



## CULLMAN COUNTY

## SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION\*

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Superintendent

Dr. Shane Barnette

Board Members

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 **\$8,871,629**

Cost of One Month's Operation/General Fund

 **5.69**

Number of Months Reserve Balance

### By the Numbers

	<b>Schools<sup>1</sup></b>	25
	<b>Students/ADM<sup>2</sup></b>	9,569
	<b>Free &amp; Reduced Lunch</b>	58%
	<b>Community Eligibility Program</b>	58%
	<b>Number of Route Buses<sup>3</sup></b>	109
	Buses 10 yrs. old or less	98%
	Students Bused	4,880
	<b>Full-Time Employees</b>	1,204
	Teachers	643
	Principals/ Assistant Principals	41
	Counselors	22
	Librarians	24
	Other Certified Employees	41
	Support Personnel	433

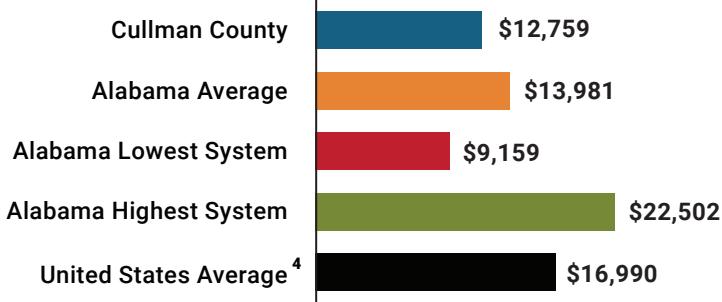
<sup>1</sup> Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

<sup>2</sup> Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

<sup>3</sup> Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

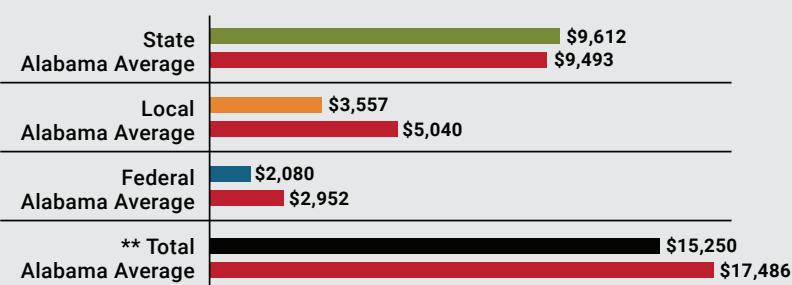
<sup>4</sup> 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

### Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



### Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

#### Cullman County Revenue Sources



\*\*Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



**92**

STATE  
RANK

**77**

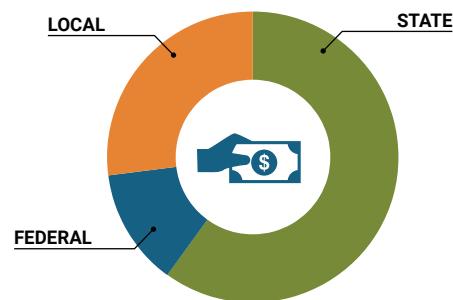
LOCAL  
RANK

**103**

FEDERAL  
RANK

### OVERALL SYSTEM RANK **119**

## School System Revenue



## How was your school system funded?<sup>1</sup>

\$91,982,148	STATE	60%
\$19,908,277	FEDERAL	13%
\$41,296,362	LOCAL	27%
<b>\$7,630,580</b>		
<b>\$33,665,782</b>		

Local 10-Mill Match  
AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE

VALUE OF 1-MILL  
For Your School System

**\$763,058**

## School System Spending

	STATE SPENDING <sup>2,3</sup>	LOCAL SPENDING <sup>2</sup>
Salaries	\$54,542,696	\$7,381,263
Benefits	\$19,721,635	\$1,955,278
Non-Personnel Operations	\$12,081,213	\$10,139,329
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,345,544</b>	<b>\$19,475,869</b>

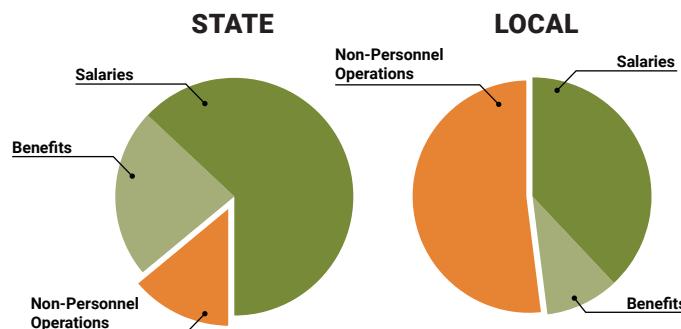
<sup>1</sup> Revenues and expenditures may contain nominal variances due to rounding

<sup>2</sup> Does not include debt service or capital outlay

<sup>3</sup> Includes 10-mill match

<sup>4</sup> Such as utilities, operations & maintenance, etc.

## How did your school system spend state & local dollars?<sup>1</sup>



**Only 14% of state funding is available for non-personnel expenditures<sup>4</sup>**

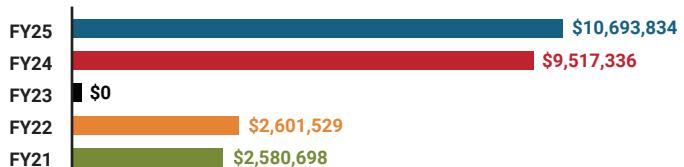
## Instructional Support

█ FY25   █ FY26\*

Classroom Materials & Supplies	<span style="color: orange;">█</span> \$900	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> \$1,000
Technology	<span style="color: orange;">█</span> \$500	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> \$500
Library Enhancements	<span style="color: orange;">█</span> \$158	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> \$158
Professional Development	<span style="color: orange;">█</span> \$100	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> \$100
Textbooks/ Digital Resources	<span style="color: orange;">█</span> \$100	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> \$100
Common Purchase*	<span style="color: orange;">█</span> \$100	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> \$0

Removed for FY26

## Educational Advancement & Technology Fund<sup>5</sup>



<sup>5</sup> These one-time supplemental funds may be used for repairs and deferred maintenance, capital outlay, classroom instructional supplies, insurance for facilities, transportation, technology and school safety. For FY23, there was no EAT allocation for school systems.

## System Debt

**TOTAL DEBT<sup>6</sup>**      **DEBT PER STUDENT**  
**\$32,870,580**      **\$3,435**

<sup>6</sup> The debt totals in system audit reports may differ due to audit adjustments.



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