
Special Education Funding Overview

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 - Special Education Fund provides \$36 million (GF only)

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- ❑ Weighted ADM X base level = Base Support Level

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 - Visually Impaired (VI) = 4.806
 - “MD-SSI” = 7.947

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- "Group A" means educational programs for career exploration, a specific learning disability, an emotional disability, a mild intellectual disability, remedial education, a speech/language impairment, developmental delay, homebound, bilingual, other health impairments and gifted pupils.

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- "Group B" means educational improvements for pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through three, educational programs for autism, a hearing impairment, a moderate intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment... (and other categories listed in A.R.S. § 15-943, paragraph 2b)

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- ❑ Sample definitions within Group B:
 - "HI" means programs for pupils with hearing impairment
 - "VI" means programs for pupils with visual impairments
 - "MD-SSI" means a program for pupils with multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment

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