

## **Florida Facts on Budget**

During the 2003-04 school year, Florida school districts' average base student allocation was **\$3630.03** per student to educate **2.598 million students** statewide.

In 2009-10, the average was **\$3630.62** to educate **2.634 million students** statewide. This correlates to an increase of 59 cents per student in six years with an inflation rate of 17.7 % causing expenses to increase. This .016% increase in the BSA was substantially less than what was needed to cover even basic cost increases over this period of time, let alone increases in salary for teachers and other personnel who support classrooms.

The State of Florida currently provides total funding on average of **\$6863** per K-12 Public School Student and **\$20,108** per Prisoner annually.

In the 2003-04 school year formula funding received by k-12 public education consisted of **59% state** revenue and **41%** from **local** millage collections.

In 2009-10, **state** revenue was **45%** of the formula funding (including Class Size) received by k-12 public education, **50%** came from **local** millage collections, and **5%** came from **Federal Stabilization funding**.

Since 2003, School Districts have been mandated to provide the following additional programs and services:

1. Reduce class sizes by 2 students per classroom per year
2. Mandatory 30 minutes of PE per day in elementary and middle school
3. Career Academies
4. K to 8 Virtual Academies
5. Breakfast
6. School Choice, Transportation and Tutoring to students in Title I schools not making AYP.
7. Reading, Math and Science Coaches to Non-Title I schools not making AYP.

Since 2003, school districts have experienced cost increases in the following areas:

1. Property insurance
2. Health Insurance
3. Raw materials used to build schools
4. Fuel costs
5. Cost of purchasing buses
6. Number of Teachers and Teacher Salaries
7. Energy costs (heating and cooling schools)
8. Other utilities
9. Retirement rate increases
10. School security
11. School supplies
12. Unemployment Compensation
13. Fingerprinting