



## BESSEMER CITY

## SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2026 EDITION\*

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**\$3,443,316**

Cost of One Month's Operation/General Fund



**7.39**

Number of Months Reserve Balance

### By the Numbers



Schools<sup>1</sup>

8



Students/ADM<sup>2</sup>

2,958



Free & Reduced Lunch

86%

Community Eligibility Program

87%



Number of Route Buses<sup>3</sup>

32

Buses 10 yrs. old or less

100%

Students Bused

1,334



Full-Time Employees

484

Teachers

225

Principals/  
Assistant Principals

14

Counselors

11

Librarians

7

Other Certified Employees

15

Support Personnel

212

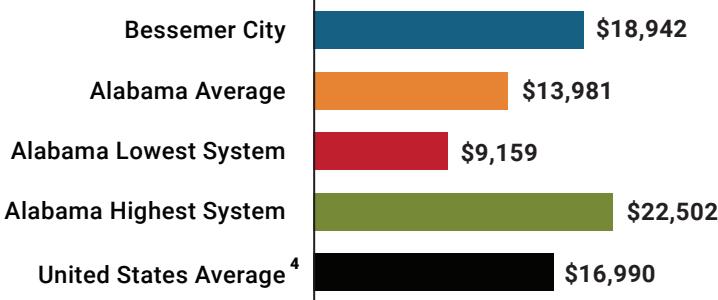
<sup>1</sup> Schools with enrollment, including Alternative and Career Technical Education

<sup>2</sup> Average Daily Membership (includes virtual students)

<sup>3</sup> Data collected in 2024 and used for FY26 funding

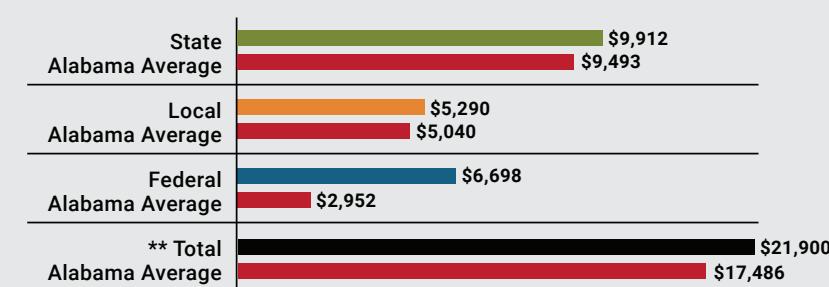
<sup>4</sup> 2024-2025 NEA Rankings of the States

### Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



### Per-Pupil Revenue Sources

#### Bessemer City Revenue Sources



\*\*Total Revenue Among 139 School Systems



**74**

STATE  
RANK

**35**

LOCAL  
RANK

**13**

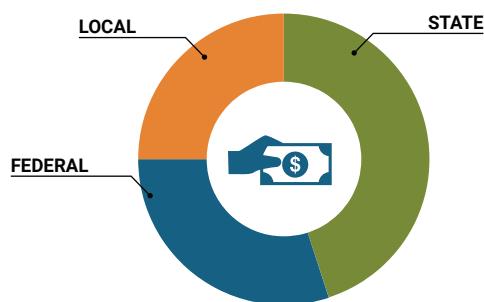
FEDERAL  
RANK

### OVERALL SYSTEM RANK 17

LEAs with a substantial increase in reported ADM may show lower rankings since additional revenues reflecting those increases are not received until the following fiscal year. LEAs with a statewide virtual program may also be ranked lower overall due to state revenues received for increased ADM as compared to their local and federal revenue sources.

## School System Revenue

## How was your school system funded?<sup>1</sup>



\$29,316,508	STATE	45%
\$19,809,852	FEDERAL	30%
\$16,197,324	LOCAL	25%
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\$4,869,050		
	Local 10-Mill Match	
\$11,328,274		AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE

VALUE OF 1-MILL  
For Your School System



## School System Spending

## How did your school system spend state & local dollars?<sup>1</sup>

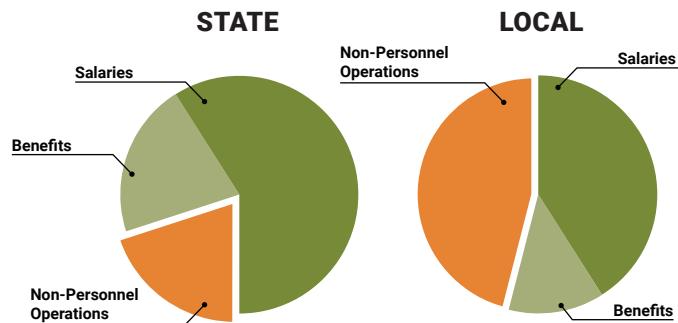
	STATE SPENDING <sup>2,3</sup>	LOCAL SPENDING <sup>2</sup>
Salaries	\$17,057,866	\$4,394,707
Benefits	\$5,928,306	\$1,364,601
Non-Personnel Operations	\$5,742,524	\$4,907,202
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,728,695</b>	<b>\$10,666,511</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revenues and expenditures may contain nominal variances due to rounding

<sup>2</sup> Does not include debt service or capital outlay

<sup>3</sup> Includes 10-mill match

<sup>4</sup> Such as utilities, operations & maintenance, etc.



Only 20% of state funding is available for non-personnel expenditures<sup>4</sup>

## Instructional Support

■ FY25 ■ FY26\*

Classroom Materials & Supplies	■ \$900	■ \$1,000
Technology	■ \$500	■ \$500
Library Enhancements	■ \$158	■ \$158
Professional Development	■ \$100	■ \$100
Textbooks/ Digital Resources	■ \$100	■ \$100
Common Purchase*	■ \$100	■ \$0
Removed for FY26		

## Educational Advancement & Technology Fund<sup>5</sup>

FY25	\$3,305,269
FY24	\$3,093,894
FY23	\$0
FY22	\$914,595
FY21	\$973,633

<sup>5</sup> These one-time supplemental funds may be used for repairs and deferred maintenance, capital outlay, classroom instructional supplies, insurance for facilities, transportation, technology and school safety. For FY23, there was no EAT allocation for school systems.

## System Debt

**TOTAL DEBT<sup>6</sup>** ■ **DEBT PER STUDENT**  
\$12,572,254 ■ \$4,251

<sup>6</sup> The debt totals in system audit reports may differ due to audit adjustments.



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