

It all starts here

The Roadmap to FY2026



Budget Journey

- Staff & public engagement opportunities
- Staff review of existing budgets
- Projections for FY26 revenues, enrollments, & school staffing
- Superintendent recommends operating budget
- Board of Education reviews budget and holds public hearing and work sessions
- Governor releases the state's budget & state legislative session begins
- Board approves budget request to submit to the County Executive
- County Executive reviews budget requests, holds a public hearing, & releases the County's operating budget
- FCPS staff updates the Board on operating and capital budgets
- State legislative session's end
- County Council reviews County Executive's budget, holds a public hearing, and approves the County's budget
- Board works to balance the budget
- Board approves budgets, including the operating and capital budgets



Superintendent FY26 Listening Sessions

NOVEMBER 18 6:00 - 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting 2024	DECEMBER 3 6:00 - 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting 2024	DECEMBER 9 9:00 - 10:00 AM Virtual Meeting 2024	DECEMBER 16 6:00 - 7:00 PM FCPS Board Room Spanish language interpreters will be available. 2024
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Key Dates

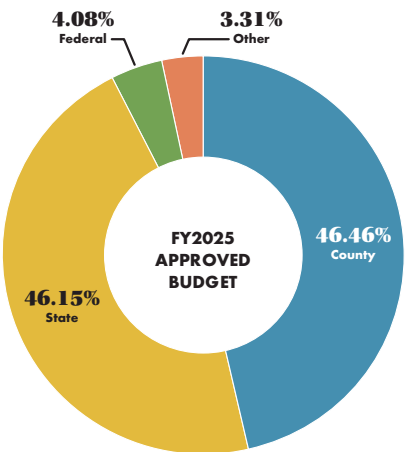
- January 6, 2025** Superintendent Recommended Budget Releases
- January 15, 2025** Governor's Budget Released
- January 29, 2025** Board of Education's FY26 Operating Budget Public Hearing Tuscarora High School, Beginning at 6PM
- February 2025** Board Requested Budget Submitted to the County Executive
- April 15, 2025** County Executive FY26 Budget Release (Statutory Deadline)
- May 31, 2025** County Council FY26 Budget Approval (Statutory Deadline)
- June 30, 2025** FY26 Operating Budget Approval (Statutory Deadline)

Budget 101

How is FCPS Funded?

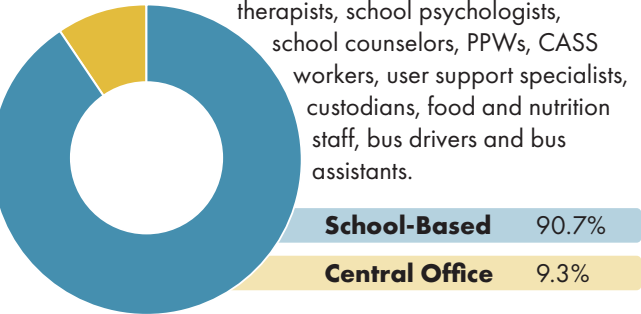


- 1. State Funding: The State of Maryland provides a significant portion of the financial support administered by the Maryland State Department of Education. The majority of the programs require a state and local share, which together fund the required per pupil allocation. The majority of the funding is based upon the number of eligible students enrolled in FCPS. In FY2025, state funding was 46.15% of the FCPS operating budget revenue.
- 2. Local Funding: Frederick County provides funding to FCPS through its operating budget. By law, the county is required to provide local funds for the next fiscal year at the same per-pupil allocation as the current fiscal year. If there is no enrollment growth, local funding can remain the same as that of the previous year. In FY2025, local funding was 46.46% of the FCPS operating budget revenue.
- 3. Federal Funding: Although a smaller portion than the state and local funding, federal funds are also allocated to public schools. These funds often come through specific grants and programs aimed at supporting disadvantaged students, special education, and other targeted needs. In FY2025, federal funding was 4.08% of the FCPS operating budget revenue.
- 4. Other Sources: FCPS other revenue sources include, but are not limited to, sports fees, use of facilities fees, earnings from interest, p-card rebates and the use of fund balance. For FY2025, other revenue sources accounted for 3.31% of the FCPS operating budget.



Where do we work?

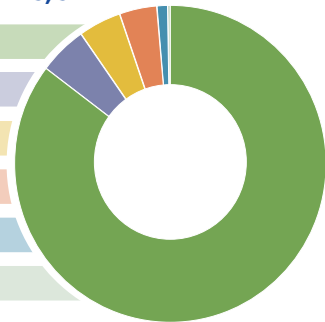
School-based staff includes staff who directly interact with students on a daily basis such as teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, school-based administrative support staff, therapists, school psychologists, school counselors, PPWs, CASS workers, user support specialists, custodians, food and nutrition staff, bus drivers and bus assistants.



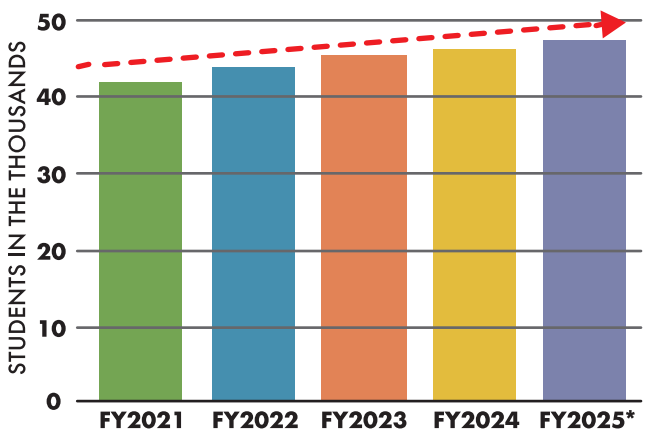
Where does the money go?

Total Budget \$940,773,379

Salaries, Wages, & Fringes	85.3%
Contracted Services	5.0%
Supplies & Materials	4.5%
Other	4.0%
Equipment	1.0%
Transfers	0.2%

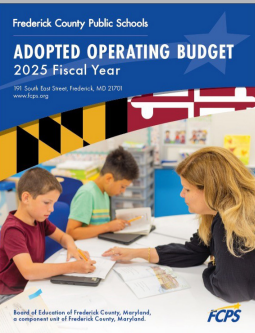


How many students attend FCPS?



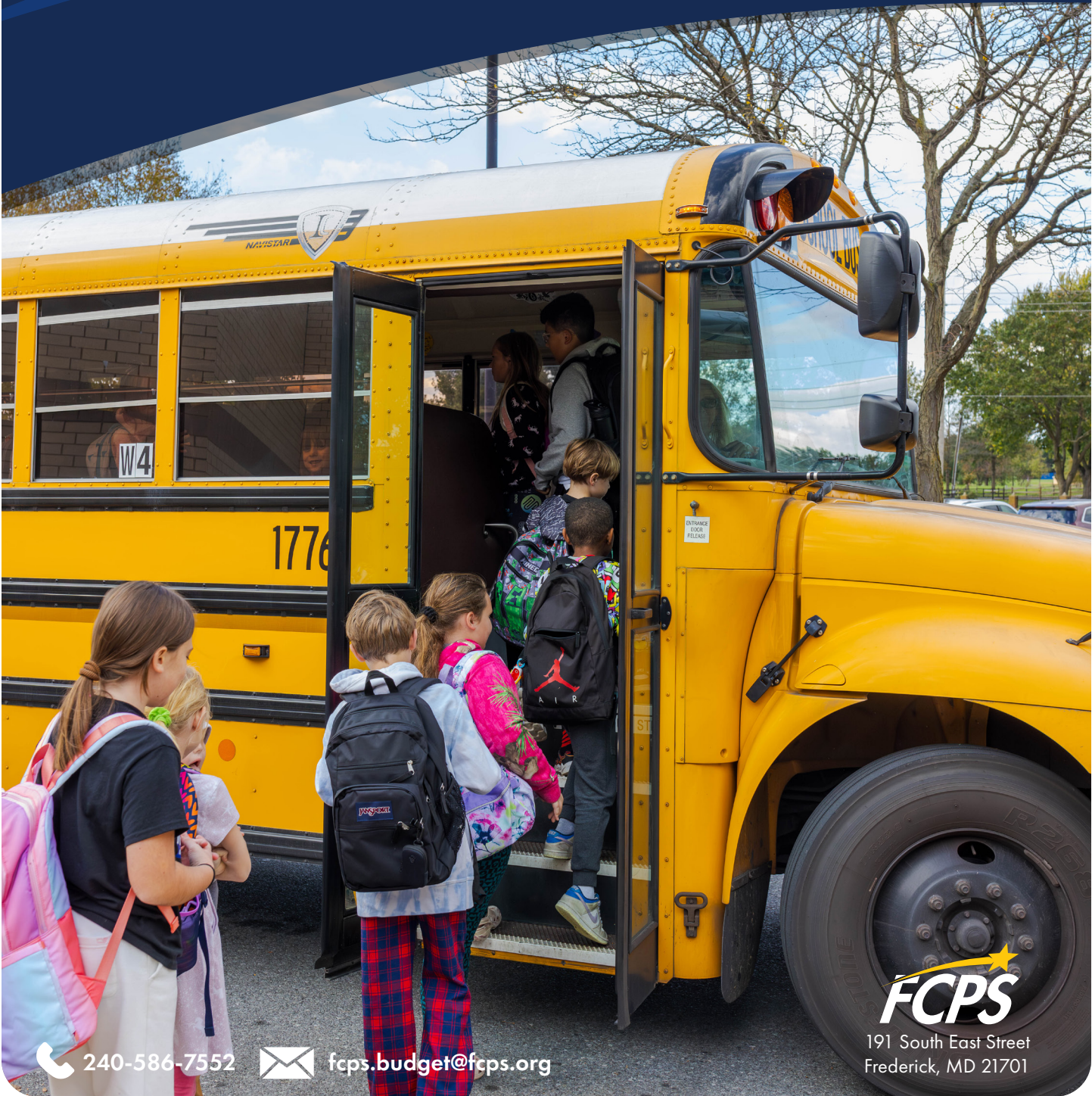
*Projected Enrollment

Adopted Operating Budget



Frederick County Public Schools

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Fiscal Year 2026



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