Funding K-12 Education

State Experiences in Strengthening School Funding Formulas





What we'll cover.

- **History** of school funding reform.
- Overview of K-12 funding mechanisms across the country.
- Three ways that states can **change** their funding formulas.
- 2019 legislative trends in school finance reform.
- Q & A



History of school funding reform.

Five generations.



1 Flat payment.



2 Take district wealth into account.



3 | Take district wealth and student need into account.



4 Provide flexibility to districts.



5 Ensure that the resources are targeted to the student.



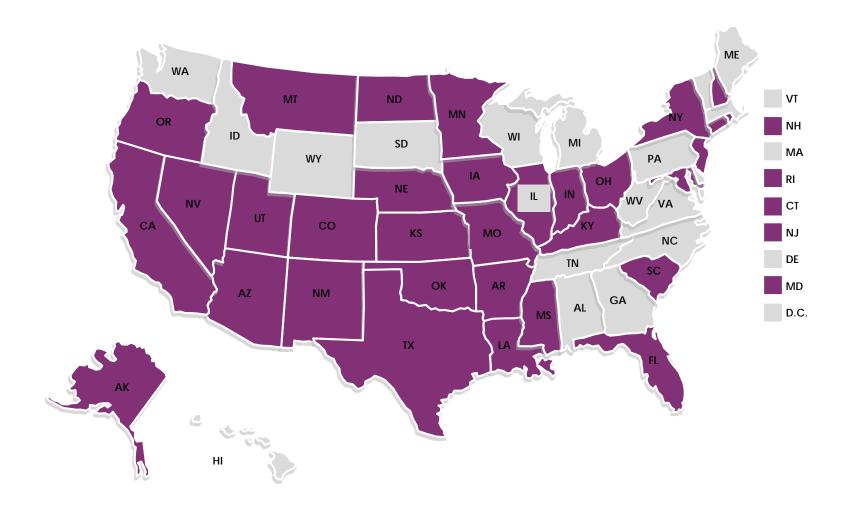
Overview of K-12 funding mechanisms across the country.

Four buckets.



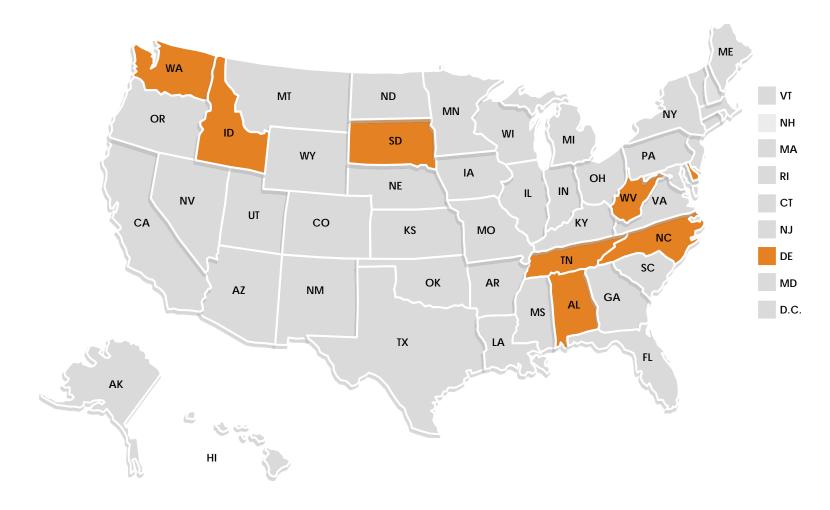


Foundation Formula.



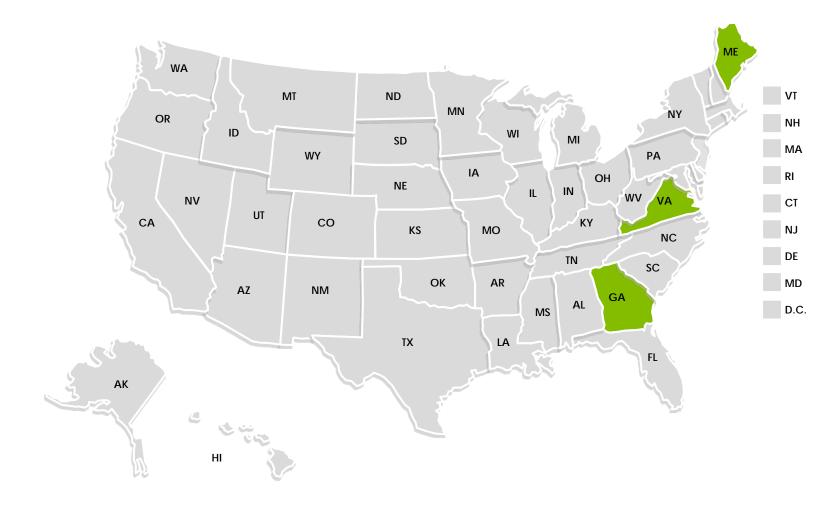


Resource Allocation System.



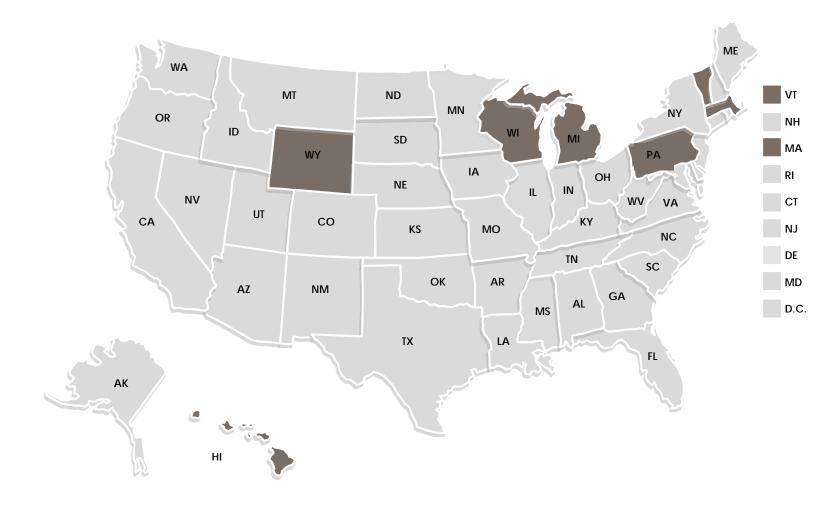


Hybrid Foundation and Resource Allocation.





Other.





How do states change their funding formulas?

Three models.



How do states change their funding formulas?

1 | Legislative action.



Example of legislative action





How do states change their funding formulas?

2 Governor or voter initiative.



Example of voter initiative





How do states change their funding formulas?

3 | Court mandate.



Example of court mandate

Wyoming





Four buckets.



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States

648 Bills



1 | Special populations funding.



2 | Shifting revenue sources.



3 | Providing districts with more flexibility.



Questions?

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