



Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Information

- Key educational programs are retained.
- Staffing remains near FY 2025 levels.
- Homestead property tax rate is estimated to drop by 6 cents:
To \$1.61 for FY 2026 from \$1.67 this year (based on preliminary December 2 “Yield”).
- Per pupil education spending declines to \$12,197 in FY 2026 (-1.7%):
Pupil metrics provided by the AOE for FY 2025 and FY 2026 are beneficial for RCPS.
- For each dollar of educational spending on average:
 - 75 cents flow into Rutland City from outside federal and state sources.
 - 25 cents are funded by local taxpayers.
- RCPS used \$17 million of federal ESSER grants for:
Tutoring, air handling equipment, new flooring, computers, and student transportation.
These grant-funded expenditures will reduce funding needed in the future from local taxes.

RCPS has a longstanding commitment to providing excellent educational programs within a cost structure that is responsible, reasonable, and sustainable.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.rutlandcitypublicschools.org/central-office/school-finance>

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As of January 21, 2025



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