



School Budgets

SY 2026-2027

March 2026

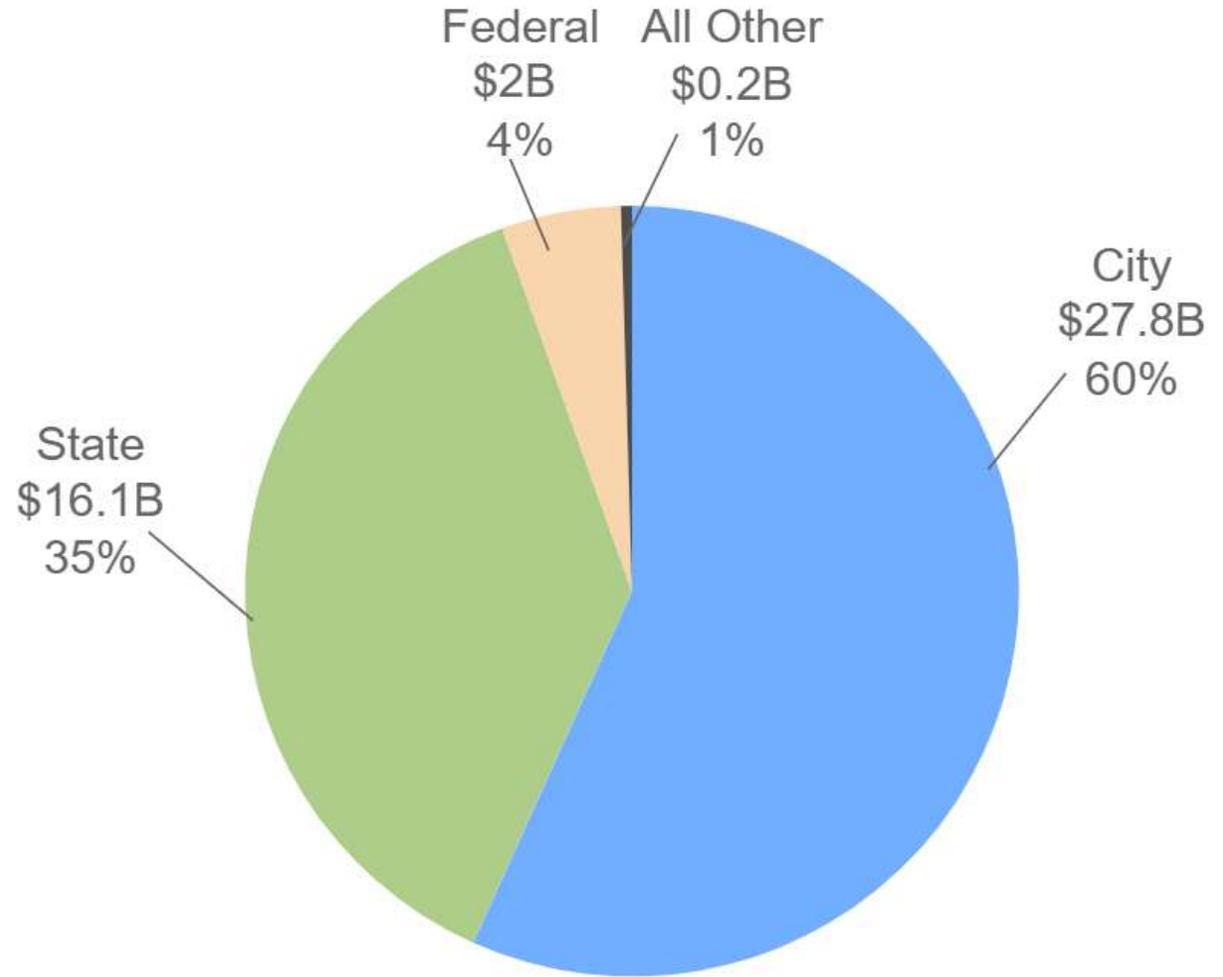


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Where Does Our Funding Come From?

\$46.1 billion
\$34,717 per student



(\$ in Billions; totals may vary slightly due to rounding)

How is the \$46.1B NYC Public Schools Budget Spent?

- The \$46.1 NYCPS budget is distributed by the city, in the financial plan, within designated spending buckets.
- The below figures show how the city has allocated funds to NYCPS in FY 2027.
- The FY 2027 budget according to FY27 January Plan highlights how Schools and their Administration will schedule their budgets.
- This FY27 January Plan report details how the **\$20.3** billion in City Funds for Early Childhood and K-12 Instruction are planning on being spent for the 2026-2027 school year.

\$19.8B

\$19.8B, or 43% of the budget is Non-Discretionary

Area	Amount	%
Employee Benefits	\$9.0B	19%
Debt Services	\$4.1B	9%
Charter Schools	\$3.7B	8%
Non-Public & Contract Schools	\$3.0B	7%
Total	\$19.8B	43%

\$26.3B

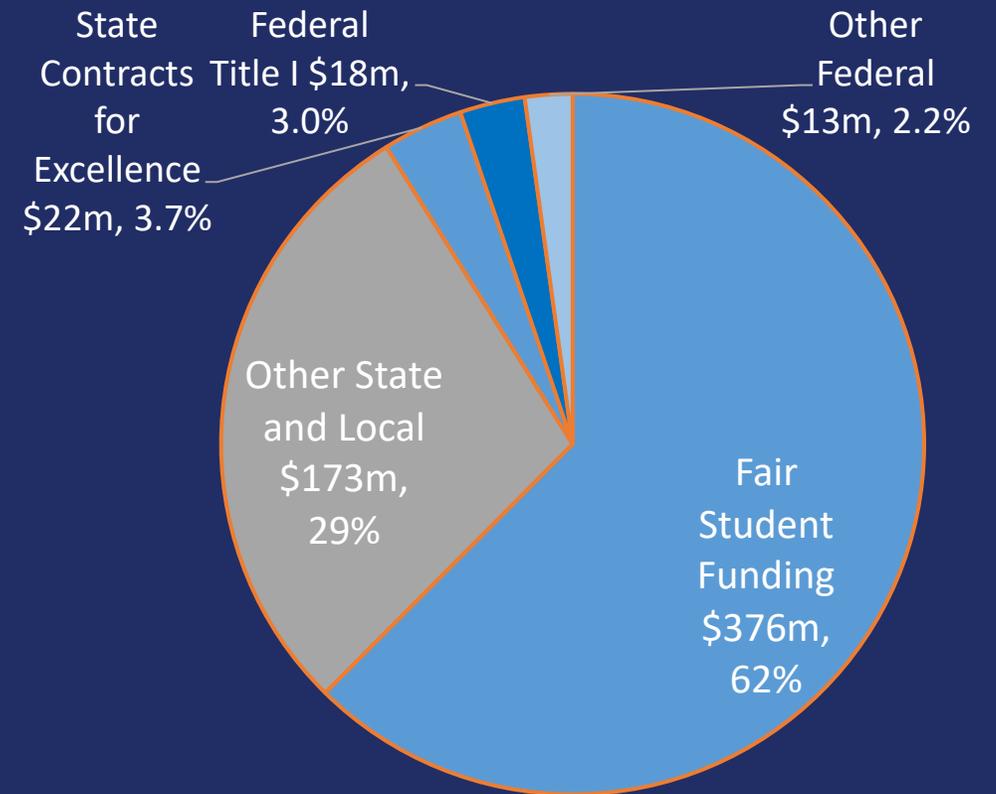
\$26.3B, or 57% of the budget is Discretionary with \$20.3B or 44% in direct supports to schools & students

Area	Amount	%
K-12 Schools	\$17.5B	38%
Early Childhood	\$2.8B	6%
School Operations	\$5.5B	12%
Field Admin Offices	\$0.4B	0.8%
Central Admin	\$0.1B	<1%
Total	\$26.3B	57%

District 15 2025-2026 School Budgets

\$602 million

As of the FY 2026 adopted budget.



Who decides how money is spent at the school level?

Principals together with the School Leadership Team (SLT) decide how the school will use their money.



- **School Leadership Team (SLT)**
 - *Work collaboratively with the Principal to create or update the school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) based on school specific instructional needs and priorities.*
- **Superintendents**
 - *Underscore the Chancellor's goals and responsible for ensuring resources are aligned to the school's CEP.*
- **Field Teams**
 - *Budget Directors and Human Resource Directors provide guidance and ensure adherence to policies.*

Fair Student Funding (FSF)

- What is FSF?
- How does FSF work?
- Proposed weights for SY 2026-2027

What is Fair Student Funding?

Fair Student Funding (FSF) is the largest funding stream provided making up about two-thirds of NYCPS K-12 budgets.

- The formula is based on the number of students enrolled at each school + the specific needs of those students.
- Student needs are “weighted” based on the cost of meeting a student's educational need (e.g., academic needs, special education needs).
- Schools get more money for students who need more support.
- FSF gives principals flexibility to hire teachers, counselors, support staff, after-school programs, and more.



What's Supported Outside of the FSF Formula?

Not Fair Student Funding

- Charter schools
- 3K, PreK, Mandated Individual Education Plan (IEP/special-ed) related services and IEP paraprofessionals (e.g., speech teachers, occupational therapists, and 1:1 paraprofessionals).
- D75/Citywide Special Education programs are also funded separately. Funding is provided based on a class model.

How Does Fair Student Funding Work?

Each Schools FSF Budget comprises of four pieces



- **Foundation:** Every schools gets \$225,000.
- **Collective Bargaining:** help schools pay for contractual increases for school staff.
- **Per Capita:** This is updated every year to reflect any changes to the citywide average teacher salary.
- **Number of students enrolled** at each school, and the **specific needs of those students.**
 - Student needs are “weighted” based on the cost of meeting the educational needs.
 - See the next slide for the table of weights.

SY 2026-2027 Proposed Fair Student Funding Weights

<u>Grade Base Weight</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Grades K-5	1.00
Grades 6-8	1.08
Grades 9-12	1.03

<u>Academic Intervention*</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Poverty K-12	0.12
Below Standards 4-5	0.25
Below Standards 6-8	0.35
Below Standards 9-12	0.25
Well Below Standards 4-5	0.40
Well Below Standards 6-8	0.50
Well Below Standards 9-12	0.40
Heavy Graduation Challenge (OAUC) 2 Over-the-Counter (OTC) 9-12	0.40

<u>Students in Temporary Housing</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Students in Temporary Housing	0.12

<u>English Language Learners</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Standalone English as a New Language (ENL) K-5	0.40
Standalone English as a New Language (ENL) 6-12	0.50
Bilingual K-5	0.44
Bilingual 6-12	0.55
Commanding K-5	0.13
Commanding 6-12	0.12
Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE)	0.12

<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Low Intensity <=20%	0.56
Moderate Intensity 21% to 59%	1.25
Less Inclusive >=60% K-8	1.18
Less Inclusive >=60% 9-12	0.58
More Inclusive >=60% K	2.09
More Inclusive >=60% 1-12	1.74
Post IEP Transitional Support	0.12

<u>Portfolio High Schools</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tier 1	0.26
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tier 2	0.17
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tier 3	0.12
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tier 4	0.05
Specialized Academic	0.25
Specialized Audition	0.35
Transfer Heavy Challenge (OAUC) ¹	0.40
Transfer Non-Heavy Challenge	0.21

<u>Concentration of Needs</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Concentration Need Tier 3	0.12
Concentration Need Tier 2	0.08
Concentration Need Tier 1	0.04



* Schools either receive funding for academic performance or for poverty [where prior test scores are not available].

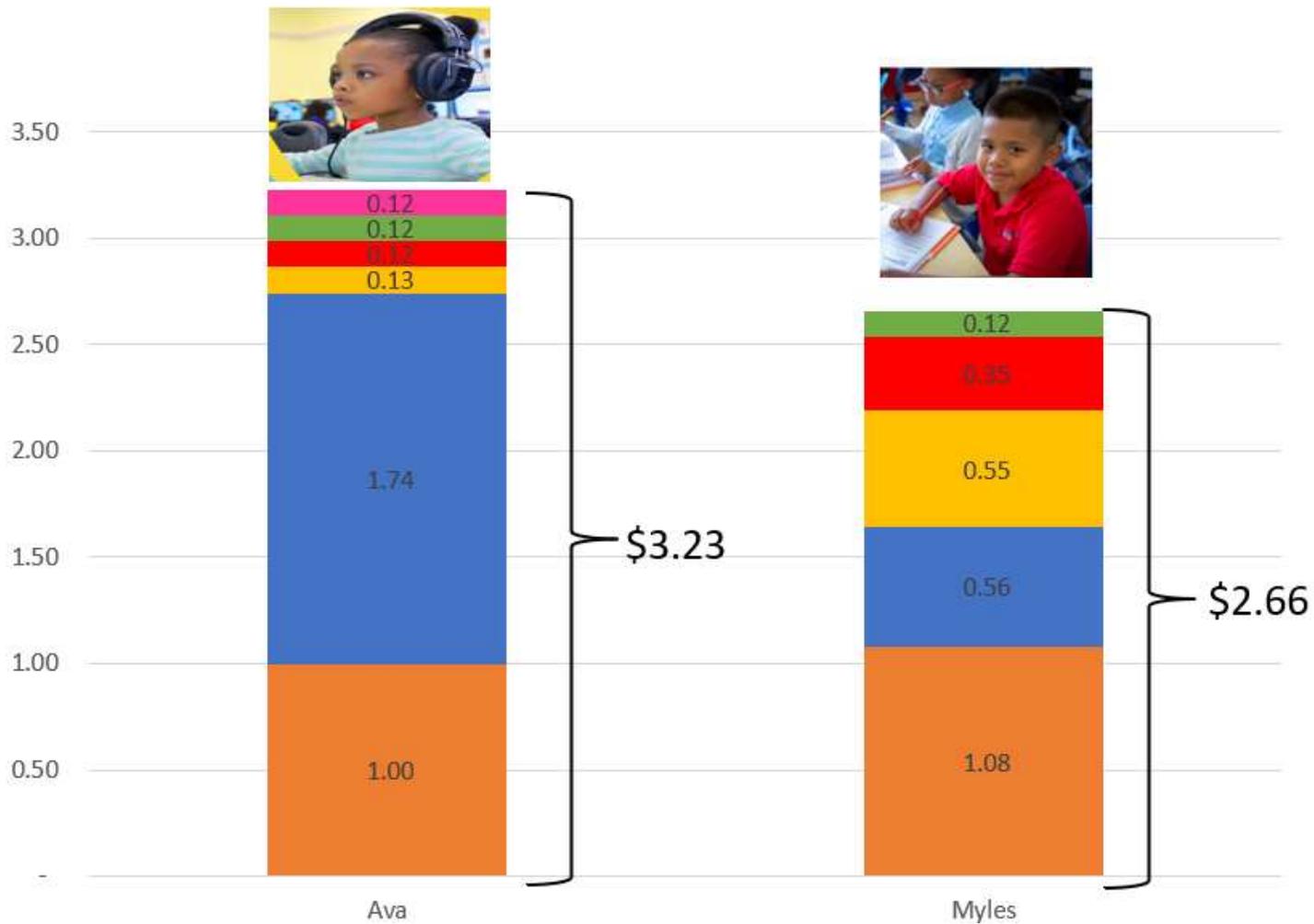
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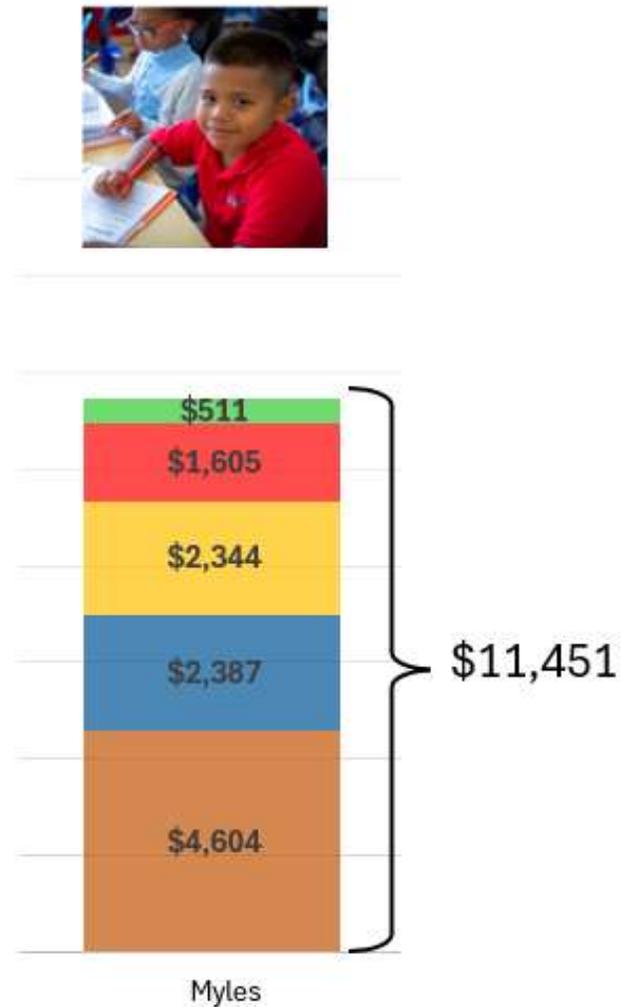
The proposed weights are unchanged from 2025-2026.

How the FSF Weights Work Per Student: If the Per Capita Were \$1



- Grade Weight
- Special Education
- English Language
- Academic Intervention
- Portfolio Weight (HS only)
- Student in Temporary Housing
- Concentration of Needs

How the FSF Weights Work per student: At the 2025-2026 per capita of \$4,262



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Budget Webpages

You can find an overview of the NYCPS' budget on the NYCPS' website, under "About Us >> Funding Our Schools"

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/funding/funding-our-schools>

You can find the following online on the NYCPS' "Infohub," under "Reports >> [Financial Data and Reports](#)":

- Detailed information about each and every school budget allocation in the form of "school allocation memoranda" or "[SAMs](#)."
- A programmatic [guide to Fair Student Funding](#), as well as how the [FSF allocation](#) is calculated for each school [New Look].
- You can find the following online on each individual school webpage, under "Reports >> Budget and Finances": (see directions on slide 15)
 - Detailed information of the school's budget based on the different types of funding schools receive, and
 - Detailed information as to how the Principal has budgeted for the current year, including the number of staff positions and other planned spending.

Where can I find information about my school's budget?



Enrollment ▾

Find a School

Learning ▾

School Life ▾

Get Involved ▾

Calendar

TeachHub

Employees



Overview

School Quality

Reports

Building Accessibility Profile

Facilities

Budget and Finances

[Fair Student Funding Detail](#)

[Galaxy Allocation](#)

[Budget Summary](#)

[Budget At A Glance](#)

- **Step 1:** Choose a school
- **Step 2:** Select the Reports Tab
- **Step 3:** Open "Budget and Finances"
- **Step 4:** Review reports
 - **Fair Student Funding Detail:** Fair Student Funding allocation and associated student counts. New Streamlined Look.
 - **Galaxy Allocation:** Current budget by source of funding
 - **Budget Summary:** Current budget by use of funding
 - **Budget At a Glance: [NEW]** High level summary of school level budget allocations, spending plan, and school demographics compared to citywide averages.

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Fair Student Funding Overview and Details for 2025-26 School Year

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Initial Mid Year Final

FY 2026 Fair Student Funding (FSF) Overview

	Initial Allocation	Mid Year Change	Final Allocation
Total FSF Allocation with Employee Benefits	\$2,789,629	(\$209,454)	\$2,580,175
Total FSF Allocation without Employee Benefits	\$1,819,729	(\$136,631)	\$1,683,098
Foundation	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000
Collective Bargaining	\$550,590	(\$41,860)	\$508,730
Total Student Based Formula	\$1,044,140	(\$94,771)	\$949,369

FY 2026 Fair Student Funding (FSF) Details

Student Based Formula	Weight	Per Capita	Projected		Register Change	Final Registers		
			Initial Registers	Initial Allocation	Mid Year Register Change	Mid Year Change	Final Registers	Final Amount
Grade Weight Total			145	\$618,018	(7)	(\$29,835)	138	\$588,182
Need Weight Total				\$402,083		(\$60,332)		\$341,751

This school was projected to have 145 students. They fell short of enrollment projections by 7 students and the projections for student needs. The school received funding for the 138 students enrolled.

Expand to see details by FSF Category and Weight.

Fair Student Funding Details Web Page by School

Shows enrollment and dollars

- ✓ Beginning of the School Year “Initial Allocation” (based on projected registers).
- ✓ The Mid-Year Change (based on actual registers).
- ✓ The Final Allocation (based on actual registers).

The School Budget at a Glance Report

A One Pager Showing:

- ✓ Total Budget per Capita
- ✓ School Funding
- ✓ School Spending
- ✓ Student Demographics

All in simplified terms, with comparable data across schools.

School Budget At A Glance

This report is designed to provide a timely, simple and meaningful view of each school's budget. It contains summarized data that highlights the most important aspects of a school's budget. Making school budgets available to the public in this format creates transparency. To print this report, use landscape mode.

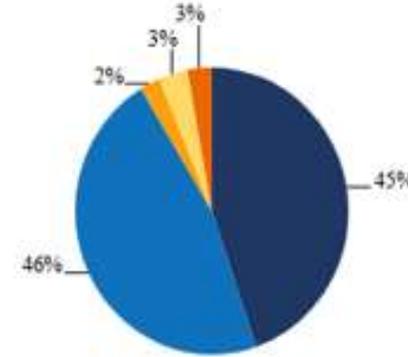
Enter 4 Digit School Code: School Year: [Search for a School](#) [Glossary/FAQ](#)

School Budget at a Glance School Year 2025-26

P.S. 000 Elementary School

Grades: K-5 | Enrollment: 145

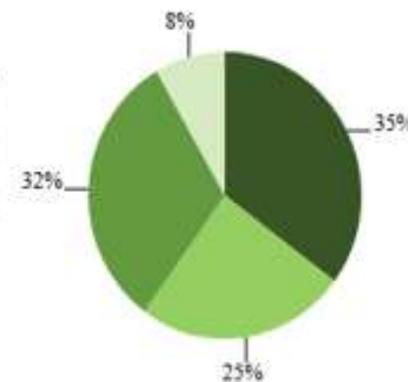
Funding for This School	Including Employee Benefits	% of Total	Graph Color
Fair Student Funding (FSF) - Includes some C4E	\$2,776,394	45%	Dark Blue
All Other State and Local Funding	\$2,883,718	46%	Light Blue
State Contracts for Excellence (C4E) - Non-FSF	\$149,377	2%	Orange
Federal Title I	\$211,692	3%	Yellow
All Other Federal Funding	\$188,630	3%	Red



Total School Funding: \$6,214,811
 School Funding per student: \$42,861
 School Funding plus Average Central Services per student: \$67,048

Average Central Services* for schools in Districts 01-32 per student: \$14,187
 *Central services, funded outside school budgets, include food services, facilities maintenance and debt payments on new facility construction, lease costs, school safety, school transportation, summer school, and central and field administration. Central and field administration make up approximately six percent of total central services.

Spending for This School	Total Including Employee Benefits	% of Total	Graph Color
Classroom Teacher Salaries	\$2,183,806	35%	Dark Green
All Other Salaries	\$1,540,252	25%	Light Green
Employee Benefits	\$1,962,516	32%	Medium Green
Other Than Personal Service (OTPS)	\$528,237	8%	Very Light Green



\$42,861

Funds allocated per student for this school

That amounts to 79% more than the NYC Public Schools' AVERAGE (\$23,908) school year funding per K-12 student in Districts 1-32

Demographics†	Students in this school	Citywide
Economic Need Index	92%	74%
English Language Learners	7%	17%
Students with Disabilities	25%	22%
% Asian	9%	19%
% Black	21%	19%
% Hispanic	62%	42%
% Multi-Racial	4%	2%
% Native American	1%	1%
% White	3%	16%
% Missing Race/Ethnicity Data	0%	0%

†Student demographic data is from School Year 2024-25.

We Welcome Your Feedback

Your voice matters to us.

Comments and questions may be directed below
between March 9, 2026 and April 28, 2026.

Via email to

BudgetPublicComments@schools.nyc.gov

– OR –

By phone to (212) 374-6754.

Thank you!

