

Launch Michigan

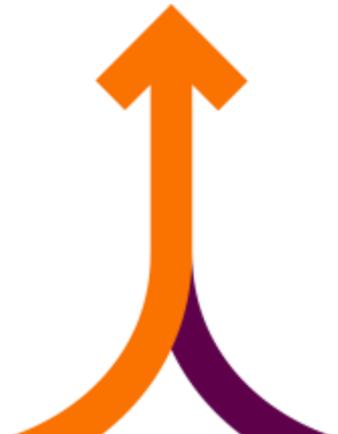


MEG Overview Fall 2025
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Who are we?

Launch Michigan

Launch Michigan is a cross-partisan, nonprofit organization that includes education, business, labor and philanthropic leaders working together to reimagine Michigan's system of public education to prepare every child for success after high school.





The State of Public Education in Michigan

PK-12



Academic Performance

- Pandemic Impact: Michigan students still lag behind pre-pandemic national averages in reading and math despite some recovery efforts.
- Recovery Trends: Growth improved in 2021–22 compared to 2020–21, but gaps remain. 15% of students showed no achievement growth in 2021–22 (vs. 11% pre-pandemic).
- Urgency: EPIC emphasizes doubling down on recovery strategies to accelerate learning.

Funding and Equity Challenges

- Michigan ranks in the middle of the pack in terms of spending on education BUT...
- Funding Decline: Inflation-adjusted per-pupil funding fell over 20% since early 2000s; recent rebound driven by temporary federal relief.
- Classroom Dollars: Smaller share of funds reaches classrooms; rising costs due to more students with disabilities, English learners, and at-risk populations ([EPIC 2025](#)).
- Equity Gaps:
 - Michigan ranks in bottom 10 states for funding weights for low-income students.
 - Nearly half of students of color and two-thirds of Black students attend schools in high-poverty districts. ([EdTrust Midwest 2024](#), [EdTrust Midwest 2025](#))

Educator Workforce and Opportunity

Read Launch
Michigan's May
2025 Report
"Strengthening the
Pipeline"

- Teacher Shortages: Workforce growing but unstable; high turnover and reliance on interim-certified teachers (8% of assignments in 2023–24).
- Opportunity Divide: Students in high-poverty districts less likely to have experienced, fully certified teachers.
- Call to Action: Targeted investments and Opportunity Index funding are needed to close gaps and improve teacher quality. Coming soon: Educator Workforce Report and Recommendations (Jan 2026)



The Michigan Education Guarantee

A Bold Promise to Students



MEG Overview

The Michigan Education Guarantee (MEG) promises every Michigan student will graduate with skills needed for life and work success.

MEG focuses on essential skills - from academics and career preparation to digital literacy and financial knowledge.

Students connect learning to real careers through hands-on projects, internships, and various programs, making education more meaningful and helping them discover their strengths.



Michigan Education Guarantee: Scaffolded Skills and Mastery

Academic Mastery

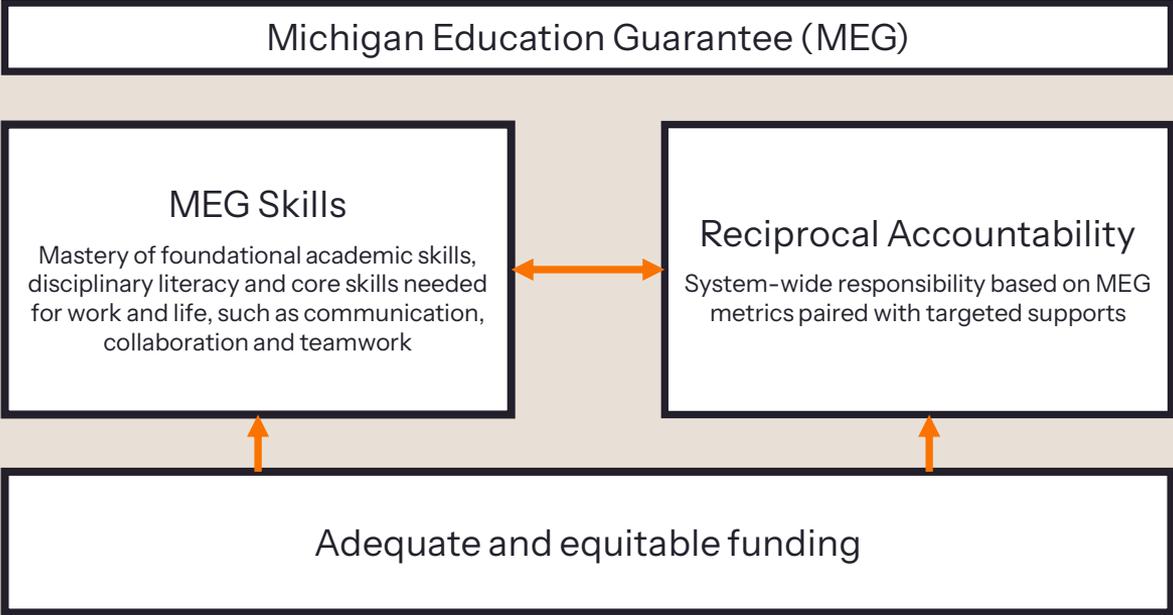
Core Skills

Digital and Data
Literacy, Technology,
and Computer Science

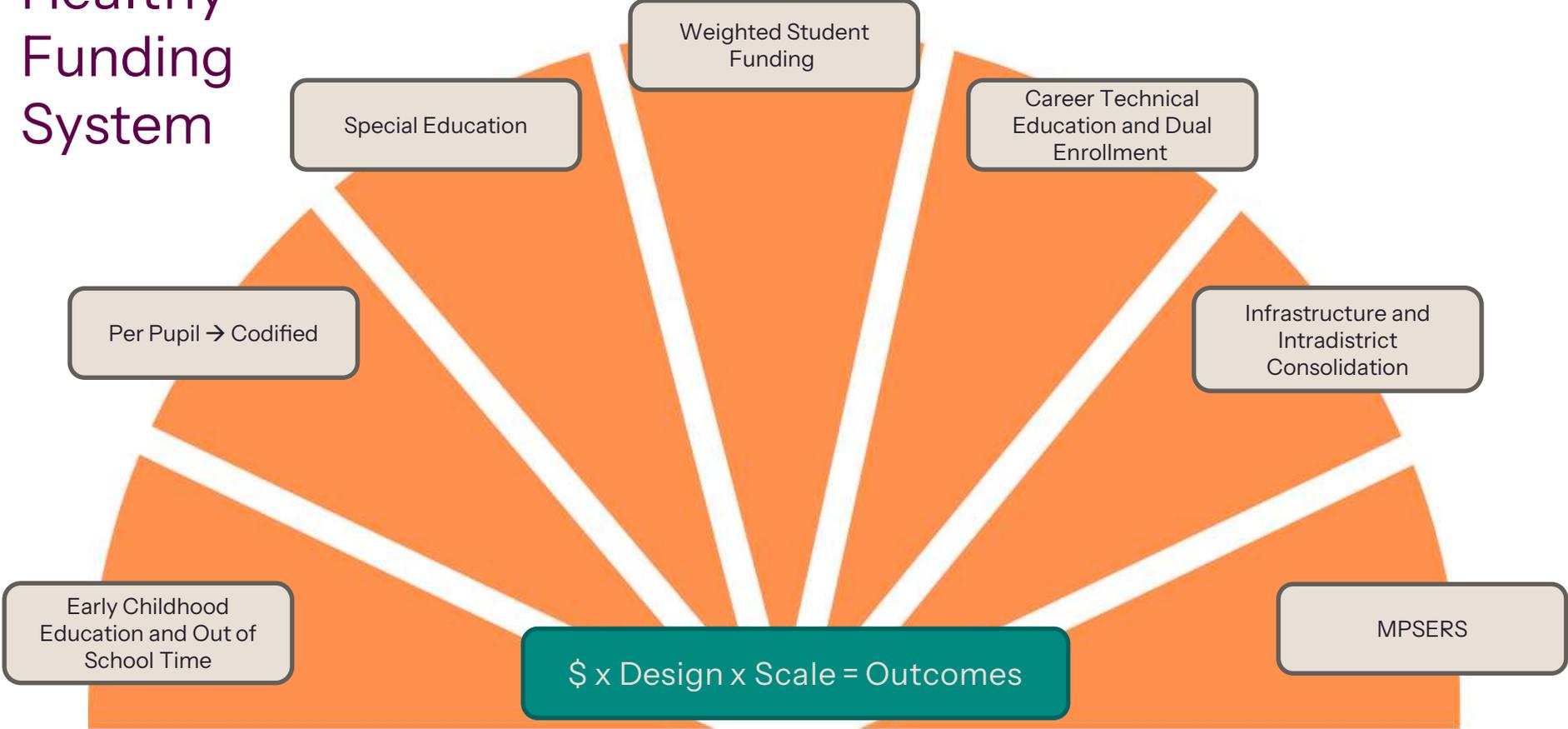
Financial Acumen and
Entrepreneurial Skills

Civic Engagement and
Leadership

MEG Visualized



Healthy Funding System





Questions?

Thank you!

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