

**Missouri**

**School Funding**

**Foundation  
Formula**

# Missouri School Funding Milestones

## 1839

First significant legislation pertaining to public education in that the General Assembly was given the authority to regulate the distribution of funds.

# 1842

First distribution for the support of the operation of schools was made in the amount of **\$1,999.60**

# 1853

An act was passed that required one-fourth of all general revenue to be set aside for the state school moneys fund

# 1875 Constitution

Directed the General Assembly to establish and maintain public schools for gratuitous instruction for all persons in the state between the ages of **six and twenty years.**

# 1887

An act was passed that required **one-third** of the ordinary revenue to be set aside for the state school moneys fund

# 1931

Established an equalization quota as a basis for distribution of state aid

# 1945 Constitution

Required **one-fourth** of all general revenue to be set aside for the state school moneys fund

# 1955

An Act established foundation program as a basis for fund apportionment

# 1963

An Amendment added a second level to the equalization quota for least wealthy districts

# 1969

A Law provided for a new Foundation Program

# 1977

A new Foundation Formula was adopted as the result of the Governor's Conference called by Governor Bond in 1976 and the **threat of a lawsuit**

# 1993

The 1977 Foundation Formula was ruled unconstitutional through a lawsuit filed by Missouri School Districts

*Cole County Circuit Judge Byron Kinder sparked a flurry of activity in revising the school foundation formula with a ruling that called the range of funding for the state's schools from "'the golden' to the 'god-awful.'"*

# 2005

New Foundation Formula was adopted and went into effect July 1, 2006.

## **Implementation of the Current Foundation Formula**

Since the Foundation Formula that went into effect in 2006 was to be implemented over a seven-year period it and the 1993 Formula play into the calculation of funding amounts received by local school districts. The new formula was to be phased in incrementally as follows:

	<b><u>1993 Formula</u></b>	<b><u>2006 Formula</u></b>
2006-07	85%	15%
2007-08	70%	30%
2008-09	55%	45%
2009-10	42%	58%
2010-11	28%	72%
2011-12	14%	86%
2012-13	0%	100%