



SHELBY COUNTY

SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION*

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Superintendent

Dr. Lewis Brooks

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\$21,434,784

Cost of One Month's Operation/General Fund

4.57

Number of Months Reserve Balance

By the Numbers

	Schools¹	29
	Students/ADM²	20,681
	Free & Reduced Lunch	42%
	Community Eligibility Program	37%
	Number of Route Buses³	318
	Buses 10 yrs. old or less	60%
	Students Bused	10,143
	Full-Time Employees	2,974
	Teachers	1,430
	Principals/ Assistant Principals	71
	Counselors	50
	Librarians	32
	Other Certified Employees	76
	Support Personnel	1,315

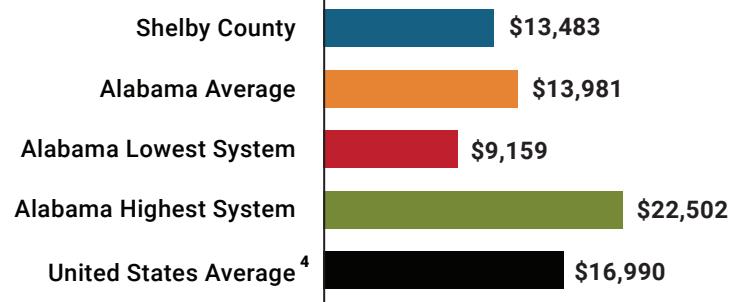
¹ Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

² Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

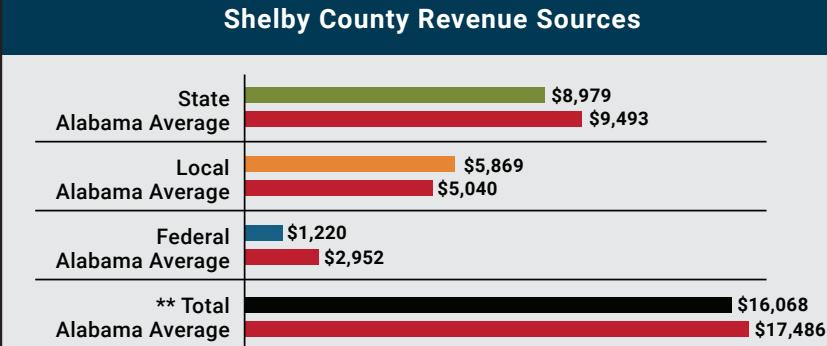
³ Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

⁴ 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



Per-Pupil Revenue Sources



120
STATE
RANK

28
LOCAL
RANK

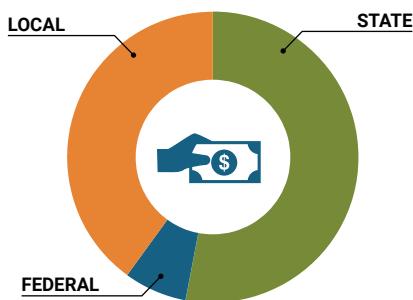
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FEDERAL
RANK

OVERALL SYSTEM RANK 100

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



STATE	53%
FEDERAL	7%
LOCAL	40%
Local 10-Mill Match	
AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE	

VALUE OF 1-MILL
For Your School System

\$2,241,641

School System Spending

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

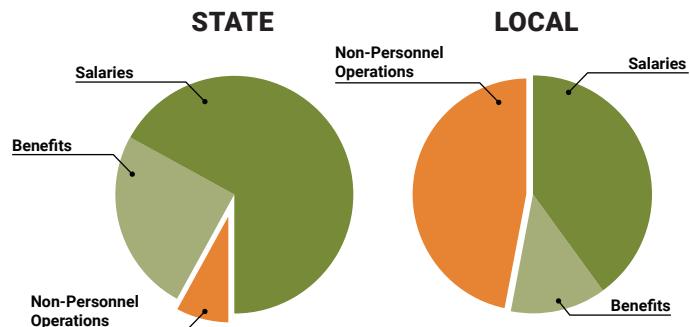
	STATE SPENDING ^{2,3}	LOCAL SPENDING ²
Salaries	\$113,465,430	\$33,610,543
Benefits	\$42,977,545	\$10,527,389
Non-Personnel Operations	\$13,998,448	\$39,147,143
TOTAL	\$170,441,423	\$83,285,075

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 8% of state funding is available for non-personnel expenditures⁴

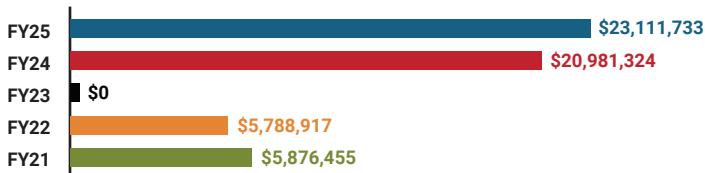
Instructional Support

█ 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**
\$125,957,536 **\$6,090**

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



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