
2019-2020 Basic Education Program (BEP) Allocations

The Background:

The attached allocations for fiscal year 2019-20 provide funding of the Basic Education Program (BEP) and represent more than \$141 million in funding appropriation improvements. The allocations:

- Fund BEP instructional positions at a unit cost of \$48,330.
- Provide one-hundred percent (100%) funding for at-risk students in grades K-12.
- Provide funding for English Learners at a ratio of one to twenty (1:20) for teachers and one to two hundred (1:200) for translators.
- Include four (4) categories of components: instructional salaries and wages, instructional benefits, classroom, and non-classroom.
- Provide, on average, seventy percent (70%) of state funds for the instructional positions within the instructional and instructional benefits components.
- Fund the cost differential factor at sixteen percent (16%).
- For equalization purposes, the formula equally weights:
 - 1) the ability of local jurisdictions to raise local revenues by measuring the ability to generate local revenues from property tax and local option sales tax; and
 - 2) the ability of local jurisdictions to raise local revenues as determined by the multiple regression analysis model developed by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).
- Include insurance funding for twelve (12) months for all BEP funded positions.
- Include the classroom technology component funded at forty million dollars (\$40 million).

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. The attachment outlines the BEP allocation each local education agency (LEA) will receive in the 2019-20 fiscal year. This item may require a small number of LEAs to increase the local contribution in order to meet the BEP required local match.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.