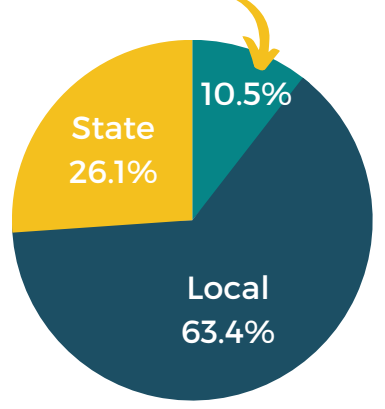


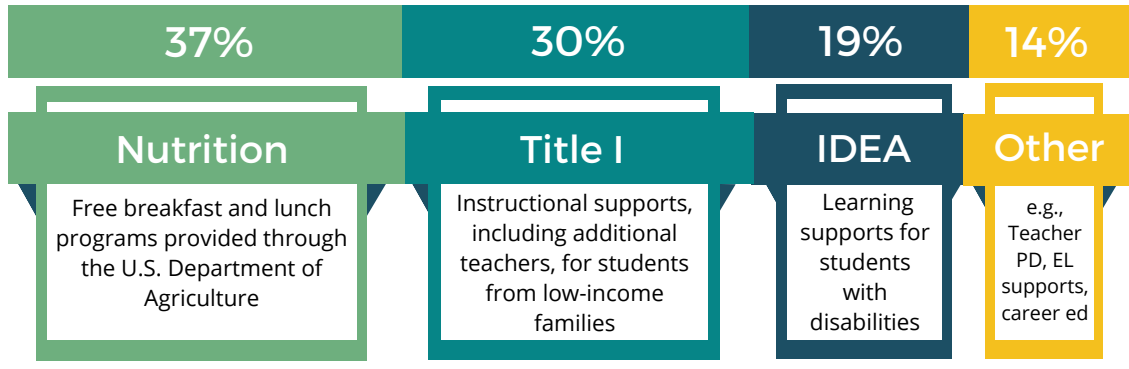
What You Need To Know About Federal Funding for Education

The Tennessee General Assembly recently appointed a legislative panel to look into the impact of rejecting federal funds for public education. In the coming weeks, NPEF will be tracking those discussions to keep you informed on this important topic. Read on to learn about the use of federal funds in MNPS, the use of one-time federal COVID relief funds, and what is required of states that accept federal dollars for education.

Percent of MNPS budget that comes from federal funds



Programs Funded through Federal Dollars in MNPS



All About ESSER

MNPS received three installments of federal COVID relief funds, also known as ESSER, since 2020. These one-time, non-recurring dollars, set to expire in summer 2024, have funded:



What is required of states that accept federal funds for education?

Students with Disabilities <i>Provide instruction and adequate education for students with disabilities</i>	Civil Rights <i>Protect students' civil rights based on race, sex, and disability</i>	State Testing <i>Annually assess students in reading and math in grades 3-8 and once in high school + test science once each in elementary, middle, and high school</i>	National Testing <i>Participate in national NAEP testing every two years</i>	Reporting <i>Report annually on the use of funds and abide by auditing requirements</i>
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Can states reject federal funds for education?
 Yes, though no state has done so to date; at least one other state, Oklahoma, is also considering rejecting federal funds this year

SOURCES: The Sycamore Institute, <https://www.sycamoreinstitute.org/tn-federal-education-funding/>; TN Department of Education, https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/documents/asr/2019%20Annual%20Statistical%20Report_1.pdf, Chalkbeat, <https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2023/2/16/23601641/tennessee-cameron-sexton-bill-lee-federal-education-funding-rejection-impact>.

*While MNPS has received substantially more in federal dollars in the last 3 years because of the pandemic, pre-COVID Relief Fund dollars are a more accurate representation of federal funding in MNPS.