



# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** March 24, 2014

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**TO:** Parish/City/Local School Superintendents  
Superintendent of Recovery School District  
Board Presidents of Type 2 and Type 5 Charter Schools  
Deans, Colleges of Education of LA State University and Southern University  
Deputy Secretary, Office of Juvenile Justice  
Executive Director, LA School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA)  
Chief Executive Officer, N.O. Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA)

**FROM:** John White  
State Superintendent of Education

**SUBJECT:** **March 2014**  
**FY 2013-14 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Allocation**

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Per House Concurrent Resolution 130 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature, two mid-year adjustments are provided during the fiscal year to local education agencies (LEAs) based on student membership count dates of October and February.

**Mid-Year Adjustments for Students:**

LEAs will receive an adjustment for the base per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost from the October 1, 2013 Mid-Year Adjustment, and one-half of the base per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost from the February 1, 2014 Mid-Year Adjustment. The adjustment in funding to accommodate these increases and decreases is included in the March 2014 payments.

**Final Local Per Pupil Amounts for Charter Schools:**

Per Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3995 (R.S. 17:3995), the attached spreadsheet contains the final FY2013-14 amount per pupil for charter schools.

The State share per pupil is based on the per pupil amount included in the FY2013-14 Budget Letter (Circular #1153) issued on June 25, 2013. Per charter law, the local portion has been recalculated to reflect the local revenues received during the prior year and reported in each district's FY2012-13 Annual Financial Report (AFR), and the October 1, 2013, student count reported in the Student Information System (SIS).

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**MFP Budget Letter Tables (March 2014):**

The following tables from the FY2013-14 MFP Budget Letter have been revised and are attached for your reference.

- Table 2 (MFP State Distribution and Adjustments to the 69 city/parish LEAs)
  - Provides the Total MFP distribution, minus audit adjustments and State Share Adjustments for other LEAs, and the monthly MFP payments for the 69 Louisiana city/parish school systems.
- Table 2A-1 (MFP Transfer Amount)(Annual Basis)
  - Provides the annual MFP allocation amount (from Table 2) for the 69 Louisiana city/parish school systems, minus the local share allocation to the Recovery School District, Type 2 Charter Schools and the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ). A copy of the payment schedule for RSD Orleans (state and local) is attached for your reference
- Table 2A-2 (MFP Transfer Amount)(Monthly Basis)
  - Provides the monthly MFP allocation amount (from Table 2) for the 69 Louisiana city/parish school systems, minus the local share allocation to the Recovery School District, Type 2 Charter Schools, and the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ). A copy the payment schedule for RSD Orleans (state and local) is attached for your reference.
- Summary of Mid-Year Adjustments for Students
- October 1 Mid-Year Adjustment (details)
- February 1 Mid-Year Adjustment (details)
- Table 5A1 (LSU and Southern Lab School)
- Table 5A2 – LA School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA)
- Table 5A3 – New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA)
- Table 5B1 (RSD Orleans State Share Allocation)
  - The RSD Orleans Allocation for March has been updated to include the final differentiated funding calculation for Special Education Students
  - The Superintendent of the Recovery School District will send a separate letter regarding the March allocation for RSD Orleans
- Table 5B2 (RSD LA State and Local Share Allocation)
- Table 5C1A through Table 5C3 (Type 2 Charter Schools)
- Table 5E – Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ)

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