

House Bill 305 Proponent Testimony
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Introduced by Representatives Cupp and Patterson a few weeks ago, we are now here to wrap up the base cost section of H.B. 305, The Fair School Funding Plan.

As a reminder, base cost is the foundation of the funding formula. Please bear in mind, this is a funding model; local boards and administrators will have the final decisions about how the money will be spent. A truly needs and cost based framework is essential for the development of a base cost model.

Base Cost Includes:

- Instructional Costs – Including Teacher Salaries and Benefits
- Instructional Support Costs
- Co-curriculars
- Safety and Security
- Basic Social and Emotional Support
- Technology, Devices for Each Student
- Network Access/Internet Connectivity
- School Leadership and Support (principal and other personnel, facilities and supplies)
- Central Office Staff

Base Cost Does Not Include:

- Special Education
- Gifted Education
- English Learners
- Transportation
- Poverty
- Preschool
- Targeted Aid/Capacity Aid
- Career Tech

Today's testimony is to provide you with additional detail detailed insights into the process that was used - input, professional judgment -and the rationale and justification that led to every one of the components in our base cost funding model.

We will be happy to respond to your questions.