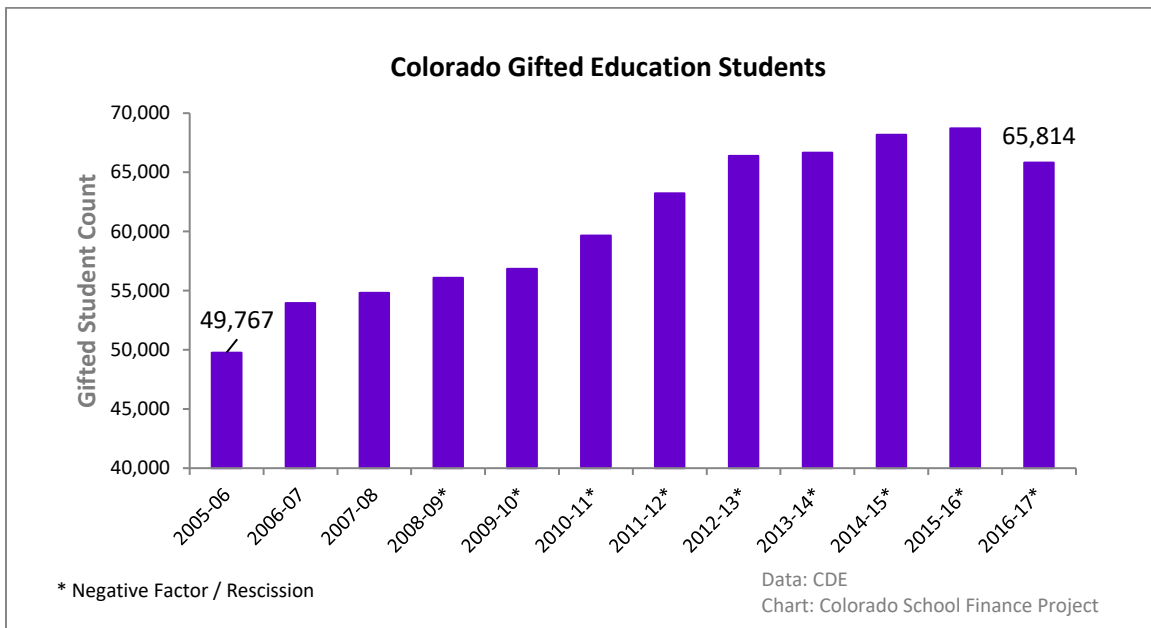
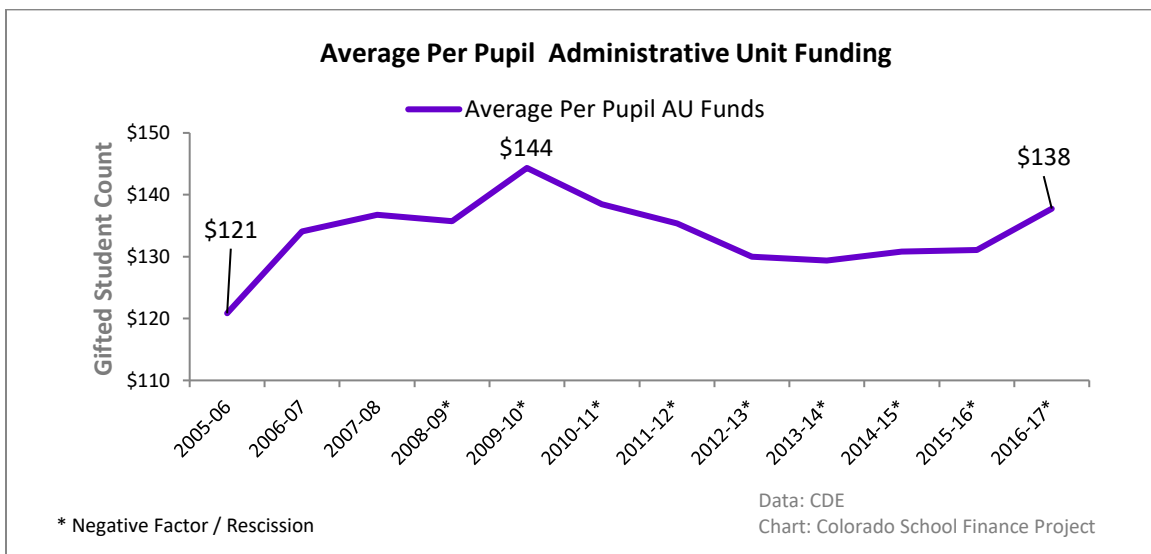


## Gifted Education Students: A Look at Student Count and Supplemental Funding

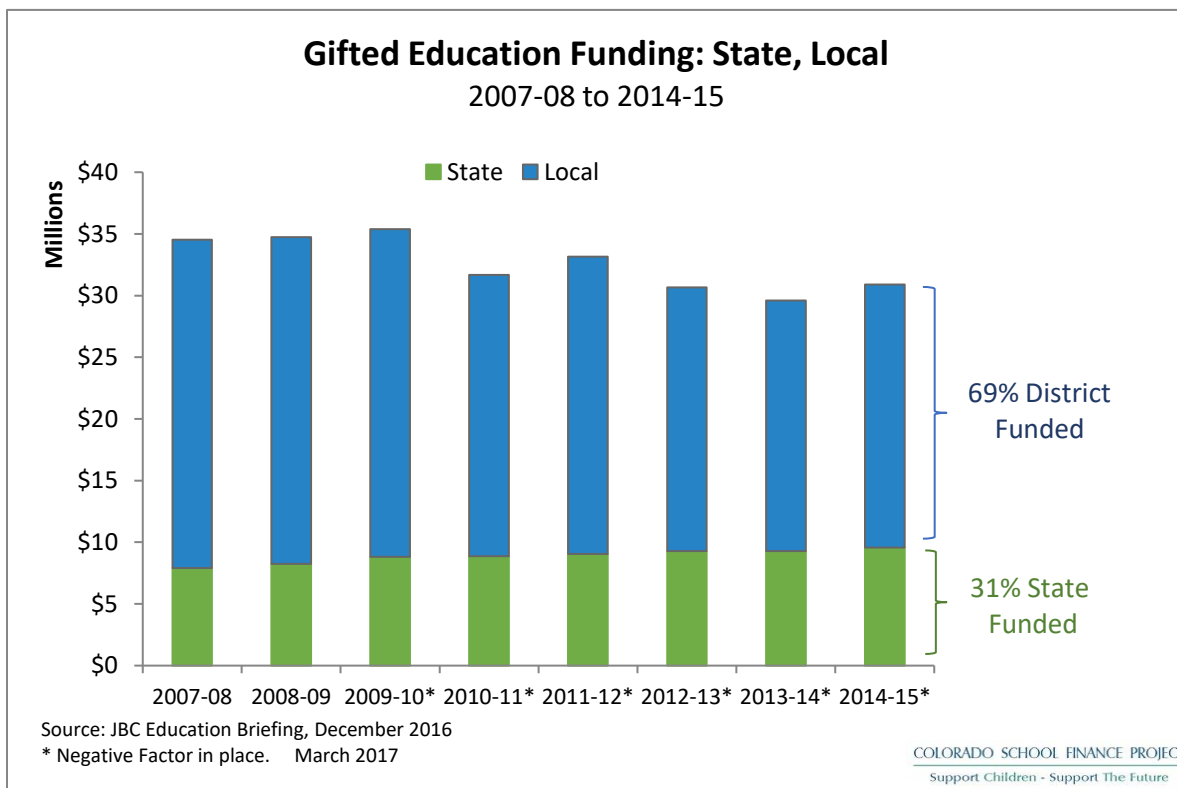


As Colorado’s PK-12 student population continues to grow by 7,000 to 10,000 students per year, the number of students in Gifted education programs has also grown. In 2016-17 gifted and talented students decreased about 3,000 students. In Colorado, between 7-8% of students qualify for gifted education 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 2014-15, the state funding share of Gifted Education was 31% (\$9.6M). The district funded about 69% (\$21.3M)<sup>1</sup>. Since 2010-11, per pupil funding for gifted education has decreased.

“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, CDE, pg 14.

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 exceptional/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](#)

<sup>1</sup> JBC Education Briefing Document, Table B, December 2016