

FEFP Revenue

The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) is the funding formula adopted by the Florida Legislature in 1973 to allocate funds appropriated by the Legislature for public school operations. The FEFP implements the constitutional requirement of a uniform system of free public education and is an allocation model based on individual student participation in educational programs. In order to ensure equitable funding, the FEFP takes into account:

- The local property tax base
- Costs of education programs
- Cost of living (district cost differential or DCD)
- Sparsity of student population

The FEFP is the primary mechanism for funding the operating costs of public schools. As noted herein, there are other sources of funding; however, the FEFP is the finance program's foundation. The key feature of the FEFP is to base financial support for education upon the individual student participating in a particular educational program rather than upon the numbers of teachers or classrooms. FEFP funds are primarily generated by multiplying the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students in each of the funded educational programs by cost factors to obtain weighted FTE's. Weighted FTE's are then multiplied by a base student allocation and by a district cost differential in the major calculation to determine the base funding from state and local FEFP funds. Program cost factors are determined by the Legislature and represent relative cost differences among the FEFP programs. In addition to the base funding allocation, two major allocations within the FEFP are the Supplemental Academic Instruction Allocation and the Exceptional Student Education Guaranteed Allocation.

Scholarship payments for education provided by private schools are available pursuant to the provisions of two programs:

- (1) **John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program** - This program provides parents of students with disabilities the option to enroll their children in another public school within or adjacent to their home district or to apply for a scholarship to attend a participating private school. Participants must have been reported for funding in a school district during the prior October and February FTE surveys in order to be eligible. Scholarship amounts are based on the lesser of the amount the student would have generated for district funding or the amount of applicable private school fees.
- (2) **Florida Tax Credit Scholarships** - These scholarships are funded directly by private voluntary contributions to nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations for students who qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches under the National School Lunch Act. In accordance with Section 1002.395, Florida Statutes (F.S.), up to \$229 million in tax credits for participating corporation is authorized for 2012-13. In order to be eligible for Florida tax credit scholarships, a student must have been reported for funding in a school district during the prior October and February surveys or received a scholarship from an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization during the previous school year.

FEFP Formula

2012-2013 Volusia FEFP Calculation

FTE Students	X	Program Weights	X	Weighted FTE Students	X	Base Student Allocation (BSA)	X	District Cost Differential (DCD)	=
Volusia 61,487.05				Volusia 66,799.04		Volusia 3,582.98		Volusia 0.9672	

Base Funding	+	Declining Enrollment Allocation	+	0.748 Compression Adjustment	+	0.250 Compression Adjustment	+	DJJ Supplemental Allocation	+
Volusia \$231,489,284		Volusia \$0		Volusia \$3,763,622		Volusia \$1,258,025		Volusia \$238,518	

Proration to Available Funds	+	Safe Schools	+	Reading Allocation	+	Supplemental Academic Instruction	+	ESE Guaranteed Allocation	+
Volusia \$(274,303)		Volusia \$1,618,021		Volusia \$2,796,363		Volusia \$16,272,502		Volusia \$22,353,726	

Teachers Lead	+	Student Transp.	+	Instructional Materials	+	Virtual Education Contribution	=	Gross State, Local, and Federal FEFP	-
Volusia \$736,023		Volusia \$10,314,165		Volusia \$4,723,802		Volusia \$196,662		Volusia \$295,486,410	

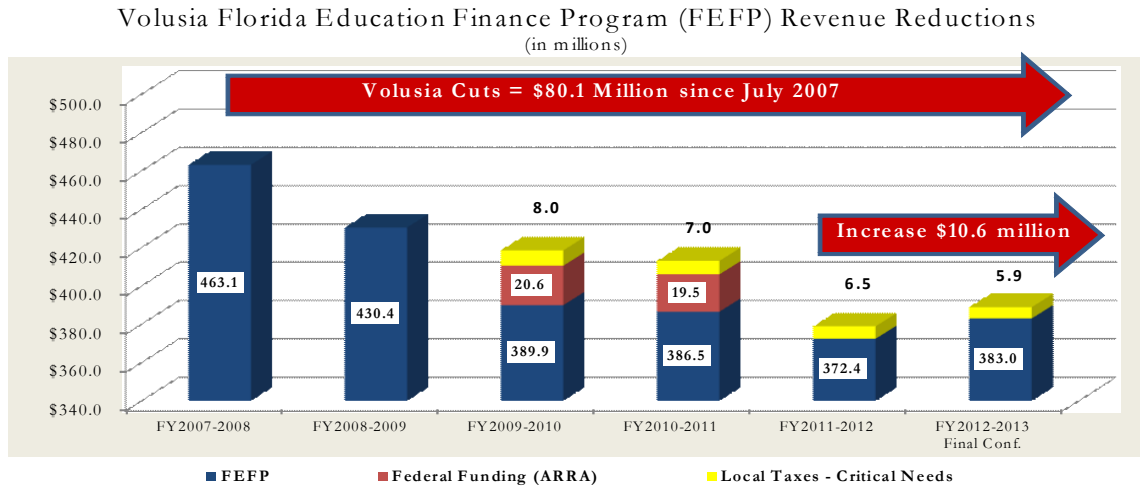
Required Local Effort	=	Net State FEFP	+	School Recognition	+	Class Size Reduction	=	Total State Funding
Volusia \$136,688,200		Volusia \$158,798,210		Volusia \$2,221,382		Volusia \$66,188,385		Volusia \$227,907,977

Volusia's Total State Funding \$227,207,977

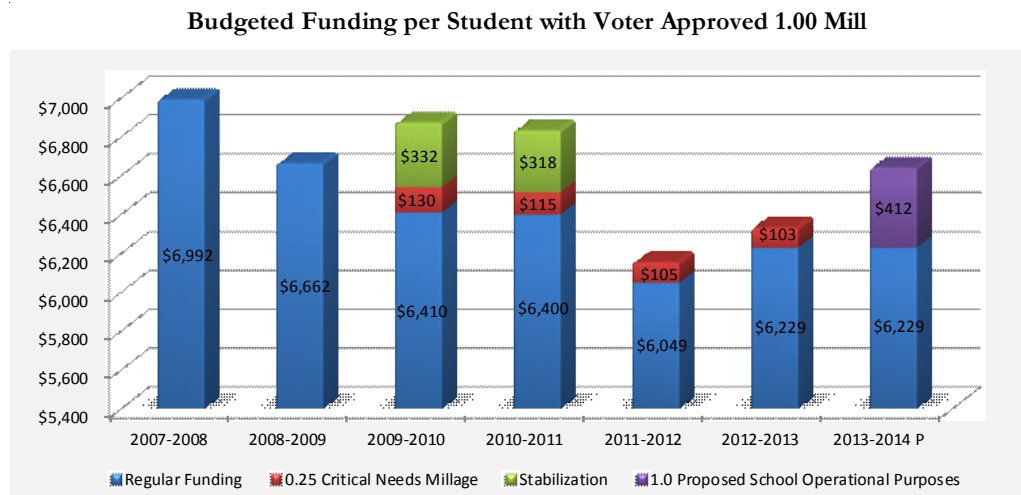
Based on 2nd FEFP Calculation



Funding Analyses



Volusia County Schools (VCS) funding has been reduced more than \$80.1 million since 2007-08. The voter approved critical needs 0.25 mill revenue began in 2009-10 and added approximately \$8 million to the budget; however, it is only estimated at \$5.9 million for 2012-13 due to the steady decline in property tax values. This millage will expire at the end of 2012-13. Federal Stabilization revenue was also available during 2009-10 and 2010-11 and was used primarily to preserve jobs. Even with the additional \$10 million in FEFP revenue the district received for 2012-13, the funding is significantly below the 2007-08 level.



Assumptions: 2013-14 projected revenue from regular state and local sources remain at 2012-13 levels
 2013-14 property tax base remains at 2012-13 level
 Sources: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 FDOE Fourth FEFP Calculations, 2013 FDOE First FEFP Calculation/Pre-preliminary tax roll

The district will place a 1 mill voter referendum on the November 6, 2012 ballot in order to address a significant projected budget deficit. Even with the additional 1 mill, the budgeted funding per student for 2013-14 is estimated below the 2010-11 level.

