Equity and Adequacy of Resources: Per-pupil Expenditures

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. Please note: Calculations for school expenditures use a student count based on Average Daily Enrollment/Membership (ADM).

**Staffing and expenditure overview**

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<th>Number of teachers</th>
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<th>Teacher/student ratio</th>
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<td>This school</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>214</td>
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<td>$2,923,572</td>
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<td>The state (elementary school)</td>
<td>6,027</td>
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<td>$754,210,612</td>
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**Per-pupil expenditures for various student populations**

- **Per-pupil expenditures for General Education and Title I (all students)**
  - This school: $10,675
  - The state (elementary school): $8,266

- **Per-pupil expenditures for Special Education (in addition to General Education and Title I)**
  - This school: $24,669
  - The state (elementary school): $21,693

- **Per-pupil expenditures for English Language Learners (in addition to General Education and Title I)**
  - This school: $12,921
  - The state (elementary school): $12,915

*FTE = Full-Time Equivalent; ADM = Average Daily Membership.*