

**Craven County Schools
FY 2026-2027
Budget Preparation Timeline**

January 27, 2026	Board of Education budget work session – Board will determine next steps. The Superintendent will distribute the budget timeline to the Board.
January 30, 2026	Department discretionary budget templates will be provided to Directors.
February 20, 2026	Department discretionary budgets will be submitted to the Finance Officer.
February 27, 2026	Projected school enrollments provided to schools.
March 10, 2026	Board of Education budget work session.
March (11–20), 2026	Superintendent and Finance Officer will meet with the County on budget issues and district initiatives.
March 24, 2026	Board of Education budget work session.
April 14, 2026	Finance Officer will present a budget request to the Board of Education for consideration of approval to submit to the County Commissioners.
April 17, 2026	Planning allotments provided to schools by this date.
May 1, 2026	Statutory date that the Superintendent must submit the proposed budget to the Board of Education.
May 4, 2026	Superintendent and Finance Officer will present the Board of Education approved request to the County Commissioners.
May 15, 2026	Statutory date that the Board of Education budget request must be submitted.
June 16, 2026	Interim Budget Resolution presented in the Board of Education work session.