School districts receive funding from different sources: state funds under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), other state funds, local funds, and federal funds. LCFF funds include a base level of funding for all LEAs and extra funding - called "supplemental and concentration" grants - to LEAs based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learners, and low-income students).

Budget Overview for the 2020-2021 School Year

This chart shows the total general purpose revenue Fresno Unified School District expects to receive in the coming year from all sources.

The total revenue projected for Fresno Unified School District is $1,107,389,933.00, of which $778,833,413.00 is Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funds, $125,622,211.00 is other state funds, $15,155,160.00 is local funds, and $187,779,149.00 is federal funds. Of the $187,779,149.00 in federal funds, $76,368,276.00 are federal CARES Act funds. Of the $778,833,413.00 in LCFF Funds, $197,706,338.00 is generated based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learner, and low-income students).
LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

For the 2020-21 school year school districts must work with parents, educators, students, and the community to develop a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Learning Continuity Plan). The Learning Continuity Plan replaces the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2020–21 school year and provides school districts with the opportunity to describe how they are planning to provide a high-quality education, social-emotional supports, and nutrition to their students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This chart provides a quick summary of how much Fresno Unified School District plans to spend for planned actions and services in the Learning Continuity Plan for 2020-2021 and how much of the total is tied to increasing or improving services for high needs students.

Fresno Unified School District plans to spend $1,038,254,386.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. Of that amount, $198,354,862.00 is tied to actions/services in the Learning Continuity Plan and $839,899,524.00 is not included in the Learning Continuity Plan. The budgeted expenditures that are not included in the Learning Continuity Plan will be used for the following:

Expenses included in the Learning Continuity Plan (LCP) were based on prompts in the template around specific pandemic-related anticipated costs. Not included in the LCP, but included in the District’s general fund, are baseline instructional and operating expenses. Also not included in the LCP (but listed for informational purposes) are services principally directed to foster youth, English language learners, and low-income students outlined in the District’s prior year Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in the Learning Continuity Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year
In 2020-2021, Fresno Unified School District is projecting it will receive $197,706,338.00 based on the enrollment of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. Fresno Unified School District must describe how it intends to increase or improve services for high needs students in the Learning Continuity Plan. Fresno Unified School District plans to spend $175,718,933.00 towards meeting this requirement, as described in the Learning Continuity Plan. The additional improved services described in the plan include the following:

Most supplemental and concentration funded actions existed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and have been altered to accommodate the current environment. While some overlap, these actions are different than expenses outlined in the district’s LCP, which focus on investments resulting from distance learning conditions. For transparency, a listing of LCAP investments for high needs students is included in the LCP which is available at: https://stafed.fresnounified.org/lcap/
This chart compares what Fresno Unified School District budgeted in the 2019-20 LCAP for actions and services that contributed to increasing or improving services for high needs students with what Fresno Unified School District actually spent on actions and services that contributed to increasing or improving services for high needs students in the 2019-20 school year.

In 2019-2020, Fresno Unified School District's LCAP budgeted $199,645,771.00 for planned actions to increase or improve services for high needs students. Fresno Unified School District actually spent $184,683,585.00 for actions to increase or improve services for high needs students in 2019-2020. The difference between the budgeted and actual expenditures of $14,962,186.00 had the following impact on Fresno Unified School District's ability to increase or improve services for high needs students:

In March, all Fresno Unified Schools closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most actions outlined in the Local Control and Accountability Plan were executed prior to the March closure and implemented as planned. In some cases, such as summer learning, plans were adjusted in response to distance learning requirements. Some expenditures below budget were due to salary and benefit savings from vacant positions or one-time projects that carried over to the next fiscal year.