

Subject School District Library Aid; Clarifying Reference

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Summary

A school district is eligible for school library aid. The per pupil aid equals \$16.11 per adjusted pupil unit. The statute also includes a minimum aid amount of \$40,000 for each school district and \$20,000 for each charter school.

Minnesota classifies school districts as independent, special, or common. There are two common school districts in Minnesota (Prinsburg and Franconia) that do not operate a public K12 school facility but instead open enroll or pay tuition for their students to attend nearby schools. There are two special school districts (Minneapolis and South Saint Paul) which have the same obligations, powers, and duties as independent school districts, and there are currently 325 independent school districts in Minnesota. In some statutory instances, a charter school or a cooperative school unit (like an intermediate school district) are referred to as school districts as well.

H.F. 1049 has no revenue effect and simply clarifies that the library aid minimum of \$40,000 is available only to an independent school district or special school district.