



RUSSELL COUNTY

SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION*

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\$3,176,079

Cost of One Month's
Operation/General Fund



5.95

Number of Months
Reserve Balance

By the Numbers



Schools¹ 7



Students/ADM² 3,636



Free & Reduced Lunch 56%

Community Eligibility Program 59%



Number of Route Buses³ 65

Buses 10 yrs. old or less 95%

Students Bused 2,570



Full-Time Employees 472

Teachers 223

Principals/
Assistant Principals 17

Counselors 9

Librarians 8

Other Certified Employees 18

Support Personnel 197

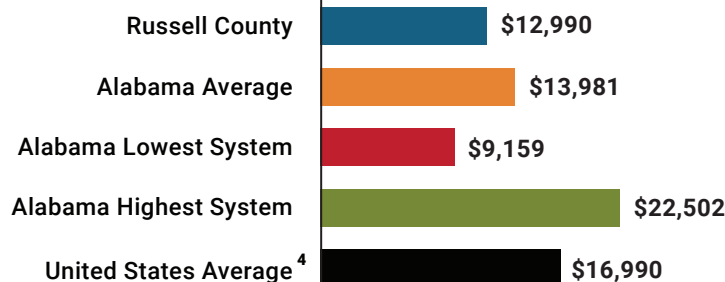
¹ Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

² Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

³ Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

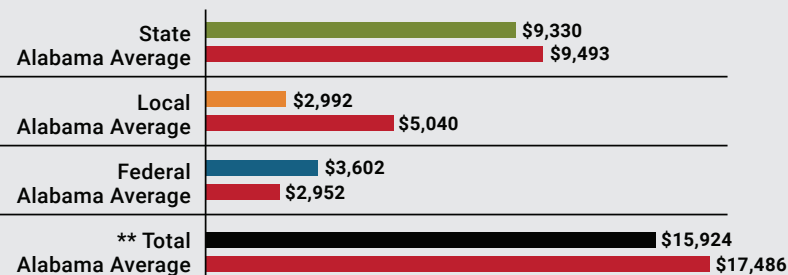
⁴ 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

Russell County Revenue Sources



**Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



101
STATE
RANK

103
LOCAL
RANK

47
FEDERAL
RANK

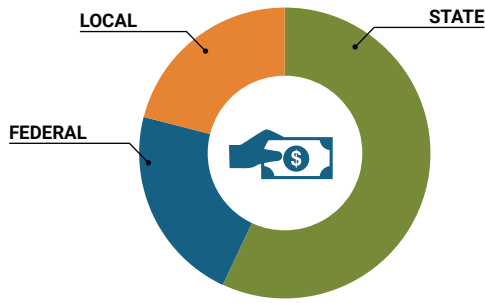
OVERALL SYSTEM RANK 104

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



\$33,924,605	STATE	57%
\$13,095,709	FEDERAL	22%
\$11,988,314	LOCAL	20%
— \$3,063,130	Local 10-Mill Match	
\$8,925,184	AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE	

VALUE OF 1-MILL
For Your School System

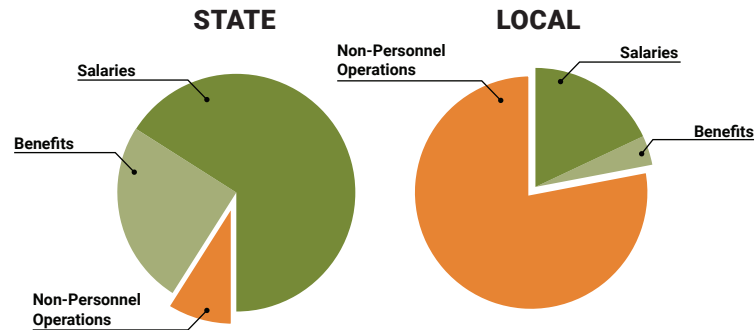
\$306,313

School System Spending

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

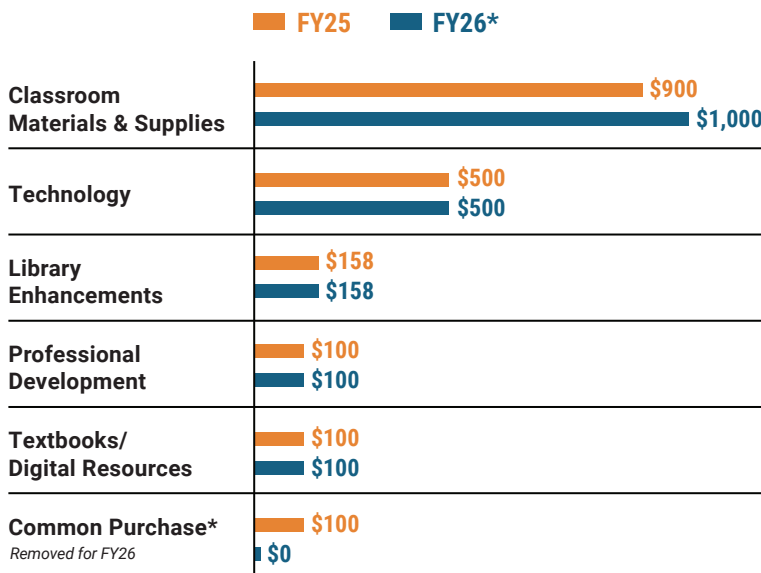
	STATE SPENDING ^{2,3}	LOCAL SPENDING ²
Salaries	\$20,701,205	\$1,072,443
Benefits	\$7,893,314	\$243,039
Non-Personnel Operations	\$2,785,396	\$4,739,741
TOTAL	\$31,379,915	\$6,055,223

- 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.

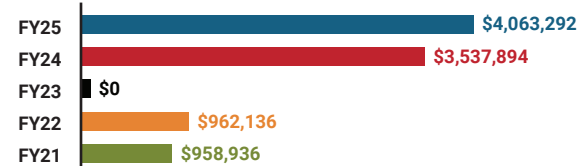


Only 9% of state funding is available
for non-personnel expenditures⁴

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
\$16,316,784	\$4,488

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



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