

2023-24 NYS Foundation Aid Plan



Rationale

In accordance with New York’s adopted state budget, for the 2023-24 school year, each school district receiving a foundation aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 in a school year shall, on or before July 1, 2023, post to the district’s website a plan by school year of how such funds will be used to address student performance and need, including but not limited to: (i) increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap; (ii) reducing class sizes; (iii) providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas; (iv) addressing student social-emotional health; and (v) providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness. Prior to posting this plan, each school district shall seek public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

East Rochester’s Estimated 2023-24 Foundation Aid Increase

East Rochester’s estimated Foundation Aid increase for the 2023-24 school year of \$1,207,338 equates to a 16% annual increase, which exceeds the 10% threshold for a required utilization plan. When NYS created Foundation Aid, it was designed to be an unrestricted aid for schools to use as needed within their operating budgets in non-designated areas.

A Collaborative Approach

Based on the collaborative work done during the 2023-24 budget development process coupled with the feedback obtained from the public comment from families, staff, and other community stakeholders in March 2023 ([Survey Link](#)), please see below the planned usage of the 2023-24 increase in foundation aid for the East Rochester Union Free School District.

2023-24 NYS Foundation Aid Plan	Estimated Allocation
<u>Focus Areas:</u> Mental Health Student Supports; English Language Learner (ELL) Resources; Enhanced services for students with disabilities; Maintain small elementary class sizes; Additional academic opportunities for all students; Health & Safety; Utilities & Transportation	\$1,207,338

