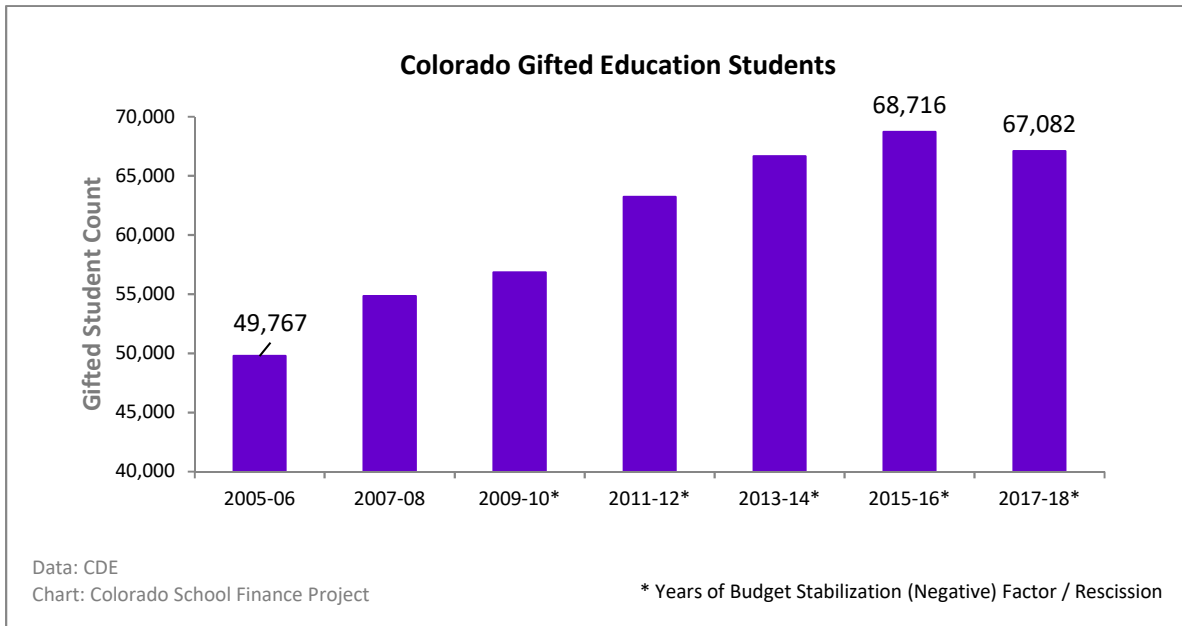
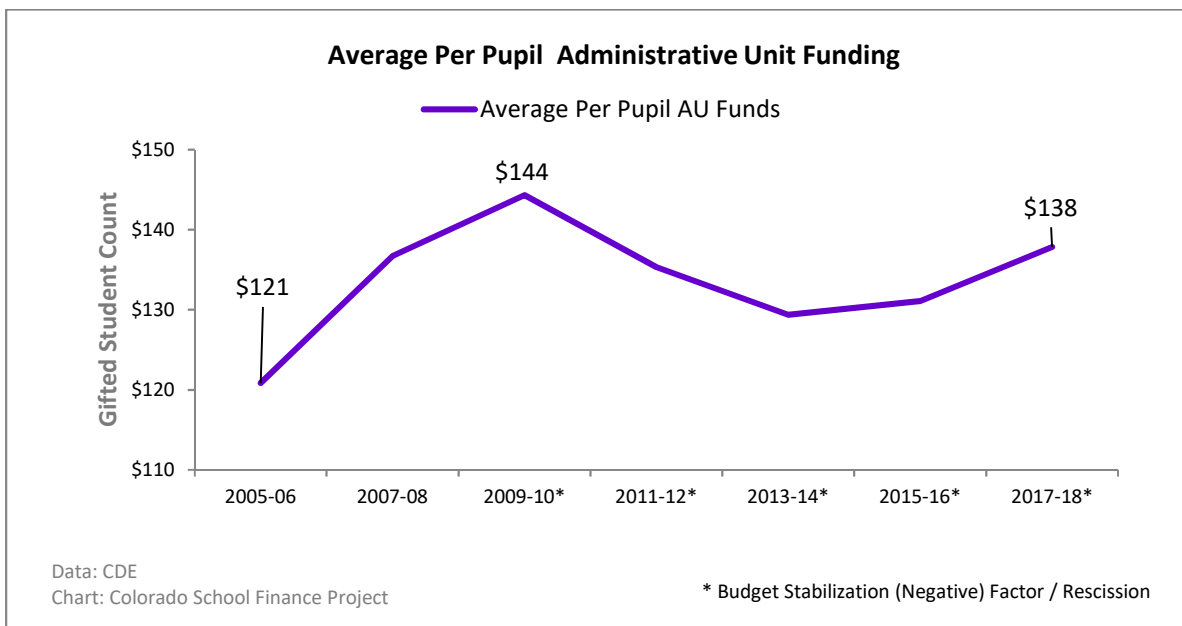


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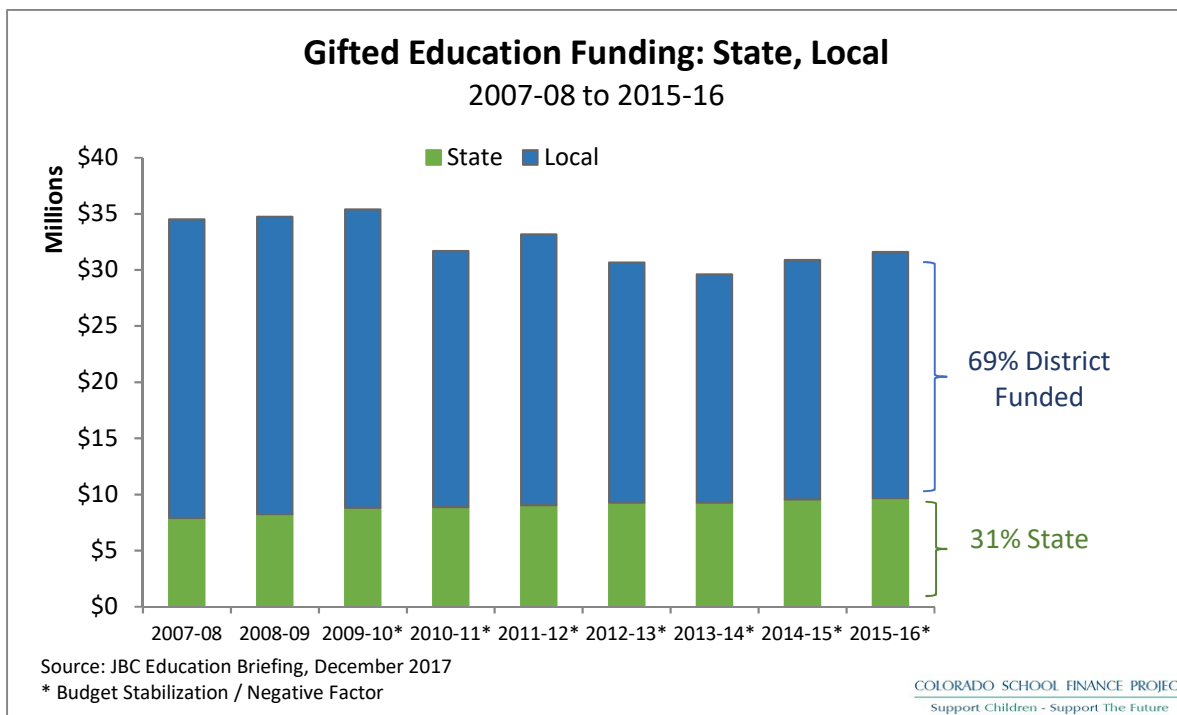


As Colorado’s PK-12 student population grew by 11,000 students between 2015-16 and 2017-18, the number of students in Gifted education programs fell by about 1,600 students. In Colorado, about 7% of students qualify for gifted education services. Areas of giftedness: Specific Academic Aptitude; Creative or Productive Thinking; Leadership Abilities; Visual Arts; Performing Arts; Musical, Drama Psychomotor Ability.



Per Pupil Funding for gifted students continues to be below 2009-10 funding.

Gifted Education: A Look at State and District Funding



In 2015-16, the state funding share of Gifted Education was 31% (\$9.7M). The district funded about 69% (\$22M), the state, about 31%¹.

“All administrative units are required to identify and provide services to gifted students. The extent of gifted education programming is dependent upon local resources and State supplemental funds.”

[Understanding School Finance and Categorical Funding](#) (July 2017), CDE, pg 13.

Criteria for Determining Exceptional Ability (Giftedness) or Talent Pool: For each category of giftedness: 95 percentile or above on a standardized nationally normed test or observation tool, or a rating on a performance assessment that indicates exceptionality/distinguished compared to age mates. Not meeting criteria on a single assessment tool shall not prevent further data collection or consideration for identification, if other indicators suggest exceptional potential as observed in a body of evidence. Criteria for screening assessments is a score range less than the 95-percentile ranking or results on observation/performance assessment tools as determined by the AU to determine referrals, further data collection and observation, and/or formation of student talent pools. [CDE Rules for the Administration of Exceptional Children’s Education Act ICCR 301-8](#)

¹ JBC Education Briefing Document, Table B, December 2017