

# Charter Funding Update 2014-2015

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# Changes in EFA Weights

Category	FY 14 Weight	FY 15 Weight
Kindergarten	1.30	1.00
Primary	1.24	1.00
Elementary	1.00	1.00
High School	1.25	1.00
Trainable Mentally Handicapped	2.04	2.04
Speech	1.90	1.90
Homebound	2.10	1.00
Emotionally Handicapped	2.04	2.04
Educable Mentally Handicapped	1.74	1.74
Learning Disabilities	1.74	1.74
Hearing Handicapped	2.57	2.57
Visually Handicapped	2.57	2.57
Orthopedically Handicapped	2.04	2.04
Vocational	1.29	1.29
Autism	2.57	2.57

# Add-on Weightings – For individualized education – all data collected through Power School

Category	Weight
Gifted and Talented, AP, IB	0.15
Academic Assistance	0.15
Limited English Proficiency	0.20
Pupil in Poverty	0.20

# Add-on Categories – Add 'l Info

- Gifted and Talented – students who are classified as academically or artistically gifted and talented or who are enrolled in AP and IB courses in High school. Districts must continue to set aside 12% of this funding for this population. If students are being served by dual enrollment and coded accurately as GT Academic this add-on weight applies.

# Add-on Categories – Add 'l Info

- Academic Assistance – students who do not meet state standards in math, ELA or both on state approved assessments in grades 3-8 and high school assessments in grades 9-12.
- Limited English Proficiency – students who require intensive English language instruction program and whose families required specialized parental involvement intervention.

# Add-on Categories – Add 'l Info

- Pupils in Poverty – pupils, who in 2014-15, will continue to be defined as eligible for free/reduced lunch and/or Medicaid. The SCDE will continue to use prior year poverty counts until a final decision is made on Community Eligibility.

# Example of Impact to WPU

- Student in Elementary who is Gifted and in Poverty
  - $1.00 + 0.15 + 0.20 = 1.35$
- Student in High School who is ESOL, in poverty and in need of academic assistance
  - $1.00 + 0.15 + 0.20 + 0.20 = 1.55$
- Autistic Student in poverty and in need of academic assistance
  - $2.57 + .20 + .20 = 2.97$

# Differences in Base Funding – without add-ons

- Prior Year
  - Per Pupil \$5217
  - ADM/WPU
    - High School  
285.41/356.76
  - Total WPU 356.76 or  
\$1,861,217
- Current Year
  - Per Pupil \$5217
  - ADM/WPU
    - High School  
285.41/285.41
  - Total WPU 285.41 or  
\$1,488,984



# Impact of Add-ons

- New calculation for EFA results in WPU's of 285.41
- Of those high school coded students, 20 are gifted, 20 are in need of academic assistance, 40 are in poverty and 20 are ESOL
- 285.41
  - 20 gifted –  $20.00 * .15 = 3$
  - 20 academic assistance –  $20.00 * .15 = 3$
  - 40 poverty –  $40.00 * .20 = 8$
  - 20 ESOL –  $20.00 * .20 = 4$

# Impact Continued

- New Methodology without Add-ons
- WPUUs – 285.41 or \$1,861,217
- New Methodology with Add-ons
- WPUUs – 285.41 + 3 + 3 + 8 + 4 = 303.41 or \$1,582,890
- Difference of \$278,327

# Charter District

- **1A.69.** (SDE-EIA: South Carolina Public Charter School District Funding) The funds appropriated in Part IA, Section XI - South Carolina Public Charter School District must be allocated in the following manner to students at charter schools within the South Carolina Public Charter School District or at any approved institution of higher education sponsoring a public charter school: Pupils enrolled in virtual charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or institutions of higher education shall receive \$1,900 per weighted pupil and pupils enrolled in brick and mortar charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or institutions of higher education shall receive \$3,600 per weighted pupil. Any unexpended funds, not to exceed ten percent of the prior year appropriation, must be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and expended for the same purpose. **Any unexpended funds exceeding ten percent of the prior year appropriation must be transferred to the Charter School Facility Revolving Loan Program established in Section 59-40-175.**

# So What Happens Now??

- Hold Harmless – Transition funding is being made available and the method and dollars available depends on who you sponsor is
- Updated at the 135<sup>th</sup> day of school.

# New Per Pupil Amounts

## Brick and Mortar

- BSC \$2120
- Add' l Funding \$3600
- Total \$5720

## Virtual

- BSC \$2120
- Add' l Funding \$1900
- Total \$4020

# Hold Harmless/Transition

- **1A.71.** (SDE-EIA: Public Charter School District Hold Harmless) For Fiscal Year 2014-15, the South Carolina Public Charter School District must use up to \$3,000,000 in prior year carry forward funds to hold its schools harmless from any reduction in funds as a result of changes to the EFA weightings in the current fiscal year
  - FY 14 Unexpended – \$4,959,158
  - \$4,247,315 or 10% of appropriation allowable for carryover
  - Difference of \$ 711,843 to Charter School Facility Loan Fund

# Other Funding for FY 14-15

- Technology – Based on Poverty Index
  - Poverty Index – Below 70% - \$35 per student
  - Poverty Index – 75 to 85 % - \$50 per student
  - Poverty Index - > 85% - \$70 per student
  - SCPCSD – Index below 70% - allocation \$402,461

# Reading Coaches

## .5 FTE Allocation - \$30,500

- Bridges
- Cape Romain
- East Point
- Green
- Low Country
- Pee Dee
- Connections
- Cyber
- Spartanburg
- York Prep

## 1.0 FTE Allocation - \$60,500

- Calvert
- Imagine
- Lake City
- Royal Live Oaks
- SC Virtual



Additional  
Questions?  
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