

COLORADO SCHOOL FINANCE PROJECT

Support Children - Support The Future

**A Look at Factor Funding and the Budget Stabilization Factor**

If we look at factor funding for three school districts using CDE’s data you can see that the Cost of Living (COL) adjustment is an important factor. In the example below the COL factor accounts for 79 percent of all factor funding for Douglas County, 71 percent for Eagle County, and 68 percent for Elizabeth. The percentages of funding for the other factors and the impact the budget stabilization factor has on the total funding available for the school district. This impact is different for each school district as evidenced by the three school districts below.

	Douglas County Re 1	Factor %	Eagle County Re 50	Factor %	Elizabeth School District	Factor %
Base Funding	\$468,428,630		\$50,474,361		\$16,012,666	
Floor Funding	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
Cost of Living Factor	\$102,200,605	79%	\$14,235,341	71%	\$3,409,041	68%
Size Factor	\$16,725,100	13%	\$1,921,556	10%	\$1,113,985	22%
At-Risk Factor	\$7,607,564	6%	\$2,891,683	14%	\$449,424	9%
EL Factor	\$1,437,592	1%	\$895,865	4%	\$14,829	0%
On-Line and Ascent Funding	\$1,542,175	1%	\$2,230	0%	\$2,973	0%
Total Factor Funding	\$129,513,036	100%	\$19,946,675	100%	\$4,990,252	100%
<i>Total Factor Funding w/o COL</i>	<i>\$27,312,430</i>		<i>\$5,711,334</i>		<i>\$1,581,211</i>	
Total Program Funding	\$597,941,666		\$70,421,036		\$21,002,917	
<b>BS Factor</b>	<b>(\$39,945,634)</b>		<b>(\$4,704,494)</b>		<b>(\$1,403,102)</b>	
BS Factor Total Funding	\$557,996,032		\$65,716,542		\$19,599,815	
<b><u>Factors After the BS Factor</u></b>						
Cost of Living Factor	\$70,678,929	79%	\$10,877,885	71%	\$2,450,525	68%
Size Factor	\$11,566,586	13%	\$1,468,350	10%	\$800,767	22%
At-Risk Factor	\$5,261,167	6%	\$2,209,669	14%	\$323,060	9%
EL Factor	\$994,196	1%	\$684,572	4%	\$10,659	0%
On-Line and Ascent Funding	\$1,066,523	1%	\$1,704	0%	\$2,137	0%
Total Factor Funding	\$89,567,401	100%	\$15,242,181	100%	\$3,587,149	100%

\*NOTE: The calculation for the factors after the BS Factor is: BS Factor \* the Factor % minus that dollar amount from the original factor amount. For example, in Douglas County the BS factor is \$39,945,624. The Cost of Living Factor is 79 percent of all the Factor funding in the district- \$39,945,624\*.79, or 79 percent, equals \$31,521,677. Then we subtracted \$31,521,677-\$102,200,605 to get \$70,679,929.

COLORADO SCHOOL FINANCE PROJECT

---

Support Children - Support The Future