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.

### Financial information (per pupil)

#### Data source: InfoWorks

#### Governor Aram J. Pothier School

**Woonsocket District**

#### Education Expenditures

- **General Education**
  - Total school expenditures: $5,646
  - Total state expenditures: $7,731

- **Total school expenditures (elementary school)**: $10,471
- **Total state expenditures (elementary school)**: $10,793

#### Instruction (5 components)

- Classroom teachers
- Substitute teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- Technology
- Classroom materials, trips, etc.

#### Staffing and expenditure overview

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#### Expenditures for various student populations

- **All programs**
  - General Education plus Title I (if applicable)
  - Total: $7,311
  - This school: 367
  - The state (elementary school): 67,406

- **General Education plus Title I (if applicable) and Special Education**
  - Total: $18,097
  - This school: 92
  - The state (elementary school): 13,474

- **General Education plus Title I (if applicable) and English Language Learners**
  - Total: $12,924
  - This school: 56
  - The state (elementary school): 4,612

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