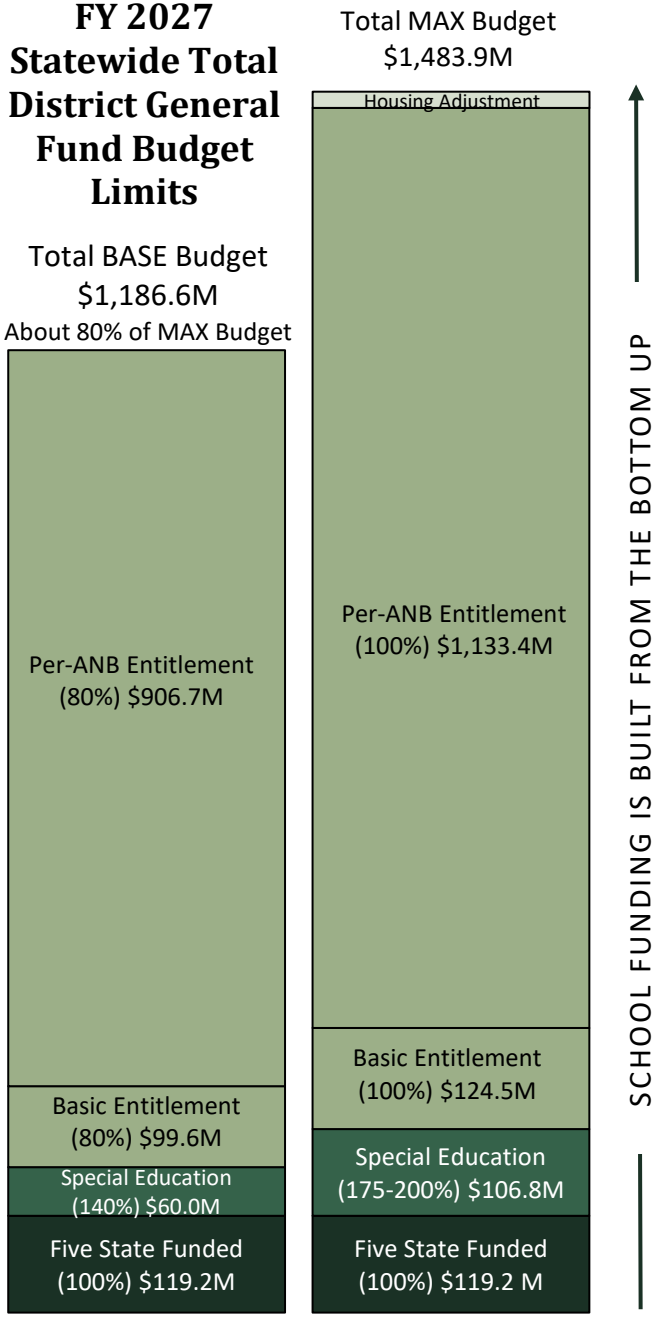
K-12 Funding Basics: District General Fund

The Base Amount for School Equity (BASE) & Maximum Budget Limits are built on *different* percentages of *identical* funding formula components.*

*The MAX budget limit now contains an increase for districts located in counties with housing costs higher than the statewide median.

FY 2027 Statewide Total District General Fund Budget Limits



Building Blocks	BASE Budget Limit *(required)*	MAX Budget Limit *(allowed)*
Five State-Funded Components	100%	100%
Special Education Payment	140%	175-200%
Basic Entitlement	80%	100%
Per-ANB Entitlement	80%	100%
Housing Adjustment	Not applicable	% increase to MAX budget for certain districts

Housing Adjustment

Districts in or near counties with median housing costs higher than the statewide median can increase their MAX budget calculations by certain percentages

Per-Average Number Belonging (ANB) Entitlement

A per-ANB dollar amount driven by the greater of the prior year's enrollment or a 3-year average

Basic Entitlement

A set amount for each budget unit (elementary, middle school, and high school) within a district. Districts with higher enrollment are eligible for additional basic entitlement "increments"

Special Education Payment

A per-ANB payment regardless of the count of special education students. Portions of the special education appropriation go to cooperatives and to reimbursements for high-cost students

Five Fully State-Funded Components

Quality Educator and Qualified Staff Payment – A per-FTE payment for teachers, other licensed professionals, and designated staff. The payment is doubled for districts that meet teacher salary benchmarks

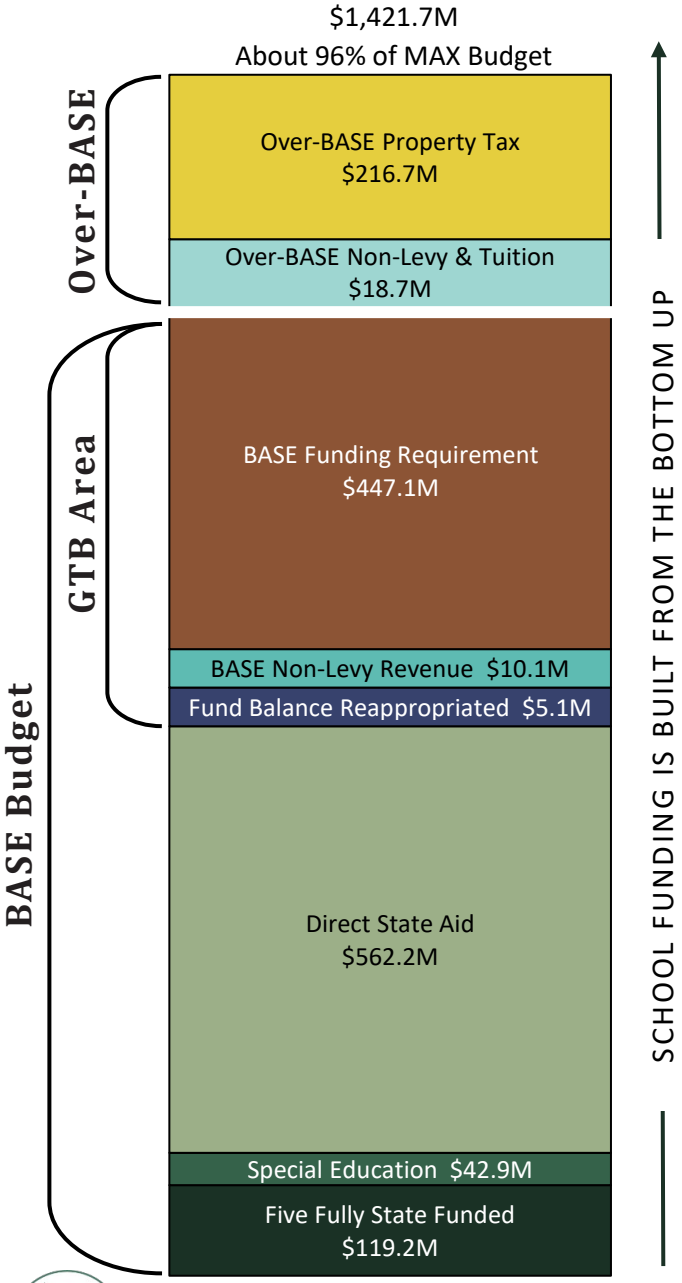
At Risk Payment – A payment to schools to address at-risk students; or students who are affected by an environment that negatively impacts performance and threatens the likelihood of promotion or graduation

Indian Education For All Payment – A per-ANB payment to fund the state's constitutional commitment to the preservation of American Indian cultural integrity. ANB is a proxy for enrollment

American Indian Achievement Gap Payment – A per-American Indian student payment for the purpose of closing the performance gap that exists between American Indian and non-Indian students

Data for Achievement – A per-ANB payment to pay for costs associated with student data systems

FY 2027 Statewide Total District General Fund Adopted Budget*



*** Adopted Budget**

A blend of state & local revenues to fund a school district's general fund budget

Over-BASE

Any over-BASE area of a district's adopted budget is funded by:

- An **over-BASE property tax** levy approved by voters
- Available **non-levy revenues/tuition** payments

GTB Area *= 35.3% of Basic & Per-ANB Entitlements plus 40% of Special Education Allowable Costs*

New for FY 2027

- The remaining **BASE Funding Requirement** for all districts in a **county** are pooled in the same manner that school retirement costs are pooled.

Example County

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
BASE Funding Requirement	BASE Funding Requirement	BASE Funding Requirement	BASE Funding Requirement

- Then, **in lower-wealth counties**, state-funded BASE GTB lowers property taxes to equalize the tax burden.

Countywide BASE Budget Guaranteed Tax Base (GTB) Aid	Countywide BASE Property Tax
$303.4M	$144.1M
A state-funded subsidy used to equalize property wealth across the state by providing a subsidy per property tax mill to eligible counties	Countywide property tax revenues are required by law to be levied for the BASE budget area

- **BASE Non-Levy Revenue** – Items such as interest earnings, oil and gas revenues, coal gross proceeds, etc.
- **Fund Balance Reappropriated** – Any excess district general fund from the previous year

State Aid Received by All Districts

- **Direct State Aid** – Received by every district and is equal to 44.7% of the district's Per-ANB and Basic entitlements
- **Special Education Payment** – Formula funds provided to local school districts in the form of block grants
- **Five Fully State-Funded Components** – 100% funded by the state

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