

TISA

Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement

Overview Training Module



Objectives

- TISA Overview
- Developing TISA
- TISA Formula
- Local Contribution
- Support Funding
- Reporting
- Transparency & Accountability



The Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) formula is designed to...



Empower each student to read proficiently by third grade and each grade thereafter.



Prepare each high school graduate to succeed in the postsecondary program or career of the graduate's choice.



Provide each student with the resources needed to succeed, regardless of the student's individual circumstances.

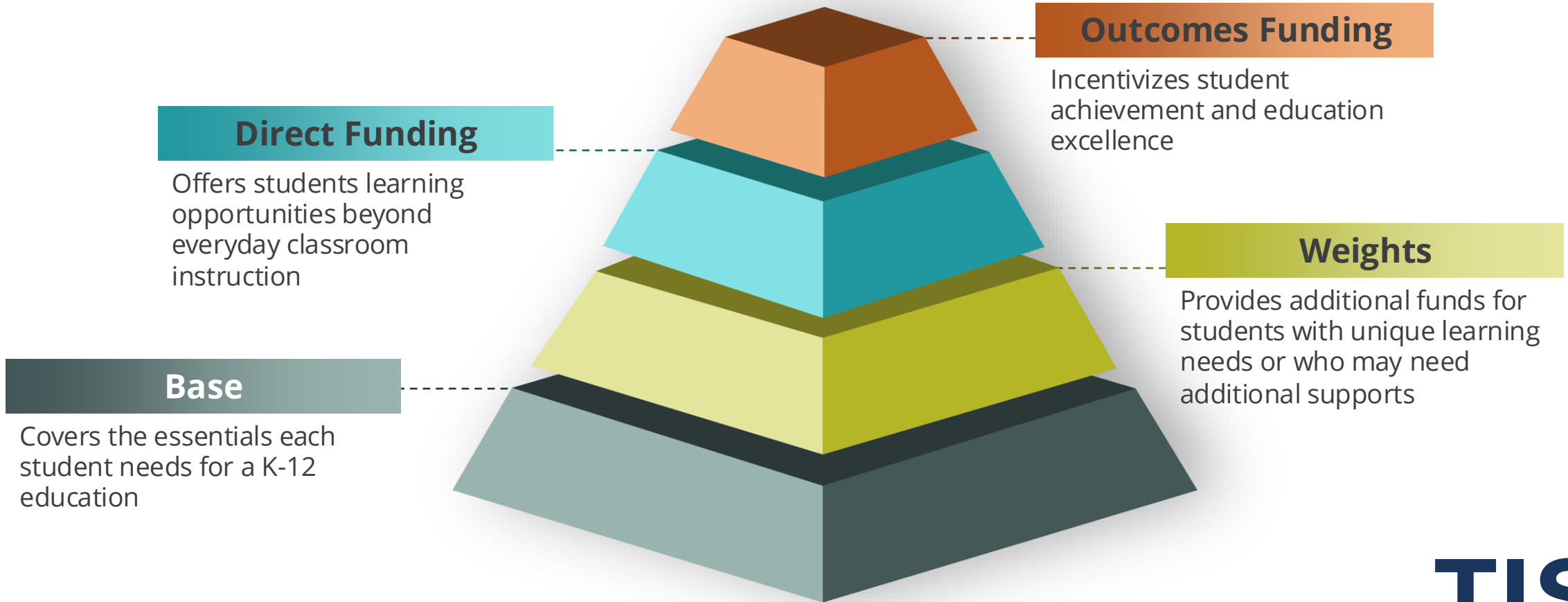
Developing TISA

- In 2021, Governor Lee launched a review of the Basic Education Program, or BEP.
- The formula was developed through an extensive, months-long public engagement process, including town hall meetings statewide, online live chats, phone calls, emails and more.
- The General Assembly passed the TISA Act in the spring of 2022.
- Resulting formula replaced a 30-year-old resource-based funding formula with a student-based formula.
- TISA goes into effect beginning with the 2023-24 school year and includes an additional \$1 billion in state investment in education.

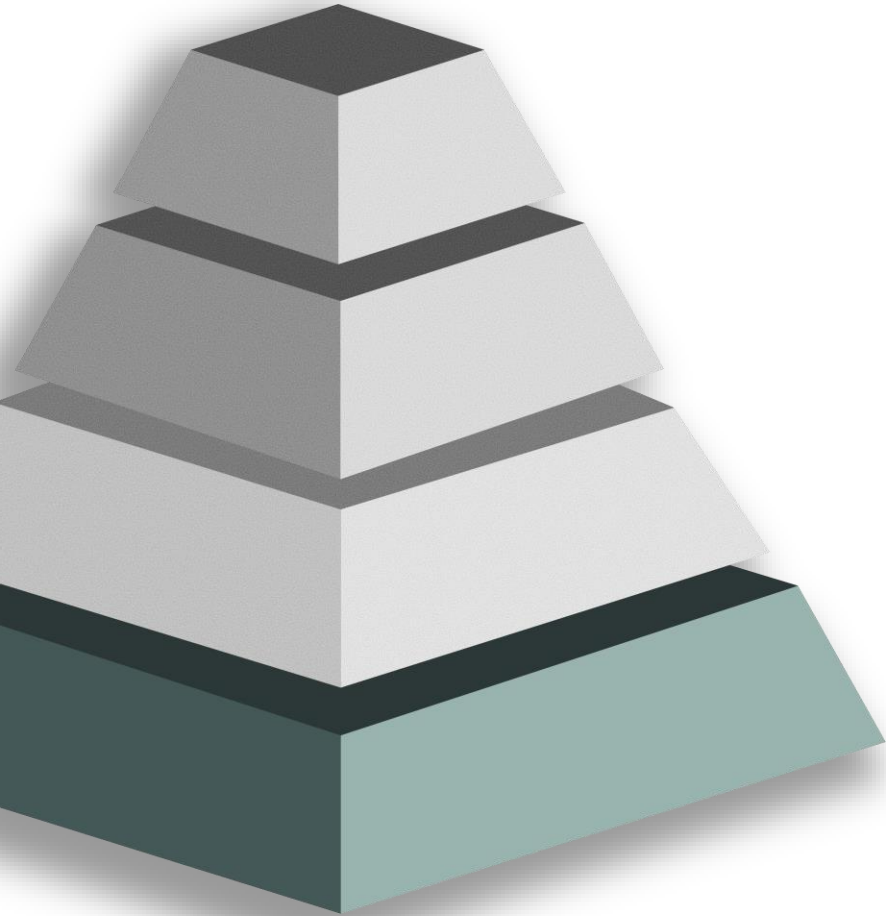


TISA Student-Based Funding Formula

Base + Weights + Direct + Outcomes

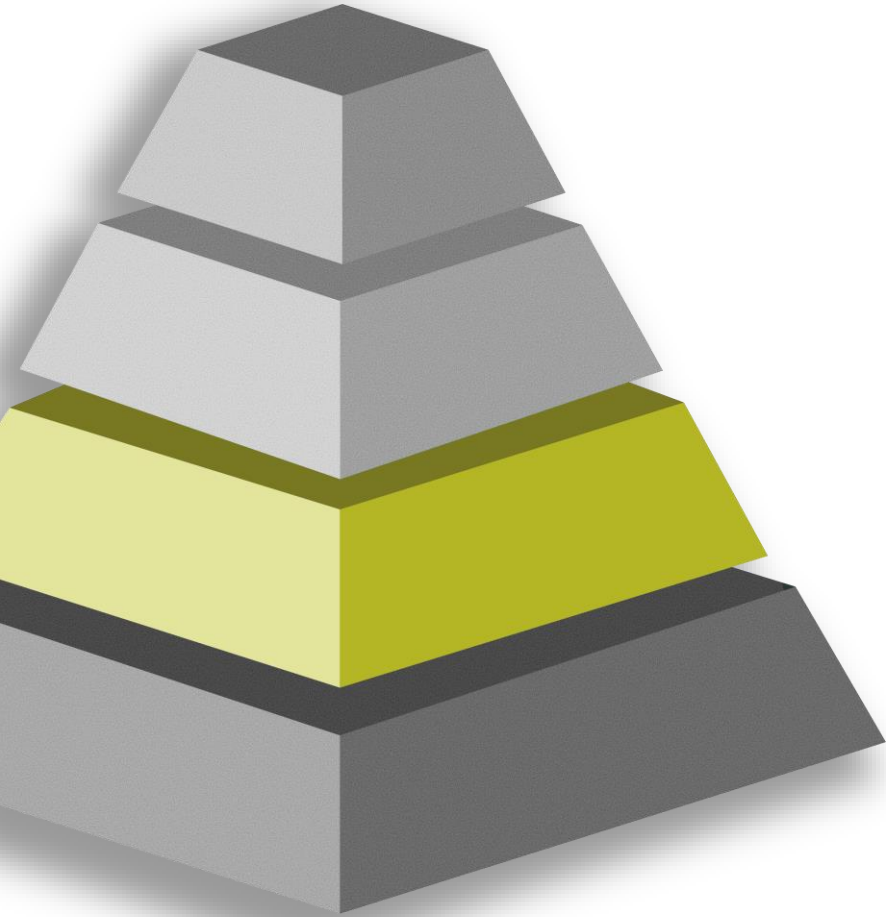


Overview: Base Funding



- Covers the basics of education needs such as teachers, school counselors, principals, facility operations, and more
- Gives every student the same, strong education foundation
 - Schools are funded on a student basis
 - Base funding is the same for every student in the state, regardless of student's geographic location

Overview: Weight Funding



- Ensures every student's education needs are supported by providing additional funds as multipliers onto the base funding
- Provides additional resources for:
 - Economically disadvantaged students
 - Concentrated poverty
 - Students living in small or sparse communities
 - Unique Learning Needs
 - Students with Disabilities
 - English Learners
 - Students Experiencing Characteristics of Dyslexia

Supporting Students' Individual Needs

TISA provides funds for the base plus:

Economically disadvantaged students



Base x 25%



285,000 students

Students living in areas of concentrated poverty



Base x 5%



648,000 students

Students in sparsely populated communities and students in small districts



Base x 5%



343,000 students

Students with unique learning needs

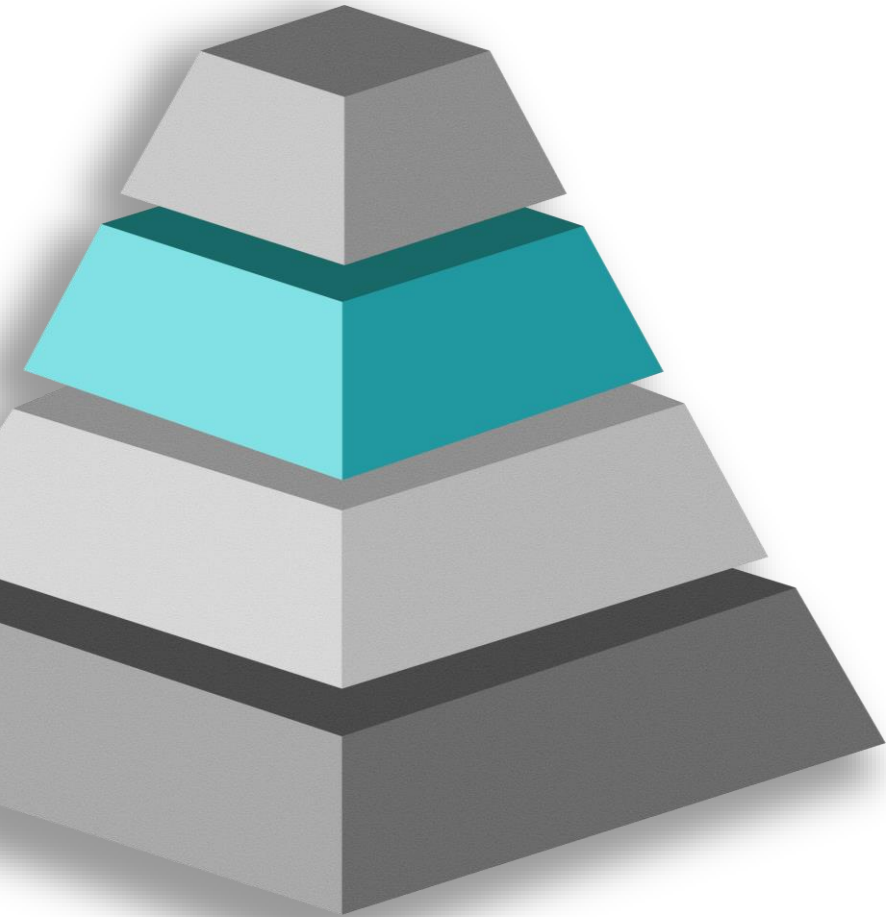


Base x ULN%
Range: 15% - 150%



297,000 services
(students may generate up to 4 services)

Overview: Direct Funding



- Supports programs that offer students learning opportunities beyond everyday classroom instruction
- Targets funding to high priority educational areas:
 - K-3rd grade literacy
 - 4th grade literacy supports for students who need more support
 - Career & Technical Education
 - Post-secondary assessments (ACT & Retake Opportunity)
 - Charter supports

Breaking It Down: Direct Funding

TISA provides districts additional funds to:

Enhance literacy supports for K-3 students



\$500 per K-3 student



295,000 students

Offer literacy tutoring to students who need more help



\$500 per student



44,000 students

Strengthen and expand high-value career and technical education offerings



\$5,000 avg. per CTE
coursework



47,000 students

Pay for two administrations of a post-secondary assessment.



\$185 per student



68,000 students

Provide supports for charter schools

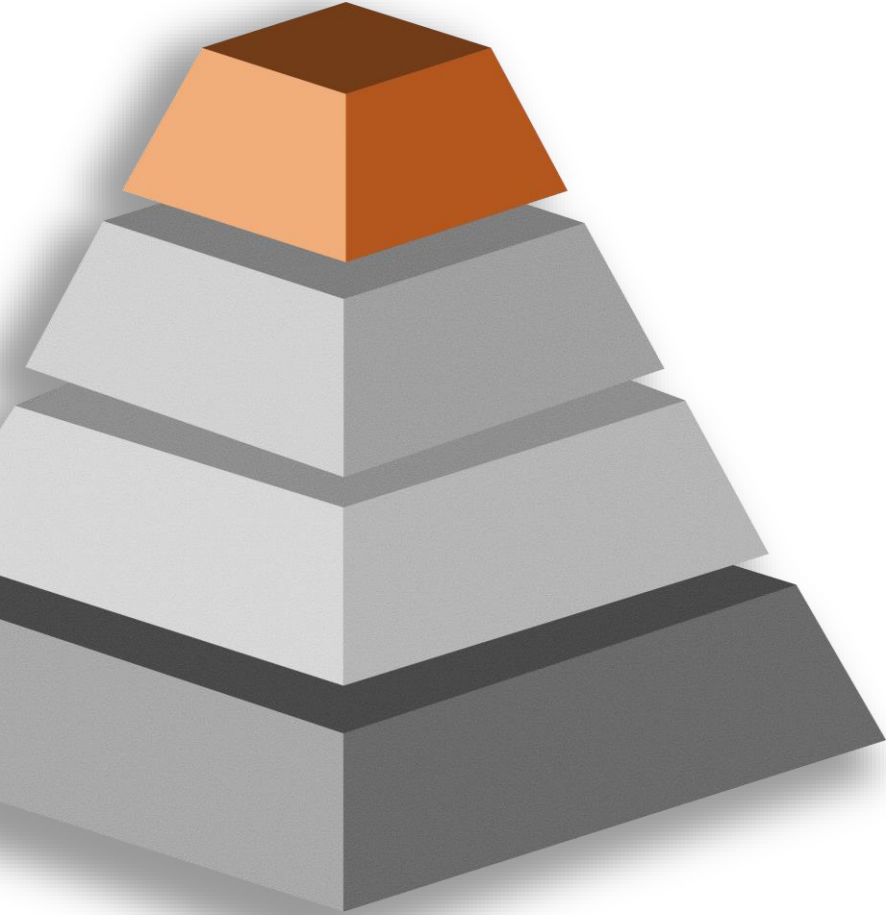


\$500 per student



43,000 students

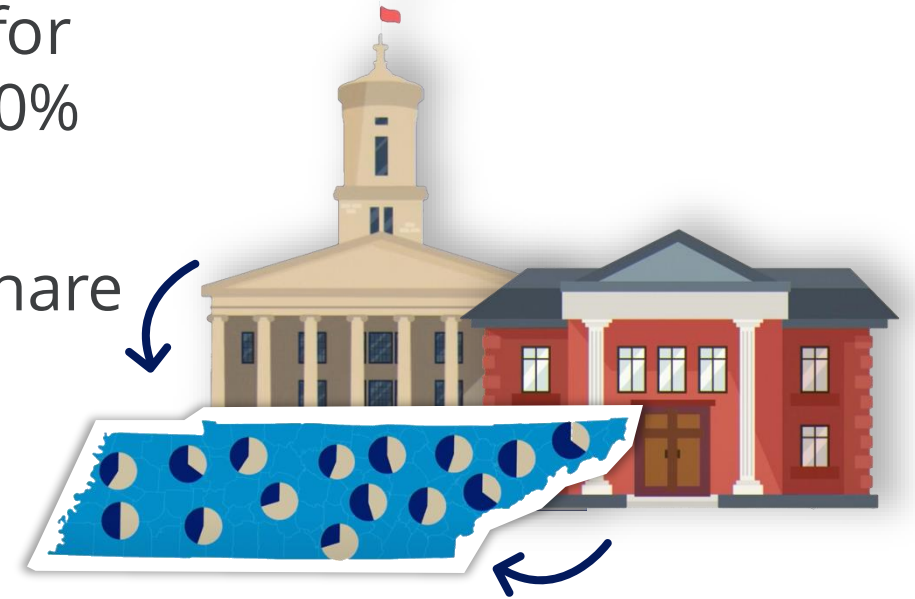
Overview: Outcomes Funding



- Incentivizes achievement and education excellence by awarding student-based bonuses when students demonstrate success in educational careers
- Acknowledges student academic success and improvement for:
 - Early literacy in elementary schools
 - Math and ELA in middle schools
 - College and career readiness benchmarks in high school

Local Contribution

- Local contribution calculates how much of the total funding will be provided by the state and how much will be provided by each local government.
- State and local share is split 70%/30% statewide for the base and weights only. The state provides 100% of the funds for direct and outcomes funding.
- Fiscal capacity further breaks out the 30% local share into local contributions for each district.
 - Calculated by two organizations (TACIR and UT-CBER)
 - Reviewed by Comptroller
 - Approved by State Board of Education



Support Funding:

- **Fast-Growth Student Stipend**

LEAs with current-year growth above 1.25% from the prior year will receive additional funds to support growing student population and needs.

- **Fast Growing Infrastructure Stipend**

LEAs with 2% growth each year for three consecutive years may also receive an infrastructure stipend to support longer-term needs of consistent high growth.



Supporting Teachers

- TISA law provides for the Governor and General Assembly to target education funding increases to go to raises for existing teachers.
- Requires increases in education funding to also trigger increases to state minimum salary schedules, raising wages for educators and making Tennessee a strong state to become and remain an educator.

Reporting

- **Detailed reporting on funding and spending** will be publicly posted at the school and district levels, per federal requirements, and be included on the annual report cards.
- **Every district will have the opportunity to provide annual input on:**
 - What the district hopes to see funded
 - Research base and return on investment
 - Explanations of local context on why the district is unable to afford those resources in the existing budget
- **The department will produce a report each year, to include:**
 - An academic analysis
 - Accountability report cards
 - LEA TISA Review requests
 - Expert reviews on TISA and recommendations



Transparency and Accountability

- **District Accountability Reports**

Each district must annually produce a report to

- Set goals for student achievement, including reaching 70% proficiency on the 3rd grade ELA TCAP
- Explains how the goals can be met within the district's budget
- Describes the results and return on investment of the prior year budget and expenditures

- **Accountability Reviews**

- State Board of Education: A district or public charter school with a D or F school may be asked to present to discuss funding and outcomes
- Progress Review Board: Reviews accountability reports to determine district progress
- Results of these reviews may lead to corrective actions, additional auditing, or required trainings



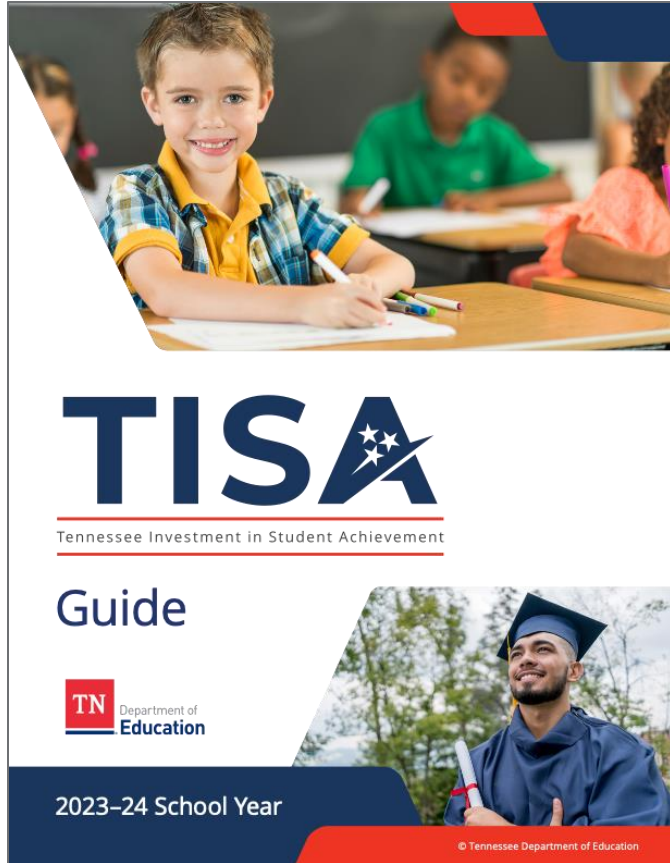
Putting It All Together

The Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) funding formula:

- **Addresses the needs of each individual student,** so each can learn and achieve to the fullest.
- **Supports the state's economic vitality by helping** students develop workforce-relevant skills that meet employers' needs.
- **Empowers districts and schools with the** flexibility to meet the needs of the unique populations they serve.
- **Improves transparency and accountability** in education funding.
- **Builds on the bold programmatic reforms in Tennessee** and funds their sustainability.



More Information



<https://www.tn.gov/education/best-for-all/tnedufunding.html>

