

# ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## FY2026 BUDGET IN BRIEF

**Total District Budget  
(All Funds)**

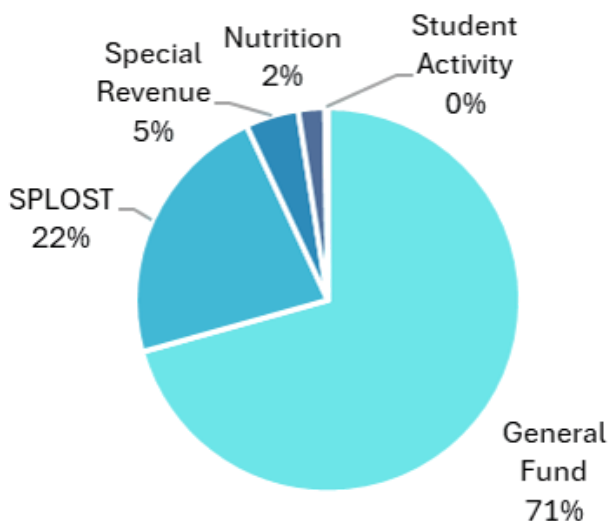
**\$1.85 BILLION**

General Fund	\$1.30 B
Special Revenue	\$82.41 M
SPLOST	\$413.28 M
Nutrition	\$41.11 M
Student Activity	\$4.5 M

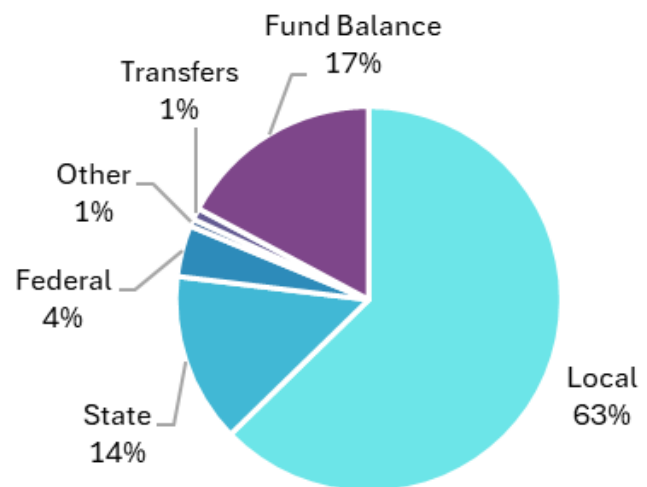
### Funding Sources (All Funds)

Local	\$1.16 B
State	\$263.57 M
Federal	\$79.53 M
Other	\$11.46 M
Transfers	\$17.82 M
Fund Balance	\$318.44 M

**FY2026 All Funds Budget**



**FY2026 Funding Sources**



### Focus Areas

- Emphasis on critical initiatives to advance student success
- Primary focus on getting “back to basics” and reducing redundancies
- Sustain financial commitments in the areas of literacy and safety
- Maintain commitment to investing in professional development opportunities in English Language Arts and Math
- Continue to invest in post-secondary preparation and whole-child support
- Support a compensation strategy for all employees that balances the APS competitive advantage with remaining sustainable in the long-term

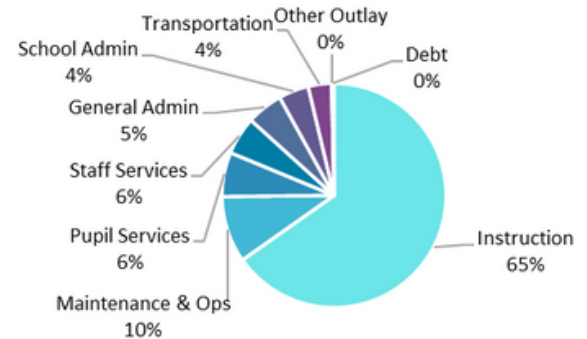
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### GENERAL FUND BUDGET - BY FUNCTION

Function Category	FY25 Approved	FY26 Approved	Change
Instruction	\$802.92	\$850.95	\$48.03
Pupil Services	\$74.92	\$83.29	\$8.37
Staff Services	\$73.61	\$71.45	(\$2.16)
School Administration	\$54.43	\$56.63	\$2.20
General Administration	\$66.76	\$68.29	\$1.53
Maintenance & Operations	\$130.08	\$125.25	(\$4.83)
Transportation	\$46.28	\$44.17	(\$2.11)
School Nutrition	\$0.38	\$0.00	(\$0.38)
Other Outlay	\$23.20	\$3.10	(\$20.10)
Debt	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,273.81</b>	<b>\$1,304.36</b>	<b>\$30.55</b>

**FY26 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES  
(BY FUNCTION, IN MILLIONS) - \$1,304,360,132**



### Explanation for the Change

**Instruction** - Step increases, increase in workers compensation, unfunded pension, and charter and partner allocations

**Pupil Services** - Increase in salary and benefits

**Staff Services** - Central Office reductions

**School Administration** - Increases in salary and benefits

**General Administration** - ERP upgrade

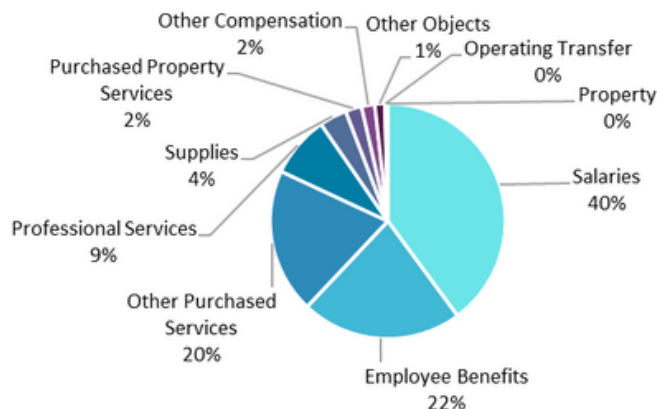
**Maintenance & Operations** - Central Office reductions

**Transportation** - Central Office reductions

**School Nutrition** - Nutrition operations in School Nutrition Fund

**Other Outlay** - Reduction in operating transfer from General Fund to other funds

**FY26 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES  
(BY OBJECT, IN MILLIONS) - \$1,304,360,132**



### GENERAL FUND BUDGET - BY OBJECT

Object Category	FY25 Approved	FY26 Approved	Change
Salaries	\$505.57	\$520.33	\$14.76
Other Compensation	\$24.17	\$23.78	(\$0.39)
Employee Benefits	\$258.49	\$288.99	\$30.50
Professional Services	\$119.69	\$110.30	(\$9.39)
Purchased Property Services	\$31.20	\$29.21	(\$1.98)
Other Purchased Services	\$252.52	\$259.46	\$6.94
Supplies	\$50.94	\$49.12	(\$1.82)
Property	\$1.71	\$2.15	\$0.44
Operating Transfer	\$23.19	\$3.10	(\$20.09)
Other Objects	\$6.32	\$17.92	\$11.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,273.81</b>	<b>\$1,304.37</b>	<b>\$30.56</b>

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## FY2026 BUDGET IN BRIEF

### ***FY2026 BUDGET TAKEAWAYS***

#### **BACK TO BASICS**

- Ensured a transparent baseline of funding for every school, driving \$45 million more to school budgets
  - Concentrated additional funding at Elementary
  - Increased spending in Core Classrooms by \$11 million
- Employee Benefits are the single largest cost driver for FY2026! More than \$26 million in increased benefits costs!
  - Fully funded 5% increase in TRS rates and increase of 7% (certified) and 20% (classified) for State Health

#### **DISCIPLINE**

- Cut a net 135 positions from Central Office; overall net decrease to central office of \$25 million
- Constraining growth in utilities budgets
- Zero-Based budget for Signature Programs and Turnaround
- Reduced duplicated funding for APS programs (AVA, Phoenix)
- Current-year cuts allow for us to expedite a textbook adoption

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

- Eliminated general fund transfer to School Nutrition Program \$15 million
- Funded a Step Increase for all employees \$8.8 million
- Reduced dependence on fund balance by 86%
- Kicked-off a facility master planning process

### **BUDGET RESOURCES**

- Budget Commission Presentations
- FY2026 School and Department Sheets
- School Allotment Guidelines
- FY2026 Budget Primer
- Budget Contacts

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