Lancaster-Lebanon IU13
General Operating Budget Highlights
2026-2027

Based on Public School Code of 1949[1] and IU13 Board Policy, the Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 General Operating Budget is presented to our local school district boards for approval. This budget represents 1.3% of IU13 total expenditures and is comprised of two components:

1. **General Operating Budget – Core Program of Services (CPS):** Increase of 2.40%.
    - This component provides IU13 with resources for organizational leadership, board and community relations, curriculum and instructional services, school improvement services, professional development, administrative services, and legislative support.
    - There is no direct assessment to the local school districts (no membership fee) for IU13 Core Program of Services.

2. **General Operating Budget - Instructional Media Services (IMS):** Increase of 2.28%.
    - This budget is largely funded by district contributions as outlined under School Code.
    - District contributions reflect an increase of 2% in total over the current year.
    - This component provides instructional media for educators' use in schools, access to the lending library for STEM and robotics systems, courier services among schools, and consultation and training services and collaborative job-alikes for school district personnel.
    - IMS 5-Year Plan (2025-2030):
      Products/Digital Resources:
        - Discovery Education Experience (K-12)
        - BrainPOP Combo (K-8)
        - Overdrive/SORA (K-12)
        - IMS Lending Library
            - Transfer VR Devices (6-12) Career Explorations & Readiness
            - Telepresence Robotic Systems
            - VR/AR Mobile Device Kits (K-12)
            - STARLAB Portable Planetariums (K-12)
            - Esports equipment (6-12)
            - STEM & robotics systems and toolkits for classroom use

      Current Services:
        - Tech Media Integrators' Collaborative
        - Librarians' Collaborative
        - Esports Collaborative
        - AI Forums
        - Professional Learning/Workshops at IU13
        - IMS Communications
        - Technical Assistance/Consultations

[1]Under the Public School Code of 1949, the Intermediate Unit Board of Directors has the power and duty to provide the following services: (i) curriculum development and instructional improvement services; (ii) educational planning services; (iii) instructional materials services; (iv) continuing professional education services; (v) pupil personnel services; (vi) State and Federal agency liaison services; and (vii) management services.