

Northshore School District

2024-25 Budget Shortfall, \$26M

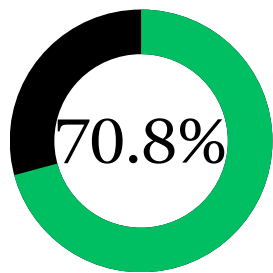


The state's paramount duty is to fully fund public education

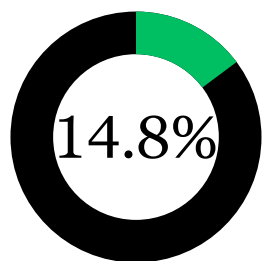


In 2012 the State Supreme Court ruled that Washington was violating the state constitution by failing to fund basic education. In response, the state increased funding, however there is still a significant gap between the revenues received and what it costs to educate Northshore students.

How is Northshore Funded?



Northshore's largest funding source is the state of Washington and is dependent on student enrollment. State revenue falls short of what districts need to educate students.



Local taxes (levies) are the second largest funding source and make up part of the gap between what the state provides and what our students need. Levy funds back fill special education, safety and security, English language development services, utilities, staff benefits, classified staff, and more.

Other funding sources include federal dollars, grants, and private donors.



<https://link.nsd.org/24-25BudgetDevelopment>

State Revenue Shortfall By Expense Area

- ▼ \$23.8M, legally required special education services for our students.
- ▼ \$19.7M, required health benefits for our staff.
- ▼ \$7.2M, funding for substitutes, essential employees to the success of our students.
- ▼ \$5.87M, student supports for English language development. 119 different languages are represented in NSD.
- ▼ \$1.4M, district insurance and utilities. The state hasn't kept pace with inflation and the cost of operating schools.

In 2024-25, Northshore, like most districts in our region will need to reduce our operating budget by **\$26 million or 5%** to bring our expenses into alignment with state revenues.

Our funding must meet students' needs.