

FY27 Budget Overview

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FY26 Year-end Outlook

For the year ending June 30, 2026

 **HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

FY26 Budget | Year-end Outlook

In Millions

FY26	Initial	Amended	Anticipated Landing	Notes
Revenues	\$568.4	\$576.0	\$576.6	
State	272.3	279.9	279.9	<i>Increase driven by one-time supplement</i>
Local	293.9	293.9	295.4	<i>Favorable pacing on title ad valorem</i>
Federal	2.2	2.2	1.3	<i>Lagging, some receipts likely to carryover to FY27</i>
Expenses	\$596.2	\$608.8	\$608.6	<i>Amendments for operational needs and supplements; slightly favorable pacing on expenses</i>
Transfer			\$0.2	<i>Café Staff Support; receipts on path to cover COGS^{a)}</i>
Net (Reserve Use)	(\$27.8)	(\$32.8)	(\$32.8)	
Beginning balance is actual (not forecast)				
Fund Balance – Beg	\$169.8		\$169.8	
Fund Balance – End	\$142.0		\$137.0	
% of FY26 Expense	23.8%		22.5%	<i>Added FY26 cost puts pressure on maintaining the targeted reserve balance of 20%</i>

(a – Cost of goods sold)



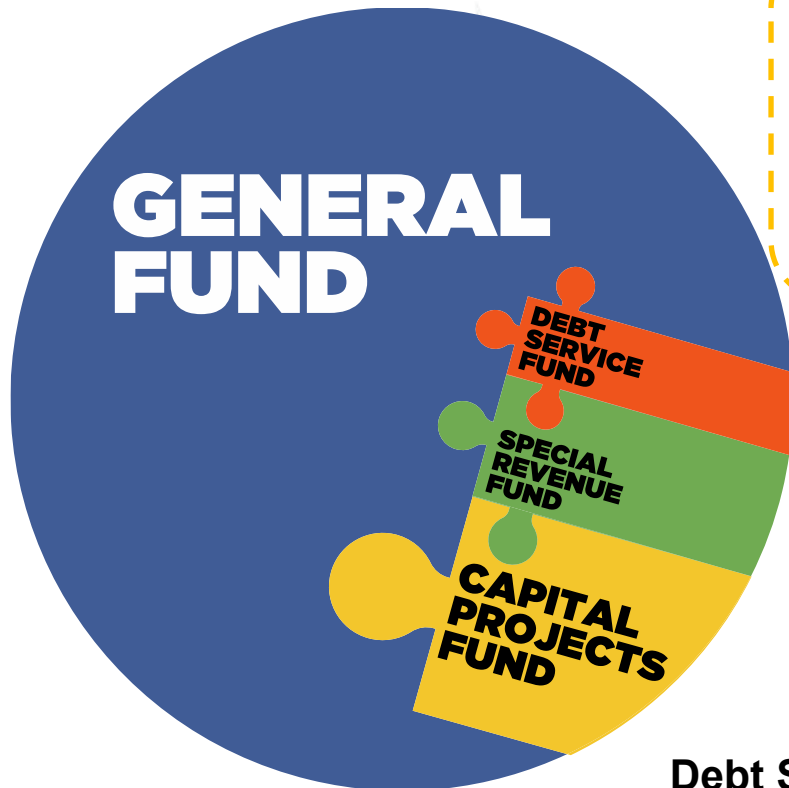
FY27 Budget Development

For the year ending June 30, 2027

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FY27 Budget | Fund Overview

Board Policy DC – Annual Operating Budget states: (1) budgets will be prepared by the Superintendent and adopted annually by the BoE; (2) budgetary control exists at the aggregate fund level. HCS' aggregate fund levels include the:



General Fund: Accounts for the daily operations of the district and primarily funded by State Quality Basic Education (QBE) funds and Local property tax funds

- State revenue estimates traditionally available early April, preliminary forecasting completed in consideration of enrollment, current year QBE, new legislation
- Local revenue estimates strengthen in early April and fully materialize in June post settlement of the tax digest

Special Revenue Fund: Accounts for awards/grants for designated purposes (e.g., Title or CARES) and enterprise activities of the district (e.g., BASE or SNP)

- Traditional federal grant awards generally communicated during July or August; enterprise estimates developed based on history and enrollment forecast

Capital Projects Fund: Comprised of the current year anticipated E-SPLOST revenues and expenditures for approved referendums and associated projects

- Revenues dependent on bond issue or interest earnings

Debt Service Fund: Developed in consideration of obligations due per schedule

- Revenues dependent on local SPLOST collection forecast and tax digest

FY27 Budget | Revenue Outlook

Revenues		FY26 Adopted*	% of budget	FY27 Projected	% of budget	Year over year
	State	\$272.3M	47.9%	\$281.5M	49.2%	\$ 9.2M
	Local	293.9M	51.7%	288.4M	50.5%	(\$ 5.5M)
	Federal	2.2M	0.4%	1.9M	0.3%	(\$ 0.3M)
		\$568.4M		\$571.8M		\$ 3.4M

*Adopted FY27 revenues shown (versus amended) to eliminate consideration of the one-time supplement receipt in comparison

Forecasted changes in revenue for FY27

- State** **+ \$9.2M**

 - +/- Net Impact of TRS increase to 22.32%, FTE change, and SHBP Certified increase = \$0.5M
 - Sustainment of security grant funds, non-repeat or reduction non-QBE FY26 grants = **(\$0.4M)**
 - + Receipt of equalization grant funding = \$8.2M
 - +/- Decrease in local five mil share contribution = \$0.9M
- Local** **(\$ 5.5M)**

 - Considers contraction in local property digest of up to 2.5% driven by lower valuation of existing homes, as well as, reduction in “Other Taxes” receipts in alignment with present pacing

FY27 Budget | Expenditure Outlook

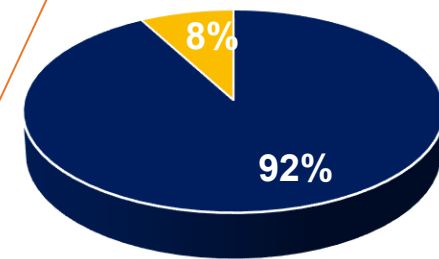
FY27 Expense Rollforward	
Increased healthcare costs for certified and classified staff (\$50 PMPM ^{-a}) beginning July 1	\$2.9M
Increased employer contribution for TRS rate change from 21.91% to 22.32%	\$1.3M
Provide monetary increase associated with step/experience progress	\$3.5M
Staffing/resources aligned to Strategic Plan ^{-b} , STEM HS, Wolf Creek, and student support	\$2.6M
Increased insurance, fuel, utilities, and other ^{-c)} district operations/personnel actions	\$2.5M
Increased carrying cost resulting from IDEA grant reductions	\$2.1M
Transition Arts related supplements to GF for sustainability	\$0.3M
Total of mandated and prioritized investments	\$15.2M
FY26 Expenditures (less amended values related to one-time supplement)	596.7M
FY27 Academic and Operational Adjustments	-13.2M
FY27 Expense Forecast	\$598.7M
Expenses in Excess of Revenues (i.e., Fund Balance Use)	\$26.9M
Fund Balance % Forecast – FY27 end	18.5%

Investments driven by State legislation

Investments aligned to unified BoE priorities

Investments to sustain academics and operations

Expenditure Summary by Type



- Compensation of employees and the contracted workforce
- Purchase of resources, supplies, and other expenses to operate

a) Per member, per month

b) Strategic Plan staff additions include Chief of Police and final HS Orchestra allocation; inclusive of \$1.5M in resources/services for STEM and Wolf Creek start

c) Other pertains to known increases in Legal and Custodial fees; targeted position reclassifications identified

FY27 Budget Development Calendar - Update

Henry County Schools
Revised FY27 Budget Calendar

The following proposed schedule of activities will guide budget development for the 2026-2027 school year.



Activity	Responsibility	Date
Present FY27 Budget Development Calendar	Superintendent/CFO	Monday, December 8, 2025 Study Session
Present FY27 Budgetary Priorities	Superintendent/CFO	Monday, January 12, 2026 Study Session
Present FY27 Outlook	Superintendent/CFO	Monday, February 9, 2026 Study Session
Present FY27 Budget Update	Superintendent/CFO	Monday, March 9, 2026 Study Session
Present FY27 Budget Overview	Superintendent/CFO	Monday, April 20, 2026 Study Session
Provide FY27 Budget Notebook to Board of Education	Superintendent/CFO	Monday, April 27, 2026
Present FY27 Tentative Budget	Superintendent/CFO	Monday, May 11, 2026 Study Session
Host Budget Hearing (1 of 2)	Board of Education/Superintendent	Monday, May 11, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Adopt FY27 Tentative Budget	Board of Education	Monday, May 11, 2026 Business Session
Post FY27 Tentative Budget on Henry County Schools Website	Financial Services	Friday, May 15, 2026
Present FY27 Final Budget	Superintendent/CFO	Monday, June 8, 2026 Study Session
Host Budget Hearing (2 of 2)	Board of Education/Superintendent	Monday, June 8, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Adopt FY27 Final Budget	Board of Education	Monday, June 8, 2026 Business Session
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Advertise and hold Public Meetings for Tax Payer Bill of Rights (*)	Board of Education/Superintendent	July 2026
Final adoption of millage rate (**)	Board of Education	July / August 2026

May 11th

FY27 Tentative Budget
Budget Hearing #1
Tentative Budget Adoption

June 8th

FY27 Final Budget
Budget Hearing #2
Final Budget Adoption