

Pad's Super-fun, Super-short Impact Aid Quiz

Kind of a Pre-assessment or Diagnostic
prepared for the School Funding Interim
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About how much in total Impact Aid dollars do MT school districts receive annually?

- A. \$2 million
- B. \$10 million
- C. \$50 million
- D. \$100 million

C—Districts receive about \$50 million per year. For perspective, this is roughly the amount of district general fund block grants.

About how many of MT's 400 school districts receive Impact Aid?

- A. 25
- B. 75
- C. 150
- D. 300

B—About 75—nearly 1 in 5—MT districts receive Impact Aid.

Which one of the following districts
does not receive Impact Aid?

- A. Great Falls EL
- B. Colstrip HS
- C. Plentywood K-12
- D. Gardiner EL

C—Plentywood K-12 does not receive Impact Aid. Are you curious about why the others do? Good. Nicole will be explaining this.

Which one of the following districts
receives Impact Aid?

A. Scobey K-12

B. Helena EL

C. Glasgow K-12

D. Anaconda EL

D—of these, only Anaconda EL receives Impact Aid. Curiosity piqued?

Which of the following does not relate to Impact Aid?

- A. Tribal land
- B. Federal low-income housing
- C. Active duty military parent
- D. Resides on military base

Trick question. All of these relate to Impact Aid.
Sorry!

True or False? Impact Aid is based in part on a student's race/ethnicity and family income level.

False. Impact Aid is based almost entirely on a student's relationship to federal property that is not taxable.

True or False? Districts with more territory in federal lands generally receive more Impact Aid.

False. Again, Impact Aid is about providing a school district with assistance when nontaxable federal property is connected with children the district is educating. Ask Nicole about Trego and Wisdom.

True or False? Impact Aid payments from the federal government are always paid in full and on time.

Seriously? False. Nicole will explain...

Congratulations—you're done!

Take it away Nicole...

(Be ready for the post-test!)