

TISA provides additional funding, known as weighted funding, for students in 14 categories, including economically disadvantaged students and those enrolled in small school districts. Ten of the 14 weighted funding categories account for students with unique learning needs (ULN), which are students with disabilities, English learners, and students with characteristics of dyslexia.

The 14 weighted funding categories are listed and described below, along with their funding weight.

TISA weights	Funding weight	Description
Economically disadvantaged	25%	Student meeting certain direct certification eligibility guidelines or special classification status
Concentrated poverty	5%	Student in a school that is eligible for Title I schoolwide designation
Small district	5%	Student in a school district of 1,000 or fewer students
Sparse district	5%	Student in a county school district in a county with fewer than 25 students per square mile
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 7 Special Education Option Code 8
ULN 10	150%	Special Education Option Code 9 Special Education Option Code 10

2025-26 TISA – Statewide weighted funding

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Each weight percentage is multiplied by TISA's base funding amount. The base funding amount for the 2025-26 school year was \$7,295.

2025-26 weighted funding amounts

Economically disadvantaged	25%	\$1,823.75 per ADM	\$541,617,693.74
Concentrated poverty	5%	\$364.75 per ADM	\$263,023,604.46
Small district	5%	\$364.75 per ADM	\$5,079,949.62
Sparse district	5%	\$364.75 per ADM	\$121,193,002.95
ULN 1	15%	\$1,094.25 per ADM	\$71,988,136.53
ULN 2	20%	\$1,459.00 per ADM	\$139,382,570.35
ULN 3	40%	\$2,918.00 per ADM	\$104,000,571.66
ULN 4	60%	\$4,377.00 per ADM	\$111,846,629.56
ULN 5	70%	\$5,106.50 per ADM	\$234,690,946.19
ULN 6	75%	\$5,471.25 per ADM	\$107,887,497.01
ULN 7	80%	\$5,836.00 per ADM	\$77,670,948.17
ULN 8	100%	\$7,295.00 per ADM	\$5,441,250.29
ULN 9	125%	\$9,118.75 per ADM	\$155,246,026.44
ULN 10	150%	\$10,942.50 per ADM	\$7,237,846.65

The TISA formula uses average daily membership (ADM) to calculate student counts for most funding elements, which accounts for each student's enrollment and daily class schedule across nine reporting periods.

Source: Tennessee Department of Education.

\$1,946,306,673.62
Total TISA weighted funding for 2025-26

2024-25 TISA – Statewide weighted funding

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Each weight percentage is multiplied by TISA's base funding amount. The base funding amount for the 2024-25 school year was \$7,075.

2024-25 weighted funding amounts

Economically disadvantaged	25%	\$1,768.75 per ADM	\$529,064,896.05
Concentrated poverty	5%	\$353.75 per ADM	\$228,951,634.85
Small district	5%	\$353.75 per ADM	\$4,995,630.25
Sparse district	5%	\$353.75 per ADM	\$118,626,124.01
ULN 1	15%	\$1,061.25 per ADM	\$65,929,619.88
ULN 2	20%	\$1,415.00 per ADM	\$142,688,266.54
ULN 3	40%	\$2,830.00 per ADM	\$94,862,394.45
ULN 4	60%	\$4,245.00 per ADM	\$107,513,078.87
ULN 5	70%	\$4,952.50 per ADM	\$192,583,259.23
ULN 6	75%	\$5,306.25 per ADM	\$97,808,484.29
ULN 7	80%	\$5,660.00 per ADM	\$78,217,682.32
ULN 8	100%	\$7,075.00 per ADM	\$5,238,798.72
ULN 9	125%	\$8,843.75 per ADM	\$151,343,784.83
ULN 10	150%	\$10,612.50 per ADM	\$6,443,070.23

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Source: Tennessee Department of Education.

\$1,824,266,724.53
Total TISA weighted funding for 2024-25