

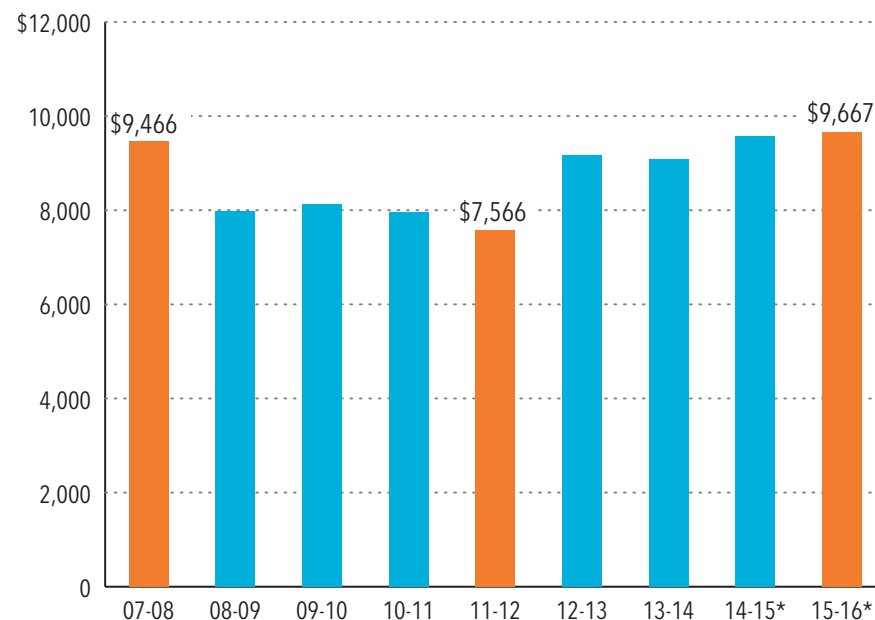


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## Due to Higher State Revenues, 2015-16 Spending Per K-12 Student Would Increase to Just Above 2007-08

K-12 Proposition 98 Spending Per Pupil, Inflation-Adjusted



\* 2014-15 estimated and 2015-16 proposed.

Note: Figures are in 2015-16 dollars. Figures exclude child care and include preschool spending. Proposition 98 spending reflects both state General Fund and local property tax dollars.

Source: Legislative Analyst's Office

● **Proposition 98 constitutionally guarantees K-14 schools a minimum level of funding each year.** Because changes in state General Fund revenue tend to affect the Proposition 98 guarantee, inflation-adjusted spending per K-12 student fell by one-fifth (\$1,900) between 2007-08 and 2011-12 as state revenues plunged due to the Great Recession.

● **An improving economy and Proposition 30,** approved by California voters in 2012, have increased state revenues, which in turn has boosted inflation-adjusted Proposition 98 spending per K-12 student by \$2,100 since 2011-12.

● **Proposition 98 spending per K-12 student would increase to more than \$9,600** due to higher revenues assumed in the Governor's proposed 2015-16 budget. This amount is just above the per student spending level in 2007-08 – the year the Great Recession began.