Francis Howell SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY
LEARNING TOGETHER

SCHOOL FUNDING

WHERE MISSOURI ACTUALLY RANKS

The following figures come from the Missouri School Modernization Task Force and reflect nationally comparable data. As conversations move forward on property tax, the state considers a rewrite of the Foundation Formula, and school districts craft local budgets, the following numbers are critically relevant.

Per Student Spending

- **Missouri's National Rank: 35th lowest per student spending**

Missouri	United States Average
$13,712 per student	$16,560 per student

State Share of School Funding

- **Missouri's National Rank: 41st or 49th lowest state share of school funding**

Missouri	United States Average
28.6% *(if Prop C counted as local revenue)* **36.4%** *(if Prop C counted as state revenue)*	45.1%

Local Taxpayer Share of School Funding

- **Missouri's National Rank: 3rd or 10th highest local taxpayer share of school funding**

Missouri	United States Average
57.5% *(if Prop C counted as local revenue)* **49.8%** *(if Prop C counted as state revenue)*	42%

- **Proposition C** is a statewide one cent sales tax dedicated to education and distributed through the Foundation Formula. It can reasonably be viewed as state revenue because it is collected statewide, or as local revenue because it flows directly to districts and is treated as part of local capacity.

The Takeaway:
The classification of Prop C shifts the percentages slightly, but it does not change Missouri's national position: **Missouri ranks in the bottom 10 nationally in state share, and in the top 10 nationally in local reliance.**