

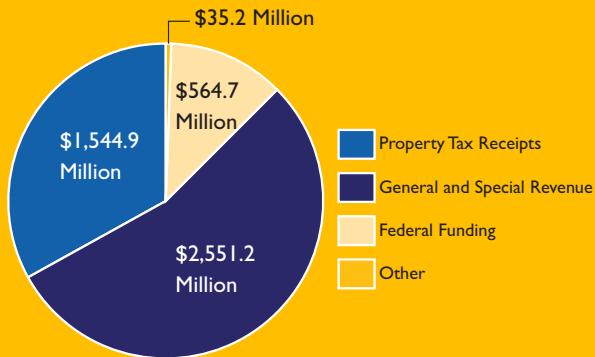
# EDUCATION FUNDING

## IS VITAL FOR ARKANSAS'S FUTURE

### WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

Education funding comes from a mix of mostly property taxes, state funding, and federal dollars.

2012 EDUCATION FUNDING  
\$4.7 Billion in Total



SOURCE: Annual Statistical Report 2011/2012 Arkansas Department of Education



More than half the state's budget goes to public schools, the Department of Education, and higher education.

Source: Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research

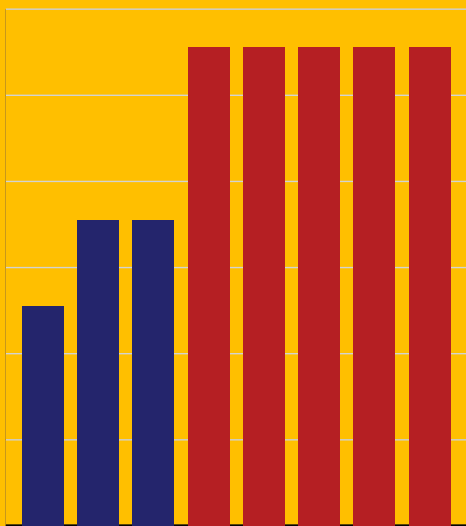
Federal funding is disappearing. Arkansas will lose \$19.5 million in education funding this year because of the sequester.

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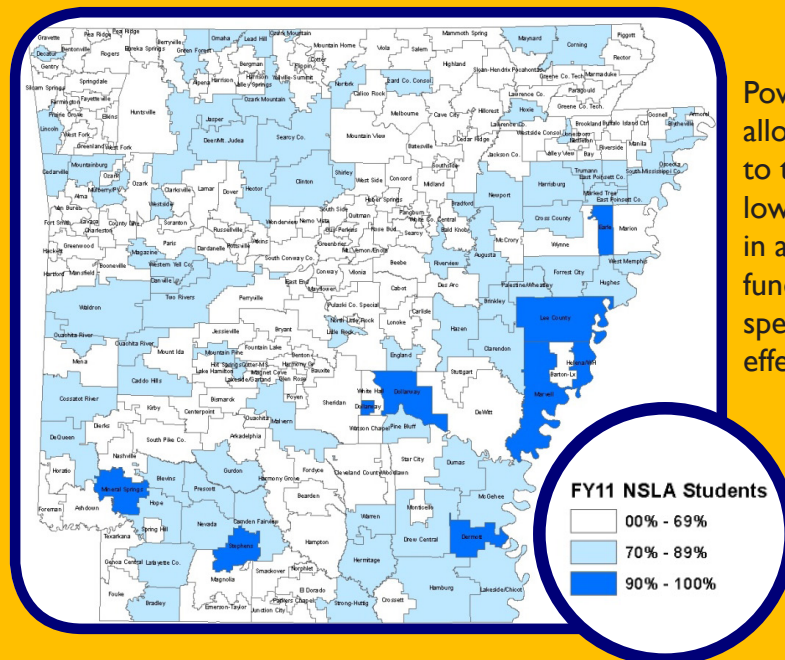
### WHERE DOES IT GO?

Education dollars go to pre-K, programs for low-income kids, teachers' salaries, and school facilities.

PRE-K FUNDING HAS BEEN FLAT (at \$111 million) FOR FIVE YEARS!



The state determines the funding a school needs to provide an adequate education. These funds are called foundation funding. They are calculated on a per student basis. About 2/3 of the funding is used for teacher salaries and benefits (at right). The funding comes primarily from two sources: property taxes that are required to be used for education, and from state general revenue.



Poverty funding is allocated according to the number of low-income students in a district. These funds aren't always spent on proven and effective programs.

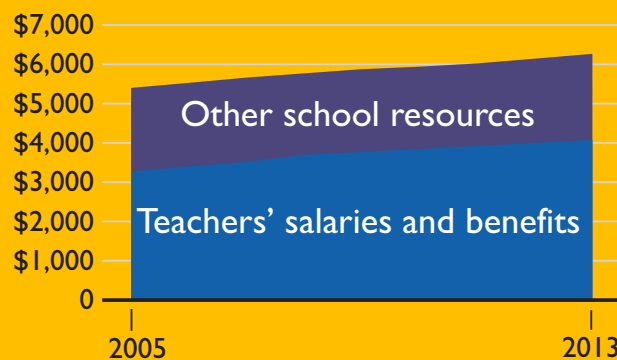


Some school districts can afford expensive new buildings.



Others can barely afford to maintain the ones they have.

PER STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING



### WHERE IS IT NEEDED MOST?

To ensure good outcomes for low-income students, funding must be directed toward what works!

**PRE-K**  
Only 10 percent of 3-year-olds in Arkansas are enrolled in pre-K through the state's ABC program or Head Start. That number is higher for 4-year-olds, but there is still a long waiting list. We need more funding to get these kids started off right!

3 YEAR OLDS

4 YEAR OLDS

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**  
After-school opportunities keep children safe, help working families, and inspire kids to learn.



**COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH**  
Arkansas needs funding for school health-related staffing and supplies to take care of our kids where they spend most of their time.



SOURCE: National Institute for Early Education Research  
Does not include home visiting programs.



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