The perfect per-pupil expenditure is the one that accomplishes the job reliably and efficiently, but it will always be a work in progress. Education is a labor-intensive enterprise, so personnel costs alone usually account for about 85% of any school’s budget. The choices about the mix of faculty expertise and programs affect the school’s ability to succeed with its particular school population and its varying levels of challenges.

### Equity and Adequacy of Resources

#### Education Expenditures

The chart below displays the breakdown of expenditures for the Lippitt School in Warwick District for the school year 2003-2004. It highlights the financial information (per pupil) and the staffing and expenditure overview for the school.

1. **Financial information (per pupil):**
   - **Data source:** Infoite
   - **School:** Lippitt School
   - **District:** Warwick

2. **Staffing and expenditure overview**
   - **Number of teachers**
   - **Total number of students**
   - **Teacher/student ratio**
   - **Total expenditure**
   - **Total per pupil expenditure**

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<td>20</td>
<td>347</td>
<td>1:17</td>
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3. **Expenditures for various student populations:**
   - **General Education plus Title I (if applicable):**
   - **General Education plus Title I (if applicable) and Special Education:**
   - **General Education plus Title I (if applicable) and English Language Learners:**

   - **This school**
   - **The state (elementary school)**

   - **Number of students in program:**
     - 347
     - 73,522
     - 80
     - 14,046
     - 0

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