

Table 4: Poverty Adjustment Options

FUNDING OPTIONS	Cost to State for Grades K-8		Additional Cost of Including Grades 9-12		
	Eligibility Based on % Free Lunch	Eligibility Based on % Free/Red Lunch	Eligibility Based on Gr. 9-12 % Free Lunch	Eligibility Based on Gr. 9-12 % Free/Red Lunch	Eligibility Based on District Gr. 1-12 % Free/Red Lunch ^f
<p>Current System: Eligibility for the poverty adjustment is based on the % of students in the town in grades 1-12 who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. If the % eligible is:</p> <p>Under 12%: no adjustment From 12-24%: \$1,652 per eligible pupil Over 24%: \$3,304 per eligible pupil</p>	--	\$57,672,311	--	--	\$23,485,493
<p>Option A: The adjustment is calculated using the same poverty thresholds and funding tiers as above, but the adjustment is calculated school by school, using the % eligible for free or reduced-price lunch at that school, and then the school figures are aggregated to determine a total district allocation. Note that % eligibility is now based on elementary rates only rather than on Gr. 1-12 rates. If the poverty concentration of students in a given school is:</p> <p>Under 12%: no adjustment From 12-24%: \$1,652 (half base aid) Over 24%: \$3,304 (base aid)</p>	\$38,223,245	\$66,054,488	\$2,413,815	\$6,357,244	\$25,637,702
<p>Option B: The adjustment is again calculated at the school level and aggregated to find a district total. If the % eligible for free or reduced-price lunch at a school is 25% or above, a flat grant per eligible student is provided. Grant amounts:</p> <p>Option B1: \$496 (15% of \$3304 base aid) Option B2: \$661 (20% of \$3304 base aid) Option B3: \$826 (25% of \$3304 base aid) Option B4: \$868 (15% of \$5,784 average K-8 PPE)^b Option B5: \$1,157 (20% of \$5,784 average K-8 PPE) Option B6: \$1,446 (25% of \$5,784 average K-8 PPE)</p>	\$3,812,165 \$5,082,886 \$6,353,608 \$6,673,596 \$8,898,128 \$11,122,660	\$7,917,073 \$10,556,097 \$13,195,121 \$13,859,670 \$18,479,560 \$23,099,450	\$10,407 \$13,876 \$17,346 \$18,219 \$24,292 \$30,365	\$197,258 \$263,010 \$328,763 \$345,320 \$460,427 \$575,534	\$3,022,065 \$4,029,420 \$5,036,776 \$5,290,444 \$7,053,925 \$8,817,406

^a Ideally this would be based on Gr. 1-8 eligibility rates applied to high school enrollments.

^b \$5,784 is a weighted average of elementary and middle/jr current per pupil expenditures (not including transportation). NHDOE 1999-00 *Fingertip Facts*.

Table 4 Notes: Preschool children are not included in this analysis. All kindergarten students are counted as 1/2. In Nashua, 9th grade is elementary-level.

Data sources: All data are from NHDOE data files. Enrollment data are from "SchoolEnroll1990.xls." Free/Red eligibility rates are from "Final FY02&03.xls" or "Free and Reduce Lunch 1999-00.xls"