

Funding Formula Plan
For the Erie County Technical School
Presented by
Erie County Superintendents

Presently, the funding formula for the Erie County Vocational Technical School is based on a 50%-50% formula; participation and ADM of each member school. This formula favors schools that send more than their quota of students and penalizes those schools that send fewer of their quota of students. (Presently...and historically....Fairview, Millcreek, General McLane, Fort LeBoeuf, and Iroquois school districts are “hurt” by this formula while Harbor Creek, Wattsburg, Union City, and North Western School Districts are favored by this formula. As well, presently, Girard and Northeast School Districts are neither harmed nor favored by this formula).

Having been faced with a Millcreek “pull out” the superintendents decided to look at this funding formula and have developed a compromise proposal to amend the funding formula for future years to maintain the consortium and continued flow of services to our collective students.

We propose a five-year phase-in of this plan to facilitate budgeting and scheduling changes that will affect member schools. The plan is as follows:

Year 1 2009-2010	Year 2 2010-2011	Year 3 2011-2012	Year 4 2012-2013	Year 5 2013-2014
50-50	60-40	70-30	80-20	100

We are also recommending that in year three we go to an “equal access of seats” rule for every member district. Since we are all paying the same price for each of our students to attend, we should all have the same quota of seats in each lab. Any school that doesn’t meet their quota in a given lab, or, if there are additional seats left over when the seats are evenly distributed, then those seats will go to students from member schools based on the previously agreed upon procedure—application review process.