



DEKALB COUNTY

SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION*

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\$7,692,607

Cost of One Month's
Operation/General Fund



3.27

Number of Months
Reserve Balance

By the Numbers



Schools¹ 13



Students/ADM² 8,297



Free & Reduced Lunch 73%

Community Eligibility Program 73%



Number of Route Buses³ 125

Buses 10 yrs. old or less 98%

Students Bused 4,674



Full-Time Employees 1,128

Teachers 588

Principals/
Assistant Principals 32

Counselors 22

Librarians 13

Other Certified Employees 34

Support Personnel 439

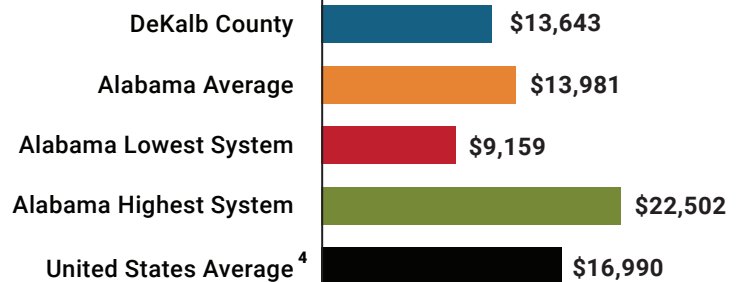
¹ Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

² Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

³ Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

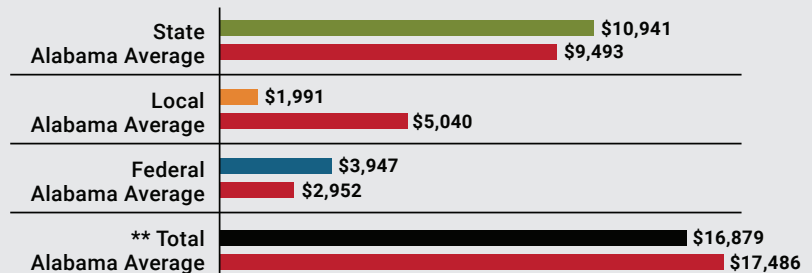
⁴ 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

DeKalb County Revenue Sources



**Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



31
STATE
RANK

132
LOCAL
RANK

40
FEDERAL
RANK

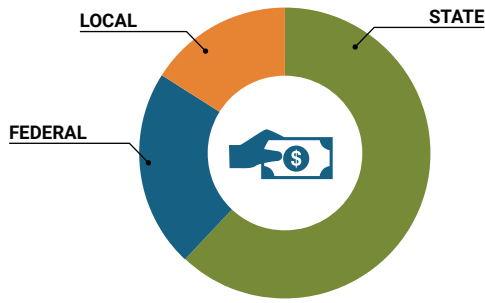
OVERALL SYSTEM RANK 83

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.

* THIS REPORT INCLUDES FISCAL YEAR 2024 DATA

School System Revenue

How was your school system funded?¹



\$90,778,140	STATE	62%
\$32,752,663	FEDERAL	22%
\$23,216,500	LOCAL	16%
— \$4,299,370	Local 10-Mill Match	
\$18,917,130	AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE	

VALUE OF 1-MILL
For Your School System

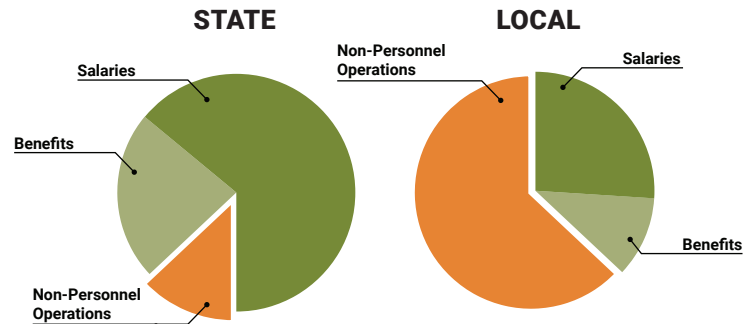
\$429,937

School System Spending

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

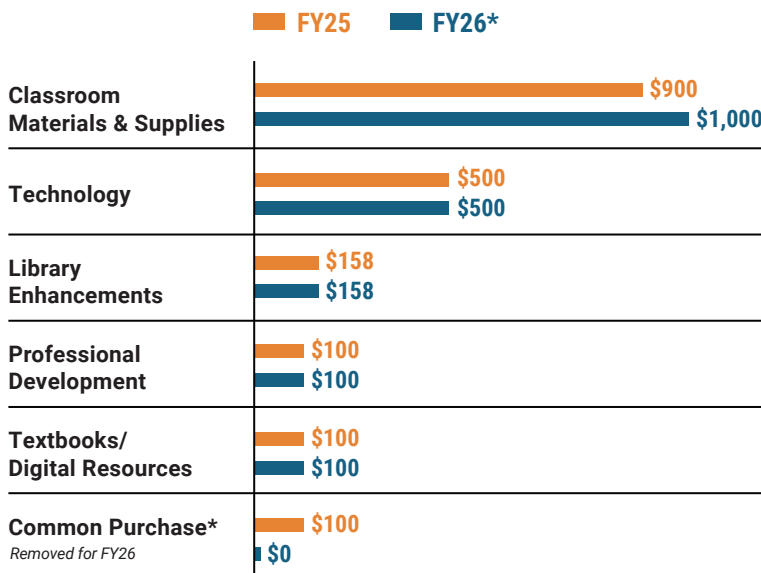
	STATE SPENDING ^{2,3}	LOCAL SPENDING ²
Salaries	\$48,695,813	\$3,541,540
Benefits	\$17,412,282	\$1,524,543
Non-Personnel Operations	\$9,666,717	\$8,508,175
TOTAL	\$75,774,811	\$13,574,258

- 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.

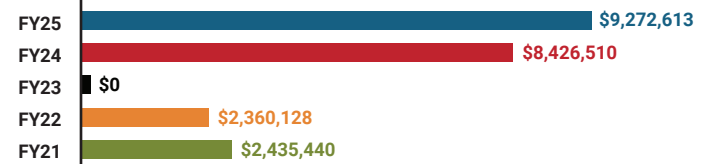


Only 13% of state funding is available
for non-personnel expenditures⁴

Instructional Support



Educational Advancement & Technology Fund⁵



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
\$15,486,388	\$1,866

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



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