

Free meals in further education

Allocations methodology



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Numbers

- **830 institutions**
- **131,700 students**
- **16 million meals**
- **£2.41 per meal**



key principles in the methodology

- **Young People's administrative dataset**
- **matched to 2012/13 ILR data**
- **retention factor**
- **mode of attendance and rate**
- **lack of data**
 - local authority averages
- **set-up contribution**



Mode of attendance

Full-time	Part-time
Funding per meal	
£2.41	£2.41
Average weeks/year	
33	24.5
Average days/week	
4.5	3



Example

Item	Factor/rate	No.
FSM identified students within a college/provider		200
Retention factor	95%	
Fundable students		190
Bands 4/5 (representing full-time)	80%	152
Bands 1-3 (representing part-time)	20%	38
Bands 4/5 rate per year	£340	£51,680
Bands 1-3 rate per year	£170	£6,460
Start-up contribution		£1,000
Total		£59,140

N.B. Rates and factors are illustrative only



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