



San Diego Unified School District

Fact Sheet

California State Lottery Funding

During the 2007-08 school year, the San Diego Unified School District budgeted \$15.8 million, or \$143 per pupil, from the California state lottery. This represents approximately 1.25% of the district's overall budget.

The lottery's mandate, as defined in the California State Lottery Act, is to provide supplemental funding to California public education on all levels from kindergarten through higher education plus several specialized schools. For every dollar taken in by the lottery, a minimum of 34.0 cents goes to public education. The remainder goes toward prizes and administration of the lottery system.

All segments of the public schools receive the same per pupil funding level from the lottery based on average daily attendance of students in each school district.

According to the Lottery Act, lottery contributions can be used only for instructional purposes and it bans use for the acquisition of property, the construction of facilities or the funding of research.

Local education administrators and school boards decide how the balance is spent. The lottery is not involved in this decision-making process.

In the San Diego Unified School District, lottery funds are placed into the "General Fund," which funds general use items, such as books, supplies, and instructional materials. By law, a minimum of 14% of 2007-08 projected lottery revenues is required to be spent on instructional materials.

SUMMARY

- ❖ **San Diego Unified School District will receive \$15.8 million from the state lottery during the 2007-08 school year.**
- ❖ **The district's overall budget is \$1.26 billion.**
- ❖ **Lottery funds are placed into the district's "General Fund" and are used to purchase books and supplies.**