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).

Per-pupil expenditures for various student populations:
- General Education and Title I (all students)
- Special Education (in addition to General Education and Title I)
- English Language Learners (in addition to General Education and Title I)
- Career and Technical Education (in addition to General Education and Title I)

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

Financial information (per pupil) excluding Other Commitments:
- Total school expenditures
- Total state expenditures (high school)
- Instruction (5 components)
- Instructional support
- Operations
- Leadership

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