Georgia School Funding
A National Perspective

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Spending Per Pupil

U.S. Census

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Total Student Enrollment in Georgia

National Center for Education Statistics

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K-12 Education Funding Sources
2012-13 School Year
U.S. Census

Federal sources
State sources
Local sources

United States
Georgia
Current Spending for Elementary & Secondary Education 2012-13

National Center for Educational Statistics

Instructional Costs as a % of Total Costs
- United States: 60.6%
- Georgia: 61.7%

Administrative Costs as a % of Total Costs
- United States: 7.4%
- Georgia: 7.4%
Average Teacher Wages

National Education Association

United States

Georgia

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Student Results

• **National Assessment of Educational Progress**
  – Given every two years
  – 50 state results in math & reading for 4th & 8th grade from 2003
  – Other subjects tested: Arts, Civics, Economics, Geography, U.S. History, Science, Tech & Engineering and Writing

• **High School Graduation Rates**
  – Number of 9th grade students who graduate within 4 years
2013 NAEP – Math
Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient and Above

- 4th Grade
  - United States: 42%
  - Georgia: 39%

- 8th Grade
  - United States: 35%
  - Georgia: 29%
2013 NAEP – Reading
Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient and Above

Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient and Above:

- **4th Grade**
  - United States: 35%
  - Georgia: 34%
  - Georgia (Statewide): 29%

- **8th Grade**
  - United States: 36%
  - Georgia: 32%
  - Georgia (Statewide): 37%
Four-Year High School Grad Rates

- United States
- Georgia

- 2010-11: 79% (United States), 67% (Georgia)
- 2011-12: 80% (United States), 70% (Georgia)
- 2012-13: 81% (United States), 72% (Georgia)
Special Education Population
As a Percentage of Total Student Population
National Center for Education Statistics

United States
Georgia
English Language Learner Population
As a Percentage of Total Student Population
National Center for Education Statistics

United States
Georgia
2013 NAEP Math Results for Free/Reduced Price Lunch Students
Students Scoring At Proficient or Above

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2013 NAEP Reading Results for Free/Reduced Price Lunch Students
Students Scoring At Proficient or Above

4th Grade
- Eligible: 21%
- Not Eligible: 53%

8th Grade
- Eligible: 20%
- Not Eligible: 48%
Goals for A School Funding Formula

• Connecting funding and state education expectations
  – The funding formula should be aligned to state educational standards (Massachusetts)

• Striving for Equitable Funding
  – Relative equity in funding (Montana, New Mexico and Texas)
  – Equity in opportunity and offerings for all students (Rhode Island and Wyoming)
Goals for A School Funding Formula

• **Being Transparent and Comprehensible**
  – Fewer programs outside of the funding formula *(Maryland and New York)*
  – Clarity on how the formula functions *(Colorado and California)*

• **Having Some Predictability**
  – A predictable system allows the state and school districts to do advanced planning
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