

State Grants

The majority of funds contributed by the states to their public schools are in the form of basic state formula aid. In addition to basic state aid, most states also fund programs, which resemble the federal formula grants targeted toward specific populations of students and mandated educational programs. Some states also fund competitive grant competitions. However, while larger states often have several state-funded competitions, smaller states may have none. New York, California and Indiana, each fund competitive programs for purposes such as educating homeless children, bilingual education, and even comprehensive school reform. Other states, like New Jersey, have no state-funded grants for discretionary spending. Please refer to individual state Web sites for information on state-funded grants.