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A Short Primer on Per Student Spending in California

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One of the most contentious issues in education is the debate over per-pupil spending. In California, many education officials have publicly lamented the state's supposedly low level of per-pupil spending. Yet, as in the debate over the state's dropout rate, where the numbers used by the California Department of Education (CDE) were misleadingly underestimated, the per-pupil-spending figures used by CDE and other officials are also low and misleading.