

Union - Rahway City

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Rahway school district, in the County of Union, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the 7th & 8th Academy Building of the Rahway Board of Education, 1138 Kline Place, Rahway, NJ 07065, on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2024 Actual	15, 2025 Actual	15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	3,366	3,219	3,227
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	24	35	35
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	734	715	718
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	23	20	20
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	4,147	3,989	4,000
Private School Placements	55	53	55
Pupils Sent to Contracted Preschool Prog	150	145	139
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	1	0	0
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	26	27	34
Pupils Received	0	1	0
Pupils in State Facilities	4	5	5

Union - Rahway City Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	46,949,164	48,827,125	50,780,210
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	46,949,164	48,827,125	50,780,210
Total Tuition	10-1300	3,610	0	0
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	1,042,092	250,000	500,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	100	100	100
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	100	100	100
Total Revenues from Local Sources		47,995,066	49,077,325	51,280,410
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	1,115,594	1,168,196	956,938
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	1,472,239	400,000	400,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	4,727,813	6,517,089	6,647,364
Equalization Aid	10-3176	42,698,220	44,028,776	44,344,829
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	1,799,559	1,647,596	1,672,828
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	81,725	0	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	2,919	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		51,898,069	53,761,657	54,021,959
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	130,288	31,369	111,915
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		130,288	31,369	111,915
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	3,263,249	2,709,162
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	587,650	0	0
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-309	1,950,000	6,761,199	665,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	2,472,112	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-2,371,688	0	0
Total Operating Budget		100,189,385	115,366,911	108,788,446
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	417,033	2,850	2,850
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	11,882	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	27,585	108,949	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	456,500	111,799	2,850

Revenues from State Sources:

Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	1,944,160	2,623,389	1,975,240
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	4,564,707	5,631,898	6,955,583
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	167,300	0	0
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	1,820	3,590	3,590
Total Revenues from State Sources		6,677,987	8,258,877	8,934,413
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	1,181,746	1,718,909	1,203,236
Title II	20-4451-4455	51,811	296,462	207,523
Title III	20-4491-4494	66,304	156,794	109,755
Title IV	20-4471-4474	62,102	77,804	54,462
ARP-State Fiscal Recovery Funds	20-4548	0	2,173,030	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	1,341,889	1,233,804	863,662
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		2,703,852	5,656,803	2,438,638
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	492,084	0	0
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	678,180	872,770
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-26,467	250	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		-7,382	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		10,296,574	14,705,909	12,248,671
Repayment of Debt:				
Transfers from Other Funds	40-5200	15,073	0	0
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	2,940,404	2,859,914	2,780,499
Total Revenues from Local Sources		2,940,404	2,859,914	2,780,499
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	777,882	767,404	756,792
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303	0	10,757	14,284
Total Local Repayment of Debt		3,733,359	3,638,075	3,551,575

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Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-14,284	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		3,719,075	3,638,075	3,551,575
Total Revenues/Sources		114,205,034	133,710,895	124,588,692
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	492,084	0	0
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	678,180	872,770
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		113,712,950	133,032,715	123,715,922

Union - Rahway City
Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	20,700,688	23,966,352	24,969,070
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	7,936,910	9,007,172	9,101,785
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	1,695,910	2,060,650	2,068,313
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	507,767	682,301	671,941
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	857,013	1,017,963	1,000,780
Before/After School Programs	11-421-XXX-XXX	34,009	87,500	87,500
Summer School	11-422-XXX-XXX	35,370	75,700	75,700
Instructional Alternative Ed Program	11-423-XXX-XXX	1,072,224	1,253,846	1,117,771

Other Alternative Education Program	11-425-XXX-XXX	251,230	256,659	265,641
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	7,766,397	9,323,725	8,685,522
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	214,048	239,189	250,192
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	638,525	799,099	595,072
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	1,561,892	1,881,193	1,991,799
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services,	11-000-217-XXX	2,638,243	2,957,712	2,983,041
Students>Extraordinary Services				
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	1,443,601	1,543,880	1,743,849
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	2,307,393	2,560,069	2,980,712
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,036,004	1,464,755	1,156,273
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	522,460	453,615	543,526
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	9,216	41,000	11,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	2,004,189	2,002,808	2,186,219
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	3,644,494	3,551,077	3,494,594
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	1,022,610	1,389,741	1,293,578
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	1,178,280	1,618,545	1,458,909
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	6,944,387	9,624,065	9,555,078
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	6,223,619	8,126,874	7,901,151
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	13,625,612	19,966,084	21,526,143
Undistributed Expenditures-Food Services	11-000-310-930	400,880	0	0
Total Undistributed Expenditures		53,181,850	67,543,431	68,356,658
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	100	100	100
Increase In Maintenance Reserve	10-606	2,000,000	0	0
Total General Current Expense		88,273,071	105,951,674	107,715,259
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	2,963,741	499,797	80,000
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	135,595	1,901,477	703,595
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	587,650	6,761,199	0
Increase In Capital Reserve	10-604	8,000,000	0	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	100	100	100
Total Capital Outlay		11,687,086	9,162,573	783,695
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	229,228	252,664	289,492
General Fund Grand Total		100,189,385	115,366,911	108,788,446
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	27,585	108,949	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	390,566	3,100	2,850
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	4,500	0	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	2,030,637	2,715,686	3,073,073
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	4,841,349	6,067,781	6,550,520
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	128,965	150,000	180,000
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	7,000,951	8,933,467	9,803,593
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,820	1,152	1,152
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	470	470
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	1,968	1,968
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	167,300	0	0
Total Other State Projects		169,120	3,590	3,590
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	7,170,071	8,937,057	9,807,183
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,181,746	1,718,909	1,203,236
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	51,811	296,462	207,523
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	66,304	156,794	109,755
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	62,102	77,804	54,462
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,341,889	1,233,804	863,662
ARP-State Fiscal Recovery Funds	20-498-xxx-xxx	0	2,173,030	0

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,703,852	5,656,803	2,438,638
Total Special Revenue Funds		10,296,574	14,705,909	12,248,671
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	3,719,075	3,638,075	3,551,575
Total Debt Service Funds		3,719,075	3,638,075	3,551,575
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		114,205,034	133,710,895	124,588,692
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	492,084	0	0
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	0	678,180	872,770
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		113,712,950	133,032,715	123,715,922

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Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2024	Audited Balance 06-30-2025	Estimated Balance 06-30-2026	Estimated Balance 06-30-2027
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	2,503,402	3,162,979	2,699,730	2,257,896
(Repayment of Debt)	10,757	25,041	14,284	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	16,553,625	22,016,075	15,254,976	14,590,076
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	1,000,000	2,500,100	2,500,200	2,500,300
--Legal Reserve	4,600,000	5,067,328	2,267,328	0
--Unemployment Fund	342,755	315,520	315,520	315,520
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	337,024	363,491	363,241	363,241
--Scholarship Fund	171,038	178,420	178,420	178,420
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

Union - Rahway City
Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2023-24 Actual Costs	2024-25 Actual Costs	2025-26 Original Budget	2025-26 Revised Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$17,748	\$19,586	\$21,615	\$23,765	\$24,527
Total Classroom Instruction	\$10,087	\$10,960	\$12,455	\$13,233	\$13,779
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$9,746	\$10,660	\$11,777	\$12,476	\$12,971
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$267	\$224	\$479	\$545	\$585
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$74	\$76	\$199	\$213	\$222
Total Support Services	\$3,289	\$3,569	\$3,623	\$4,426	\$4,614
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,245	\$2,550	\$2,903	\$3,096	\$3,340
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,160	\$2,426	\$2,441	\$2,694	\$2,689
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,664	\$1,782	\$1,772	\$1,880	\$1,920
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$1,813	\$2,076	\$2,574	\$2,841	\$2,860
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,141	\$1,247	\$1,356	\$1,445	\$1,535
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$103	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Extracurricular Costs	\$372	\$414	\$475	\$518	\$515
Total Equipment Costs	\$121	\$797	\$101	\$165	\$66
Legal Costs	\$26	\$46	\$36	\$40	\$38
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	26.83%	29.74%	38.80%	38.89%	40.96%

*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.

** Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: <http://www.nj.gov/education/guide/>. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2025-26 revised appropriations and the 2026-27 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

Union - Rahway City Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Gym Floor Replacement	Roosevelt-1	\$120,000	N	N	
Weight Room Renovation	Rahway High School-1	\$300,000	N	N	
Transportation Driveway Paving	Rahway High School-2	\$75,000	N	N	
Roof Replacement	Veterans Field House-1	\$95,000	N	N	
Weight Room Renovation	Veterans Field House-2	\$75,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at Business Office in the 7th & 8th Grade Academy building, 1138 Kline Place, Rahway, NJ 07065, Union County, New Jersey between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.