

Simulation Model for California School District Funding Formulas

What It Is:

The school finance simulation model is a Microsoft Excel workbook that allows users to define new funding formulas for California public schools. The model applies the funding formulas and shows funding levels for each school district before and after the formulas have been applied. The workbook also contains other summary output tables about the distribution of revenue, and it provides the revenue that each school district received in the 80 plus revenue programs for 2004-2005.

The most recent version available is V2.3.

Important Information:

In constructing the simulation model, we assumed users would be reasonably familiar with Microsoft Excel. Though we encourage every interested person to give our model a try, we cannot provide individual technical assistance with Excel.

We provide an instruction manual (in pdf format) for the simulation model.

You must enable macros to run on your computer. The instruction manual explains how to do this.

If you have comments or suggestions about changes to the model, email them to schoolfinance@ppic.org.

Please do not provide the model to others. We ask that all model users request the model through PPIC so that we may track requests. We may update the model as we gather new data. We will notify users when we do this.

In citing our model, we suggest "PPIC school finance simulation model, version 2.3."

To Request the Model:

Send your name and contact information to Maggie Weston at schoolfinance@ppic.org. She will email you the Excel file and instruction manual. The Excel file is 4 MB in size. If that is too large for your email system, please notify Maggie and she will make alternate arrangements to send you the file.