



DALE COUNTY

SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION*

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 **\$2,893,975**

Cost of One Month's Operation/General Fund

 **8.20**

Number of Months Reserve Balance

By the Numbers

	Schools¹	8
	Students/ADM²	3,208
	Free & Reduced Lunch	63%
	Community Eligibility Program	63%
	Number of Route Buses³	43
	Buses 10 yrs. old or less	98%
	Students Bused	1,625
	Full-Time Employees	424
	Teachers	212
	Principals/ Assistant Principals	10
	Counselors	8
	Librarians	7
	Other Certified Employees	12
	Support Personnel	175

¹ Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

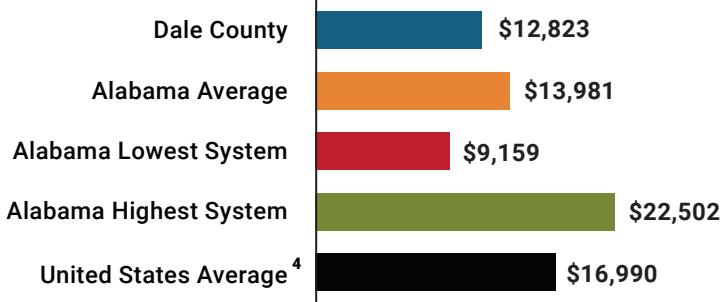
² Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

³ Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

⁴ 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

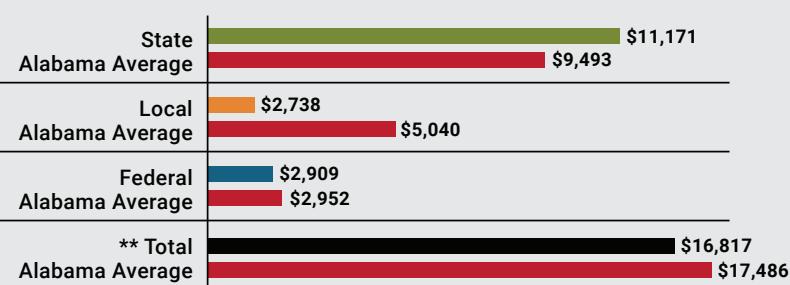
* THIS REPORT INCLUDES FISCAL YEAR 2024 DATA

Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

Dale County Revenue Sources



**Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



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STATE
RANK

109

LOCAL
RANK

72

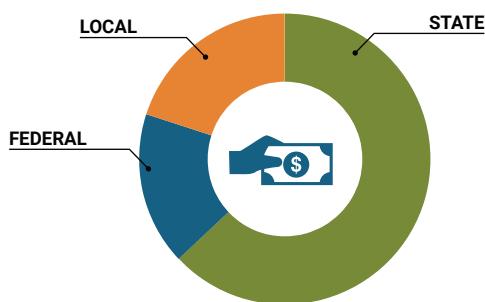
FEDERAL
RANK

OVERALL SYSTEM RANK **88**

LEAs with a substantial increase in reported ADM may show lower rankings since additional revenues reflecting those increases are not received until the following fiscal year. LEAs with a statewide virtual program may also be ranked lower overall due to state revenues received for increased ADM as compared to their local and federal revenue sources.

School System Revenue

How was your school system funded?¹



\$35,829,991	STATE	64%
\$9,329,137	FEDERAL	17%
\$11,208,166	LOCAL	20%
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\$2,221,470		
	Local 10-Mill Match	
\$8,986,696	AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE	

VALUE OF 1-MILL
For Your School System



School System Spending

How did your school system spend state & local dollars?¹

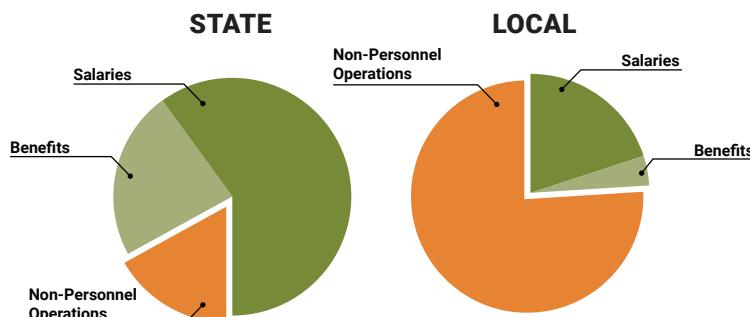
	STATE SPENDING ^{2,3}	LOCAL SPENDING ²
Salaries	\$18,771,624	\$860,841
Benefits	\$6,961,581	\$163,023
Non-Personnel Operations	\$5,123,172	\$3,388,952
TOTAL	\$30,856,376	\$4,412,816

¹ Revenues and expenditures may contain nominal variances due to rounding

² Does not include debt service or capital outlay

³ Includes 10-mill match

⁴ Such as utilities, operations & maintenance, etc.



Only 17% of state funding is available for non-personnel expenditures⁴

Instructional Support

■ FY25 ■ FY26*

Classroom Materials & Supplies	■ \$900	■ \$1,000
Technology	■ \$500	■ \$500
Library Enhancements	■ \$158	■ \$158
Professional Development	■ \$100	■ \$100
Textbooks/ Digital Resources	■ \$100	■ \$100
Common Purchase*	■ \$100	■ \$0
Removed for FY26		

Educational Advancement & Technology Fund⁵

FY25	\$3,584,485
FY24	\$3,181,279
FY23	\$0
FY22	\$957,731
FY21	\$960,278

⁵ 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 DEBT⁶ **DEBT PER STUDENT**
\$13,929,600 \$4,343

⁶ The debt totals in system audit reports may differ due to audit adjustments.



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