



Hi! I am Jane.

Hi! I am Skyler.

We are public school students in Mississippi.

Our education is paid for by **local, state, and federal** money.

$$\left[\frac{\text{LOCAL MONEY} + \text{STATE MONEY}}{\text{NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT}} \right] + \frac{\text{FEDERAL MONEY}}{\text{ELIGIBLE CHILDREN}} = \text{AMOUNT OF FUNDING PER PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IN MISSISSIPPI}$$

LOCAL DOLLARS TO FUND OUR EDUCATION

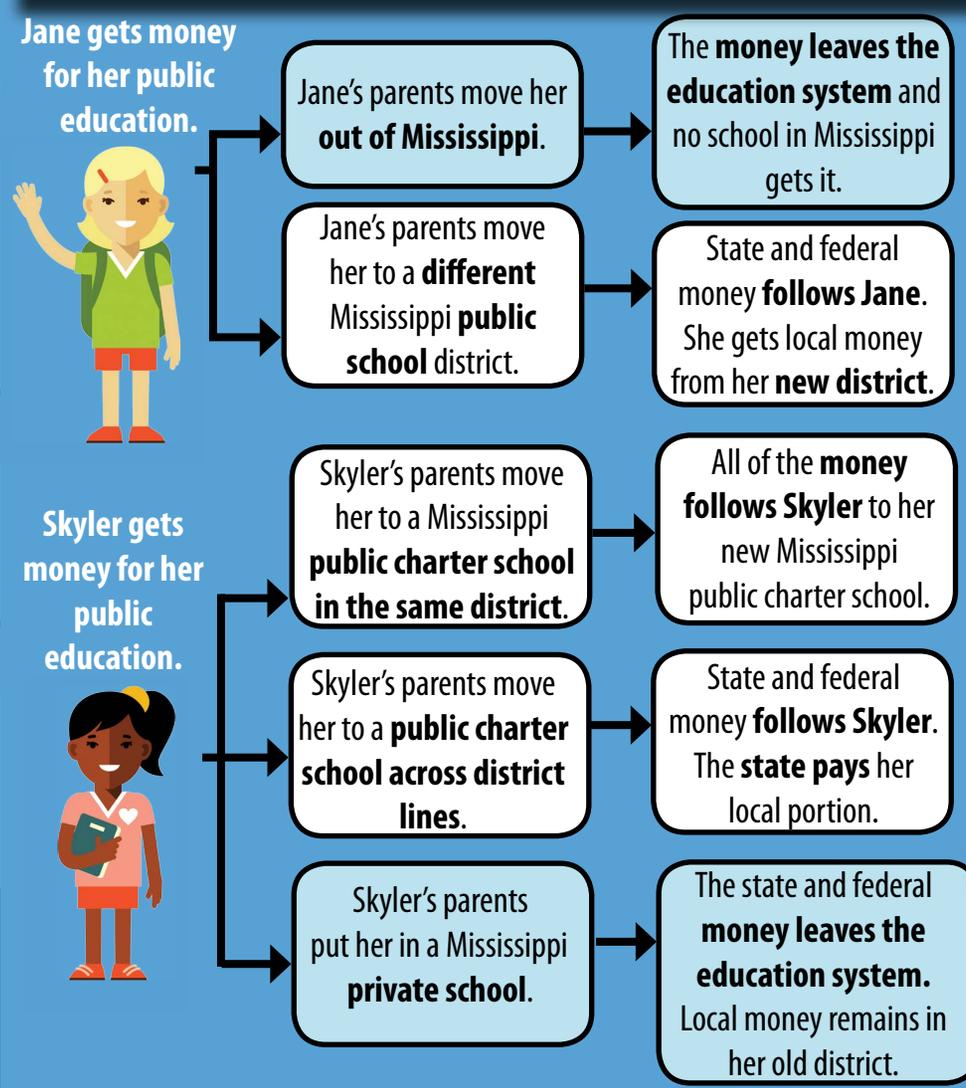
Our school district asks our local government for the amount of money not covered by state and federal dollars they need to fund our school budget. The local government raises money from **property taxes** and **other local taxes** to fund our education. **Every school district in Mississippi gets a different amount of money from their local governments.**

STATE DOLLARS TO FUND OUR EDUCATION

The Mississippi Department of Education gives each school district dollars based on a funding formula. **Every school district in Mississippi gets a different amount of money from the state based on the number and the needs of students.**

FEDERAL DOLLARS TO FUND OUR EDUCATION

The federal government gives money to each state to support the education of specific types of students. Each state gets a different amount based on the needs and the number of students. The Mississippi Department of Education **divides the money across public schools and districts based on the number and the needs of students.**



Our parents **make a choice** about where they want to send us to school. If they move us to a public school in Mississippi, the money raised by the **local, state, and federal governments follows.** Otherwise, the money may leave the education system.

