

State and Partnership Schools: the facts

Funding

All state and state integrated schools receive roll-based operations funding; staffing entitlements to employ teachers; additional funding to support specific students or programmes; and property funding either in cash or in kind. Partnership schools receive funding for the same things.

State funded network
(Budget 2014/15)
\$5.57 billion

Partnership schools
\$14.152 million

Students



483,843 primary



283,415 secondary



357 partnership

Schools



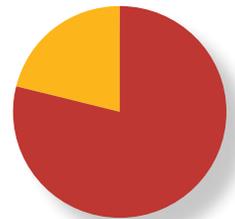
2,093 primary

345 secondary

5* partnership

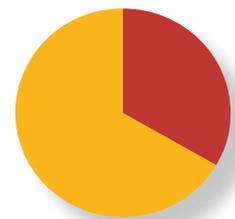
Māori & Pasifika students

Partnership schools



79% Māori & Pasifika
21% other

Non-partnership schools



34% Māori & Pasifika
66% other

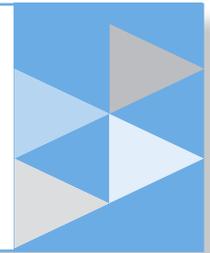
Too many of our Māori and Pasifika students are disadvantaged by the current education system. On average, partnership schools have more than twice as many Māori and Pasifika students enrolled as their state school counterparts.

* Four more partnership schools will open in 2015

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The tables compare average per student funding between two actual state and two partnership schools. Some costs have been taken off the amounts paid to the partnership schools. This is because, in the case of state schools, the Ministry of Education pays these costs on their behalf.

Partnership schools however, must fund these costs themselves, from their Ministry payment. Removing these costs enables a real comparison to be made between both types of schools.



Primary: Decile 3 with similar rolls		
Component of payment	State school	Partnership school
Payment per annum	\$362,352 (2013)	\$484,440
Property and insurance costs	Paid by the Ministry	-\$91,236
Centrally-funded support costs	Paid by the Ministry	-\$13,800
Total	\$362,352	\$379,404
Number of students	44 (July 2013)	50
Average funding per student	\$8,235	\$7,588

Secondary: Decile 3 with similar rolls		
Component of payment	State school	Partnership school
Payment per annum	\$2,945,432 (2013)	\$3,356,280
Property and insurance costs	Paid by the Ministry	-\$737,936
Centrally-funded support costs	Paid by the Ministry	-\$82,800
Total	\$2,945,432	\$2,535,544
Number of students	307 (March 2013)	300 (at full roll)
Average funding per student	\$9,594	\$8,452

How school funding works:

- Partnership schools receive much the same funding as comparable state schools.
- Funding for all schools, even those of a similar size and decile, varies. Some schools, for example, receive direct funding for transport, or are eligible for additional funding for Māori language or for students with special needs. So any comparisons will always show a slightly different per pupil rate of funding.
- All new schools, regardless of type, are funded for certain fixed costs regardless of student numbers. For example, a new school built for a roll of 300 students will have all the non-teaching space (administration, school hall, etc) for its final roll, even if it opens with only 50 students. All new schools are also funded for a minimum roll even if the school, on opening, is below that roll number.
- The fixed costs associated with any new school, such as for fit-out costs, insurance and staffing, mean that average funding per student is often higher in new schools, regardless of type, than in established schools.
- As any new school reaches capacity, its fixed costs can be split between more students. As this occurs, average funding per student falls for these costs. Per-student funding rates gradually move closer for all schools, of a similar size and decile, regardless of type.

