



TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION*

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\$16,686,726

Cost of One Month's Operation/General Fund



4.17

Number of Months Reserve Balance

By the Numbers



Schools¹ 34



Students/ADM² 18,334



Free & Reduced Lunch 63%

Community Eligibility Program 59%



Number of Route Buses³ 212

Buses 10 yrs. old or less 100%

Students Bused 9,575



Full-Time Employees 2,384

Teachers 1,208

Principals/
Assistant Principals 72

Counselors 49

Librarians 37

Other Certified Employees 67

Support Personnel 951

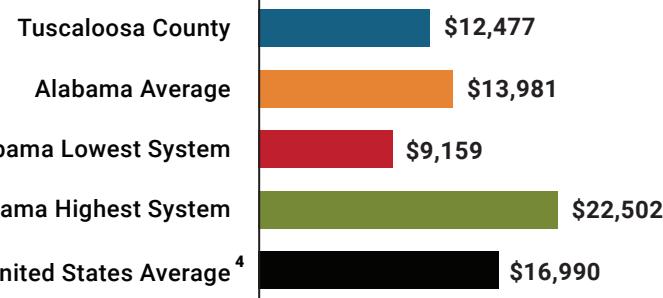
¹ Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

² Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

³ Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

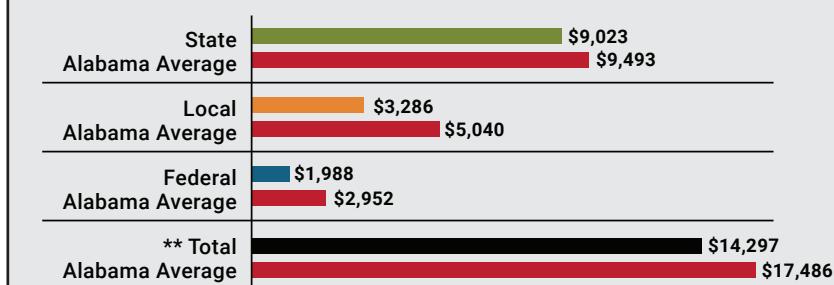
⁴ 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

Tuscaloosa County Revenue Sources



**Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



118

STATE
RANK

91

LOCAL
RANK

108

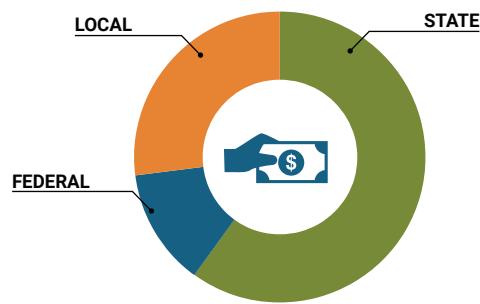
FEDERAL
RANK

OVERALL SYSTEM RANK **134**

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



| | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------|
| \$165,424,366 | STATE | 60% |
| \$36,452,835 | FEDERAL | 13% |
| \$72,828,707 | LOCAL | 27% |
| — | Local 10-Mill Match | |
| \$20,014,420 | | |
| \$52,814,287 | AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE | |

VALUE OF 1-MILL
For Your School System

\$2,001,442

School System Spending

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

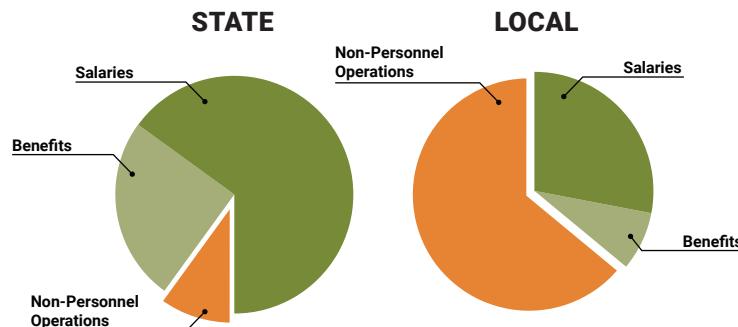
| | STATE SPENDING ^{2,3} | LOCAL SPENDING ² |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Salaries | \$102,189,962 | \$11,914,997 |
| Benefits | \$38,402,635 | \$3,606,509 |
| Non-Personnel Operations | \$15,633,028 | \$28,176,256 |
| TOTAL | \$156,225,625 | \$43,697,762 |

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.



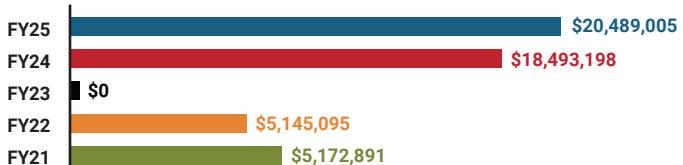
Only 10% of state funding is available for non-personnel expenditures⁴

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**
\$97,813,174 **\$5,335**

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



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