

**MARCH PAYMENT INFORMATION**

The March state school aid payment is the sixth regular payment of the 2026 fiscal year. The payment will be electronically transmitted to district accounts on Friday, March 20, 2026.

**Taxable value** figures used in the calculation of the Section 20 and Section 22a state per pupil amounts are the initial tax year 2025 figures provided by the county treasurers via the web-based reporting system as of 3/2/26. These data can be viewed by school district personnel on the [Department's website](#). To view your data, enter your district code and choose the applicable tax year from the drop down menu. **Questions concerning the taxable value figures should first be directed to the appropriate county treasurer.**

**Pupil Membership** – October 2025 pupil count data (audited for most districts) and audited February 2025 counts as of 2/25/26 were used in the calculation of the blended membership count for the March payment used to calculate **Section 20 Foundation** allowances.

**EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL AID**

On February 11, 2026, Governor Whitmer's Executive Budget Recommendation for FY 2027 was presented to the legislature. The following are some highlights of the K-12 budget portion of the Governor's proposal.

- The per pupil **Foundation Grants for FY 2027** would increase by \$250, from \$10,050 to \$10,300 per pupil. Cyber School Foundations would decrease to \$8,240.
- Through the Weighted Pupil Funding model increases of approximately 6% would be provided for Economically Disadvantaged pupils and English Language Learners, among other categories.

The summary provided above should not be considered a complete description of the content of the executive proposal. Also, please be advised that changes are likely as the budget makes its way through the legislative process. Additional information and details on the executive budget proposal can be found [here](#).

**School Closures During a Declared State of Emergency**

In response to recent weather events, MDE is issuing the following guidance to assist districts in identifying available approaches for meeting the day and hour requirements. State of Emergency declarations issued this year identified specific impacted counties and streamlined access to emergency resources. However, a declaration of a state of emergency does not, in and of itself, forgive lost instructional time, nor did the declarations provide school districts with additional flexibility with respect to instructional time.

In the absence of an executive order or subsequent legislation that explicitly provides relief related to instructional time, districts must address canceled instructional time by:

- Utilizing available forgiven time provisions;
- Making up lost instructional time; or
- [Counting qualifying professional development](#) time in accordance with Section 101(10), if not already used or if the maximum allowable amount has not yet been reached; or
- Forfeiting the equivalent amount of state aid tied to the lost instructional time.

If you have questions regarding these options, please contact the State Aid and School Finance unit at [mde-sasf@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-sasf@michigan.gov).

## **State Aid Waivers**

The Department accepts waiver applications through online forms. All waiver requests must be received by **May 31, 2026**, to be considered for the current school year. If your district needs to request any of the following waivers, use the links below to access the appropriate form.

- **Labor Day Waiver** – Allows a district to provide instruction prior to Labor Day. Questions: Chad Urchike, [UrchikeC1@michigan.gov](mailto:UrchikeC1@michigan.gov)

For questions related to the following waivers, contact **Brian Ciloski** at [CiloskiB@Michigan.gov](mailto:CiloskiB@Michigan.gov):

- **Common Calendar Waiver** – Used to deviate from the spring or winter break provided in the ISD common calendar.
- **Alternative Count Day Waiver** – Allows a district to have an alternate count date.
- **Schools of Choice Waiver** – Allows a district to extend the application or enrollment windows for schools of choice.

For questions related to the following waivers, contact **Jessica Beagle** at [BeagleJ1@Michigan.gov](mailto:BeagleJ1@Michigan.gov):

- **Additional Forgiven Time Waiver** – Allows a district to request up to three additional days of forgiven time.

## **Travel Waiver No Longer Required for CTE or Special Education Programs**

As of October 7, 2025, districts are no longer required to submit a travel waiver for Career and Technical Education (CTE) or Special Education programs. Public Act 15 of 2025 amended MCL 388.1701(7)(d) to remove the requirement for Department approval to count additional travel time. The law now provides that a district cannot consider a pupil less than full-time solely due to participation in a cooperative education or special education program, including necessary travel time. This aligns with existing provisions for dual enrollment and work-based learning students. We anticipate this language will remain in effect for future school years. Districts may inquire with Jessica for further clarification or updates.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- **February 11** was the FY 2026 **Supplemental Count** date. The Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) records for the Supplemental Count date are due to be submitted and certified to CEPI by **March 18, 2026**.
- The Section 22d(4) funds are being paid at \$63.8104522115 per pupil.
- The Headlee Obligation for Data Collections funds are being paid out at \$29.6436337863 per pupil.
- The proration factor for Section 31a – At Risk funding is 45.63318174%.
- The proration factor for Section 29(6) – Enrollment Stabilization is 63.52315277%.

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\*Do you have questions about the information appearing in this UPDATE? Contact the consultants identified above or **email MDE-SASF@michigan.gov**