Education 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).

Financial information (per pupil)

Data source: Inflation

Per-pupil expenditures for various student populations

Per-pupil expenditures for General Education and Title I (all students)

This school

$6,933

The state (elementary school)

$8,266

Per-pupil expenditures for Special Education (in addition to General Education and Title I)

This school

$16,457

The state (elementary school)

$21,693

Per-pupil expenditures for English Language Learners (in addition to General Education and Title I)

This school

$10,555

The state (elementary school)

$12,915

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