



LIMESTONE COUNTY

SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION*

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\$11,280,506

Cost of One Month's Operation/General Fund

3.65

Number of Months Reserve Balance

By the Numbers

	Schools¹	17
	Students/ADM²	15,253
	Free & Reduced Lunch	64%
	Community Eligibility Program	53%
	Number of Route Buses³	111
	Buses 10 yrs. old or less	100%
	Students Bused	4,527
	Full-Time Employees	1,212
	Teachers	586
	Principals/ Assistant Principals	34
	Counselors	24
	Librarians	16
	Other Certified Employees	47
	Support Personnel	505

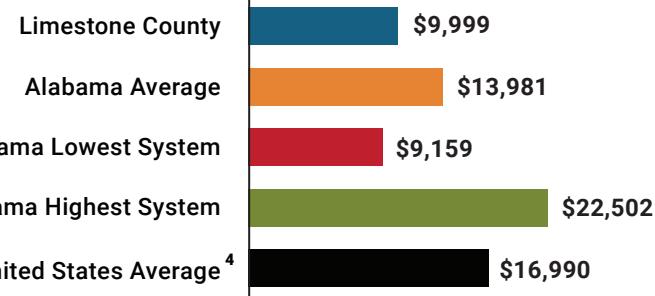
¹ Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

² Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

³ Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

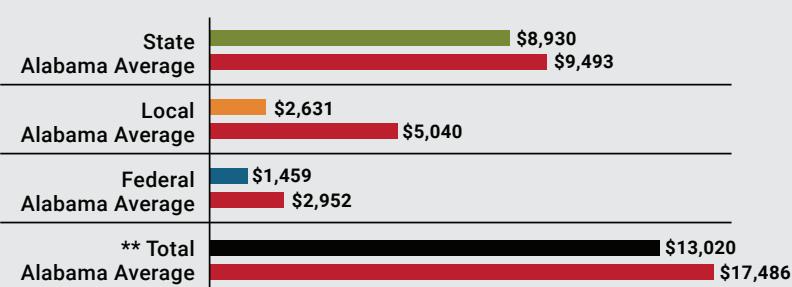
⁴ 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

Limestone County Revenue Sources



**Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



124
STATE
RANK

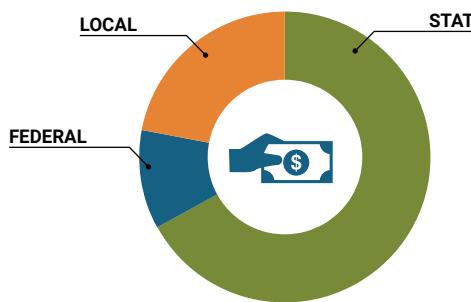
114
LOCAL
RANK

122
FEDERAL
RANK

OVERALL SYSTEM RANK 136

School System Revenue

How was your school system funded?¹



\$136,207,478	STATE	67%
\$22,249,325	FEDERAL	11%
\$45,418,878	LOCAL	22%
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\$6,617,070		
	Local 10-Mill Match	
\$38,801,808		AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE

VALUE OF 1-MILL
For Your School System



School System Spending

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

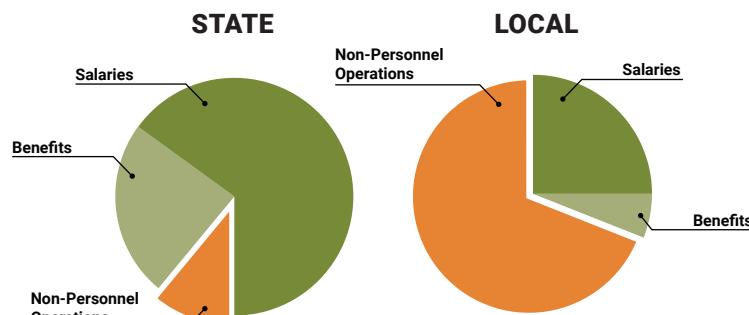
	STATE SPENDING ^{2,3}	LOCAL SPENDING ²
Salaries	\$82,757,945	\$2,755,890
Benefits	\$30,305,733	\$707,248
Non-Personnel Operations	\$14,130,720	\$7,777,457
TOTAL	\$127,194,398	\$11,240,595

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.



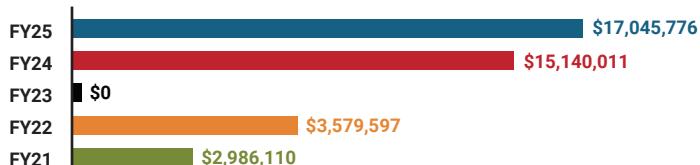
Only 11% of state funding is available for non-personnel expenditures⁴

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



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**
\$59,386,351 ■ \$3,893

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



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