



TALLADEGA COUNTY

SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION*

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\$6,963,164

Cost of One Month's Operation/General Fund

1.96

Number of Months Reserve Balance

By the Numbers

	Schools¹	17
	Students/ADM²	6,777
	Free & Reduced Lunch	69%
	Community Eligibility Program	70%
	Number of Route Buses³	118
	Buses 10 yrs. old or less	89%
	Students Bused	3,643
	Full-Time Employees	973
	Teachers	422
	Principals/ Assistant Principals	34
	Counselors	19
	Librarians	15
	Other Certified Employees	51
	Support Personnel	432

¹ Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

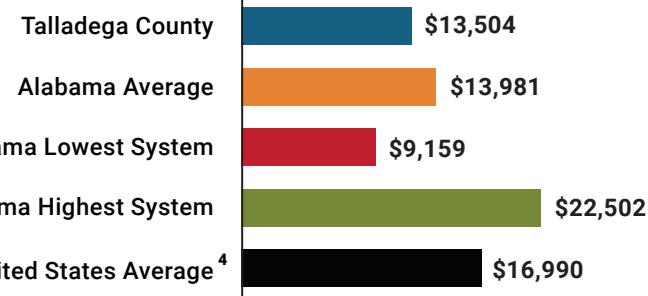
² Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

³ Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

⁴ 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

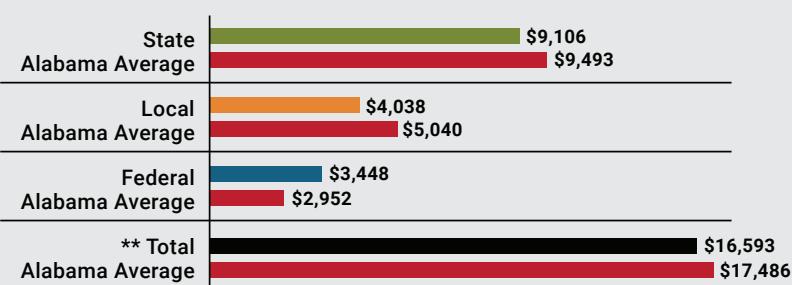
* THIS REPORT INCLUDES FISCAL YEAR 2024 DATA

Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

Talladega County Revenue Sources



**Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



115

STATE
RANK

63

LOCAL
RANK

52

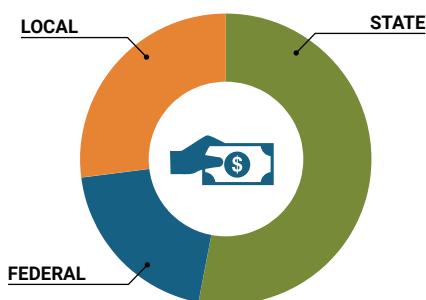
FEDERAL
RANK

OVERALL SYSTEM RANK **93**

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



\$61,712,449	STATE	53%
\$23,370,131	FEDERAL	20%
\$30,534,443	LOCAL	26%
— \$10,400,850		
\$20,133,593	AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE	

VALUE OF 1-MILL
For Your School System

\$1,040,085

School System Spending

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

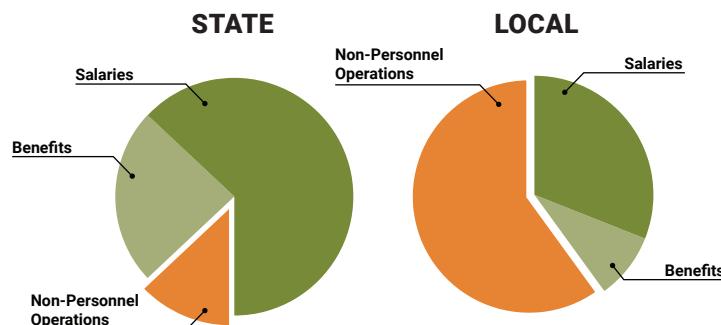
	STATE SPENDING ^{2,3}	LOCAL SPENDING ²
Salaries	\$38,159,327	\$4,574,181
Benefits	\$14,315,996	\$1,297,905
Non-Personnel Operations	\$7,503,908	\$9,102,054
TOTAL	\$59,979,231	\$14,974,140

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.



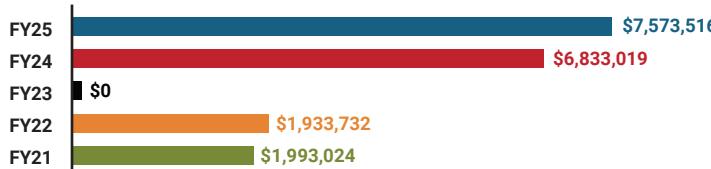
Only 13% of state funding is available for non-personnel expenditures⁴

Instructional Support

■ 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**
\$51,985,096 ■ \$7,671

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



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