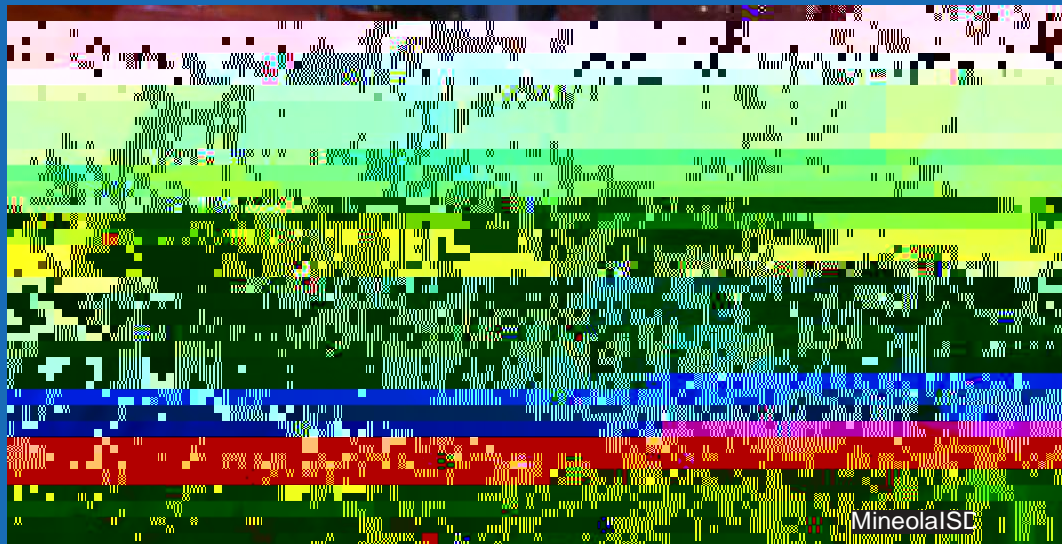


Office of School Finance

Weighted Student Funding



Legal References

Texas Education Code, §§48.102, 48.103, 48.104, 48.105, 48.106, 48.108, 48.109

Background Information

The Foundation School Program (FSP) has a system of weighting that delivers additional funding for services to students with certain characteristics. The regular program has a weight of 1.00 and this entitlement provides the bulk of non-categorical costs for general operations. Career and technology education and special education have full-time equivalent (FTE) replacement weights. These weights apply only to the hours students are enrolled in the program, and the FTE attendance is subtracted before the regular program allocation is calculated. The special education mainstream weight is an exception (not an FTE replacement, but an add-on to the regular program cost for the student).

Instructional Arrangement	Weight	This instructional arrangement is used for a student —
Career & Technology		
Tier 1	1.10	who is in career and technology education courses not in an approved program of study.
Tier 2	1.28	who is in levels one and two career and technology education courses in an approved program of study, as identified by the agency.
Tier 3	1.47	who is in levels three and four career and technology education courses in an approved program of study, as identified by the agency.
Special Education		
Homebound	5.0	who is confined at home or hospital bedside for a minimum of four consecutive weeks for medical reasons only. The medical condition is documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States.
Hospital Class	3.0	who is provided special education instruction in a hospital facility or a residential care and treatment facility not operated by the school district.

Instructional Arrangement	Weight	This instructional arrangement is used for a student —
Special Education (continued)		
Speech Therapy	5.0	who has a disability and is provided specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parents, to meet the student's unique needs. (Speech-language pathology services can be the only special education service provided to a student.)
Resource Room	3.0	who attends three special education classes in the resource room.
Self-Contained	3.0	on a departmentalized campus, who attends four special education classes and three general education classes each day.
Off Home Campus	2.70	with a di