

QUICK GUIDE: Aid Entitlement Reports

Finding Your ECFE and School Readiness Funding Amounts

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Program Finance area created the Minnesota Funding Reports (MFR) to provide state, district, school and program level funding information. This quick guide shows how to access your Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and School Readiness reports.

Step 1: Go to the [Minnesota Funding Reports page](#) of the [Minnesota Department of Education website](#).

Step 2: On the Minnesota Funding Reports page, use the first drop-down box to select your school district.

The screenshot shows the MDE website header with the logo and navigation menu. The breadcrumb trail is "MDE > Data Center > Data Reports and Analytics". The page title is "Minnesota Funding Reports (MFR)". Below the title, there is a search bar and a description of the MFR. The main section is titled "Use the Drop Downs to identify the report of interest". It contains several drop-down menus: "District" (with a red arrow pointing to it), "View reports added in the last:", "Category", "Year", and "Report". To the right, there are radio buttons for "Sort District list by:" (Name, Number, Co-Ops) and "List District Types:" (All, Standard, Co-Ops). Below the drop-downs are "List Reports" and "Reset" buttons.

Step 3: Use the drop-down box to select the **Report** you want (see below for report names).

This screenshot shows the same MFR page as the previous one, but with the "Report" drop-down menu open. A red arrow points to the "Early Childhood Family Education Aid Calculation" report, which is highlighted in the list. The list includes various reports such as "District/School ADM and EL Projections", "ECFE Home Visiting Aid Calculation", "EDRS Special Education Federal Licensure Validation to SERVS Budget", "ESEA Programs Payment Notification", "Early Childhood Family Aid Entitlement", "Early Childhood Family Education Aid Calculation", "Early Childhood Screening Counts and Aid Entitlement", "End of Year Attendance and Membership (Superintendent's)", "Expenditure Chargeback Report", and "Expenditure Summary Report".

0727-01 BIG LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

AID ENTITLEMENT CALCULATION		*
1.1 25-26 STATE TOTAL SCHOOL READINESS AID	33,683,000.00	*
1.2 25-26 STATE TOTAL AID ALLOCATED BY AGE 4 POPULATION (1.1) * .50	16,841,500.00	*
1.3 25-26 STATE TOTAL AID ALLOCATED BY COUNT OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH (1.1) * .50	16,841,500.00	*
1.4 24-25 DISTRICT'S AGE 4 POPULATION (FROM 0-4 CENSUS)	296	*
1.5 24-25 DISTRICT'S COUNT OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH	1,067	*
1.6 24-25 STATE TOTAL AGE 4 POPULATION, PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS (FROM 0-4 CENSUS)	73,108	*
1.7 24-25 STATE TOTAL COUNT OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH, PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS	304,960	*
1.8 BIENNIAL SCHOOL READINESS PLAN APPROVED?	YES	*
1.9 25-26 SCHOOL READINESS AID BASED ON AGE 4 POPULATION IF (1.8) = YES, (1.2) * [(1.4) / (1.6)]	68,187.94	*
1.10 25-26 SCHOOL READINESS AID BASED ON STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH IF (1.8) = YES, (1.3) * [(1.5) / (1.7)]	58,925.37	*
1.11 25-26 SCHOOL READINESS AID ENTITLEMENT (1.9) + (1.10)	127,113.31	*

This is the School Readiness Aid Calculation for the Big Lake school district.

Line 1.4 shows your age 4 population from the 0-4 census count.

Line 1.11 shows the funding amount for the 2025-26 school year, which equals \$127,113.31.

Further Questions

If you have direct questions concerning your funding reports, contact Jan Carlson in the School Finance division at jan.carlson@state.mn.us. If you have questions about ECFE or School Readiness program budgeting, contact Mike Brown at mike.p.brown@state.mn.us.