

Outcomes funding provides districts with additional funding based on student academic performance. Outcomes funding is 100 percent state-funded and does not require a local contribution.

Elementary school outcomes goal

A student scored "meets expectations" or "exceeds expectations" on the 3rd grade ELA TCAP

OR

A student scored "approaching" or "below" on the 3rd grade ELA TCAP but demonstrated **significant growth*** on the 4th grade ELA TCAP

20% of
base
funding

Students who meet outcomes criteria and are classified as **economically disadvantaged, English learner, and/or student with disabilities**

10% of
base
funding

All other students who meet outcomes criteria

High school outcomes – Goal 1

A student earned at least **two EPSOs[^]** and met one of the following:

- Scored a composite of 21 or higher on the ACT, or
- Improved their ACT composite by at least four points between their first time taking the test in 11th grade and a retake

OR

A student earned at least **three EPSOs[^]**

OR

A student scored 31 or higher on the ASVAB AFQT and earned at least **two EPSOs[^]**

20% of
base
funding

Students who meet outcomes criteria and are classified as **economically disadvantaged, English learner, and/or student with disabilities**

10% of
base
funding

All other students who meet outcomes criteria

Middle school outcomes goal

A student scored a combination of "meets expectations" or "exceeds expectations" on the 8th grade ELA and 8th grade math TCAP

OR

A student demonstrated **significant growth*** from the 7th grade ELA and math TCAP to the 8th grade ELA and math TCAP

20% of
base
funding

Students who meet outcomes criteria and are classified as **economically disadvantaged, English learner, and/or student with disabilities**

10% of
base
funding

All other students who meet outcomes criteria

High school outcomes – Goal 2

For high school students with disabilities

For eligible students who did not generate outcomes funding under Goal 1 **and** are enrolled in a school district that met the state's target percent of students with disabilities in their least restrictive environments at least 80% of the instructional day.

The eligible student also must have met **at least two** of the three following targets in the state's IDEA annual performance report:

- Graduation with a general education diploma
- Proficiency on the state's alternate assessment
- Post-school outcomes (higher education, training programs, etc.)

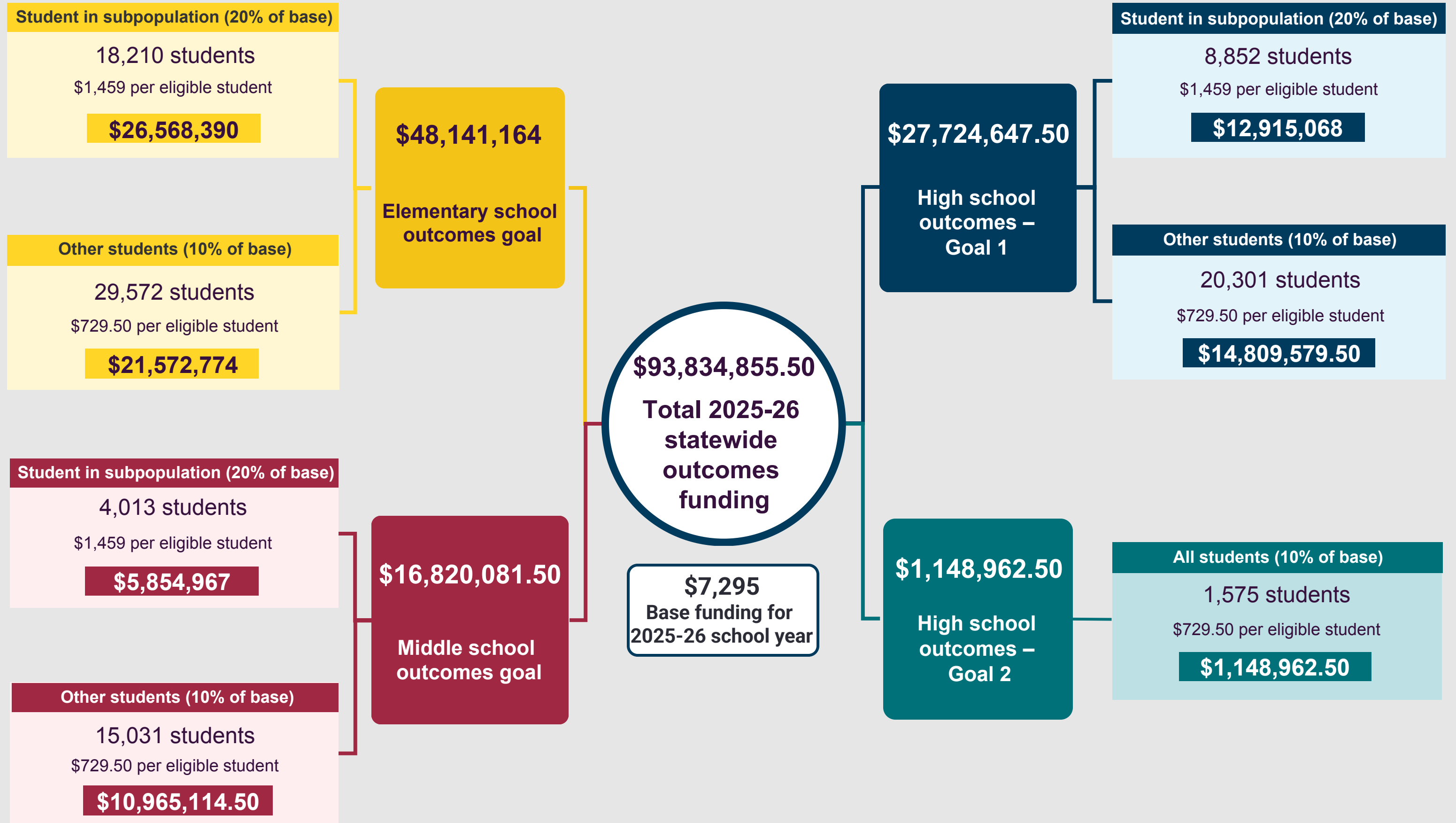
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All students who meet outcomes criteria

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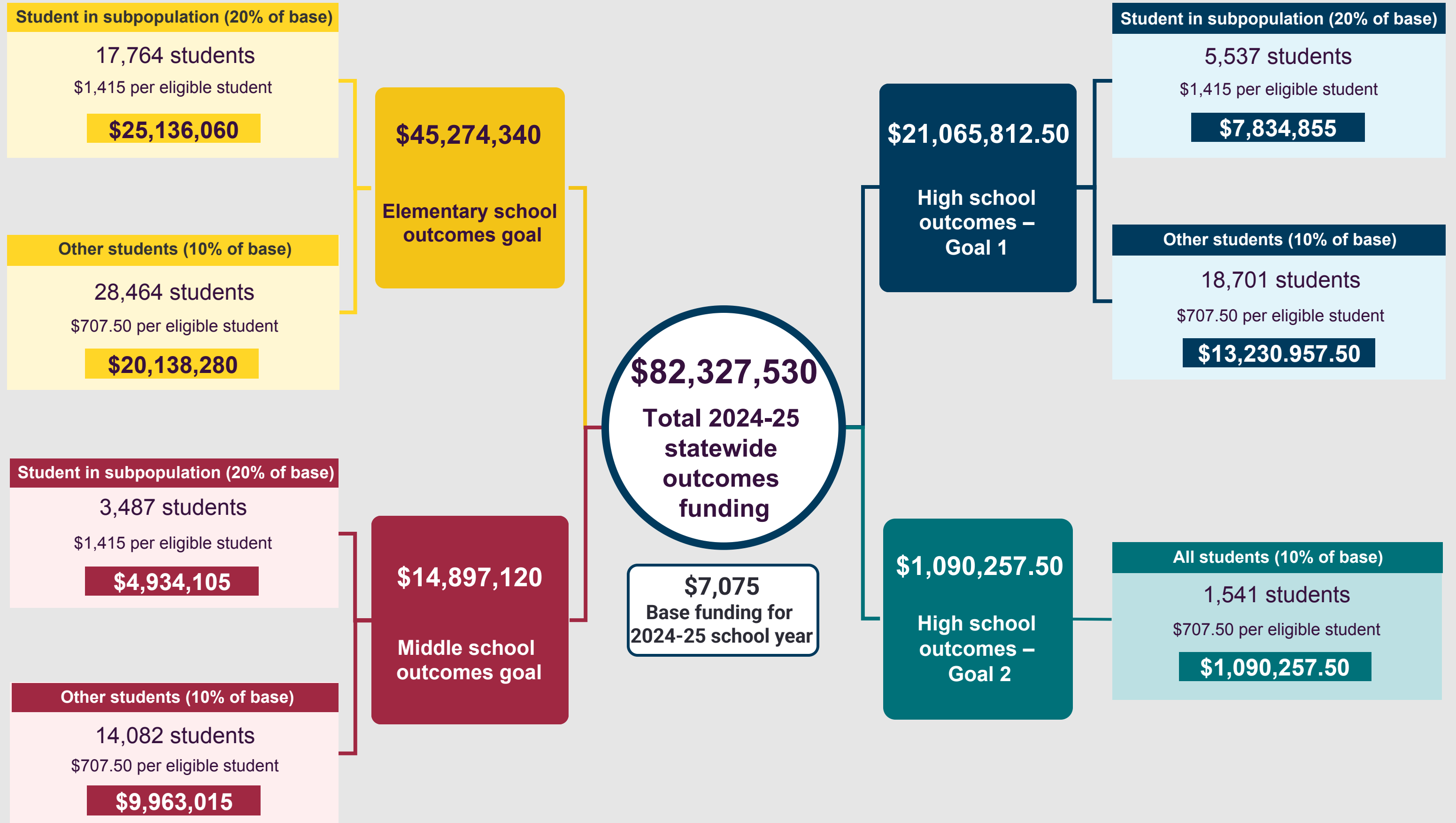
- Students may generate up to one outcome bonus in elementary school, one in middle school, and one in high school.
- ***Significant growth** refers to a student who has moved from one performance band to a higher performance band over consecutive years.
- [^]EPSO = Early postsecondary opportunity (e.g., AP, dual enrollment, etc.); ASVAB = Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery; AFQT = Armed Forces Qualifying Test

2025-26 TISA – Statewide Outcomes Funding



Note: The Tennessee Department of Education disbursed outcomes funding to districts in December 2025.

2024-25 TISA – Statewide Outcomes Funding



Notes: (1) Outcomes funding was dispersed to districts in December 2024 and January 2025. (2) Statewide totals are shown in the graphic. For 2024-25 outcomes totals by district, see OREA's TISA dashboard at tncot.cc/orea. Source: Tennessee Department of Education.