



## PICKENS COUNTY

## SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION\*

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Superintendent

Benjamin McDaniel

Board Members

Oscar Sam Wiggins, Gene Dawkins, Frankie Spencer, Annie Jackson, Susan Estes

**\$2,149,963**

Cost of One Month's Operation/General Fund

**3.00**

Number of Months Reserve Balance

### By the Numbers

	<b>Schools<sup>1</sup></b>	7
	<b>Students/ADM<sup>2</sup></b>	2,196
	<b>Free &amp; Reduced Lunch</b>	75%
	<b>Community Eligibility Program</b>	76%
	<b>Number of Route Buses<sup>3</sup></b>	39
	Buses 10 yrs. old or less	100%
	Students Bused	1,277
	<b>Full-Time Employees</b>	345
	Teachers	153
	Principals/ Assistant Principals	13
	Counselors	9
	Librarians	6
	Other Certified Employees	13
	Support Personnel	151

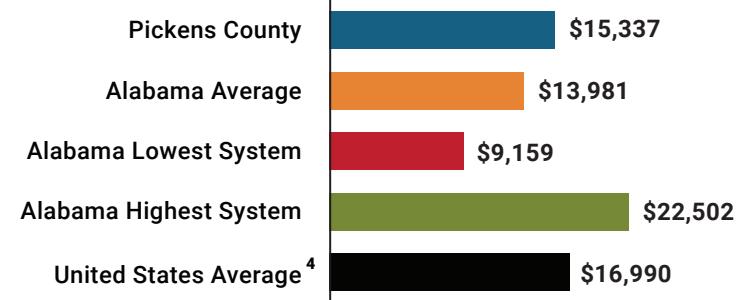
<sup>1</sup> Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

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

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

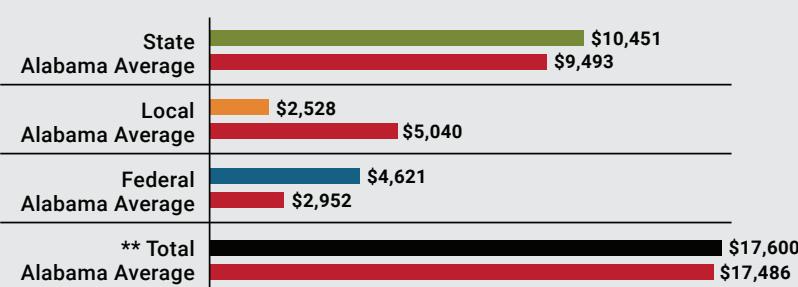
<sup>4</sup> 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

### Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



### Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

#### Pickens County Revenue Sources



\*\*Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



**50**

STATE  
RANK

**119**

LOCAL  
RANK

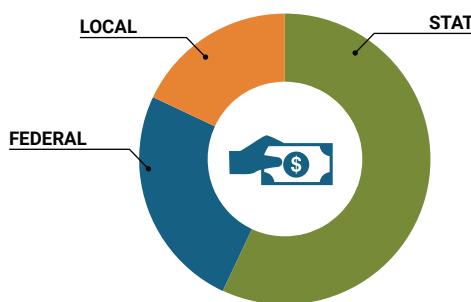
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FEDERAL  
RANK

### OVERALL SYSTEM RANK **63**

## School System Revenue

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



\$22,948,563	STATE	57%
\$10,147,713	FEDERAL	25%
\$7,199,053	LOCAL	18%
—		Local 10-Mill Match
\$1,576,960		
		AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE
		\$5,622,093

VALUE OF 1-MILL  
For Your School System



## School System Spending

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

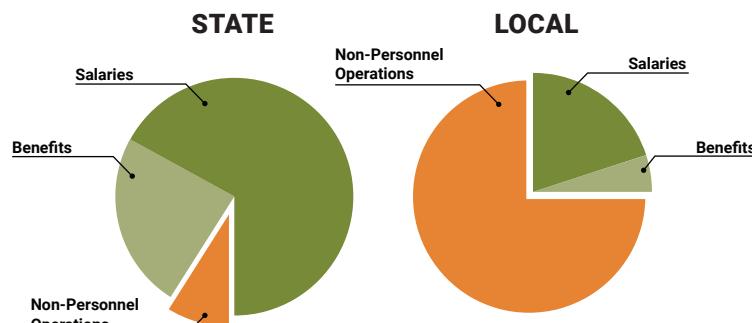
	STATE SPENDING <sup>2,3</sup>	LOCAL SPENDING <sup>2</sup>
Salaries	\$14,627,126	\$846,727
Benefits	\$5,297,826	\$208,140
Non-Personnel Operations	\$1,878,671	\$3,263,943
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,803,622</b>	<b>\$4,318,811</b>

<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.



Only 9% of state funding is available for non-personnel expenditures<sup>4</sup>

## 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 Fund<sup>5</sup>

FY25	\$2,453,989
FY24	\$2,300,206
FY23	\$0
FY22	\$654,684
FY21	\$672,909

<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**  
\$8,866,165 \$4,038

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



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