SCHOOL FUNDING 101:

How Blue Valley Schools is funded

Public schools across the state are funded through a shared framework that relies on multiple revenue sources, **each restricted to specific uses**. Rather than drawing from a single pool of local tax dollars, districts receive a combination of **state aid**, **federal funding**, **family-paid fees** and **locally approved taxes and bonds**. This model supports a wide range of essential services, including student transportation, meals, staff compensation, special education services, utilities and school facilities.

As lawmakers consider education funding priorities during the 2026 Kansas Legislative session and begin work to rewrite the state's school funding formula for the 2027-28 school year, understanding how schools are funded is critical. **Changes to any one funding source can affect a district's overall budget** and lead to decisions that directly impact students and staff.

FUNDING SOURCES	STUDENTS	STAFF	FACILITIES & CURRICULUM
STATE AID	**$14M for transportation**	**$36M for special education grants** **$144M for staffing and compensation**	**$10M for utilities**
FEDERAL AID	**$2M for meal subsidies**	**$4M for special education grants** **$1M for Medicaid services** **$1M for Title 1,2,3 grants**	
LOCAL TAX		**$15M for custodial/ maintenance salaries** **$80M for staffing and compensation**	**Capital outlay Bond referendums to finance:** • 22 elementary schools • 10 middle schools • 5 high schools
FAMILIES	**$8M in meal fees**	**$1M for activity fees**	**$2M for learning resources**