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:** Infinite Education Expenditures

#### All programs

- **Total school expenditures:** $11,967
- **Total state expenditures (middle school):** $10,476

#### General Education

- **Total school expenditures:** $8,776
- **Total state expenditures (middle school):** $8,057

### Staffing and expenditure overview

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### Expenditures for various student populations

#### General Education plus Title I (if applicable)

- **This school:** $8,776
- **The state (middle school):** $8,401

#### General Education plus Title I (if applicable) and Special Education

- **This school:** $19,736
- **The state (middle school):** $18,283

#### General Education plus Title I (if applicable) and English Language Learners

- **This school:** $14,685
- **The state (middle school):** $12,654

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