

Unique Learning Needs Overview

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Students with disabilities, English learners, and students with characteristics of dyslexia generate additional funding through TISA to support their Unique Learning Needs (ULN). Such students' unique learning needs are categorized based on 1) an assessment of need, and 2) a plan for providing services to address the needs identified.

Three subcategories of ULN students:



Students with Disabilities

Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

English Learners

Students with limited English proficiency





Characteristics of Dyslexia

Students who score below a certain level on one or more reading screeners.

These three subcategories are spread across 10 ULN levels, each with an assigned percentage weight of the TISA base allocation amount that determines the amount of additional funding generated. In school year 2023-24, the base allocation amount was \$6,860 per student.

ULN level	Funding weight	ULN description
ULN 1	15%	Special Education Option Code 1
ULN 2	20%	 Special Education Option Code 2 English Learner Tier 1 Characteristics of Dyslexia
ULN 3	40%	Special Education Option Code 3
ULN 4	60%	English Learner Tier 2
ULN 5	70%	English Learner Tier 3
ULN 6	75%	Special Education Option Code 4
ULN 7	80%	Special Education Option Code 5
ULN 8	100%	Special Education Option Code 6
ULN 9	125%	Special Education Option Code 7Special Education Option Code 8
ULN 10	150%	 Special Education Option Code 9 Special Education Option Code 10