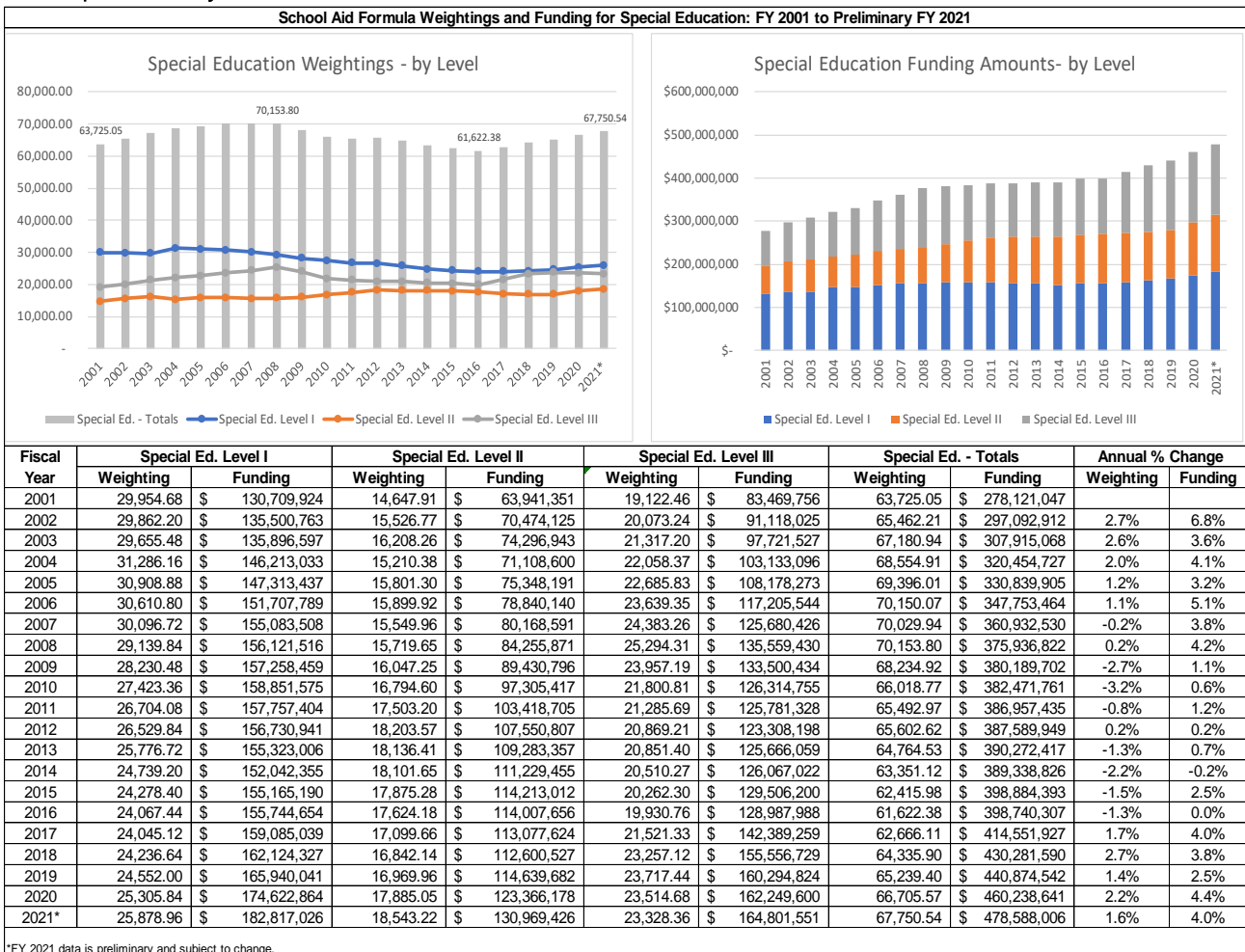




# Special Education Weightings and Funding

Iowa's school aid formula allows districts to generate additional funding through weighted enrollments. Students that receive special education services are assigned an additional weighting to generate funding for the added costs of providing instruction (see *Iowa Code 256B.9*). The additional weightings are based on the severity of the special education needs. The additional weighting amounts by level include: Level I = 0.72; Level II = 1.21; and Level III = 2.74. Funding from the special education weightings must be used for instruction of special education students. Note that the School Budget Review Committee reviews the special education weightings every other year and has the authority to adjust the weighting levels, however no adjustments have been made since 2002 (impacting funding in FY 2004).

The following charts and table provide special education weightings and funding by level from FY 2001 to preliminary FY 2021.



**Additional Resources Pertaining to Special Education Weightings and Funding:**

- [Special Education Balances and Deficit Data Boost \(December 20, 2019\)](#)
- [Detailed School Aid Weightings](#)