

Monmouth - Ocean Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Township of Ocean school district, in the County of Monmouth, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Administrative Offices of the Township of Ocean Board of Education, 163 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755, on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	2,587	2,569	2,569
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	31	14	26
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	538	551	551
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	22	12	12
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	3,178	3,146	3,146
Private School Placements	37	33	36
Pupils Sent to Contracted Preschool Prog	17	0	15
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	1	3	0
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	6	7	12
Pupils Received	10	11	6
Pupils in State Facilities	1	0	0

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
<b>Operating Budget:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	74,531,210	76,536,741	81,511,630
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	74,531,210	76,536,741	81,511,630
Total Tuition	10-1300	267,361	50,000	50,000
Transportation Fees from Other Local Education Authorities	10-1420-1440	63,179	100,000	100,000
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	268,021	262,266	268,662
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	1,133,572	136,600	386,600
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	10,000	10,000	10,000
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	339,900	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>76,613,243</b>	<b>77,135,607</b>	<b>82,366,892</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	1,729,784	1,391,854	1,445,247
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	1,212,664	902,500	902,500
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	2,550,341	3,856,080	4,118,906
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	552,389	674,440	713,563
Adjustment Aid	10-3178	754,631	0	0
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	249,577	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>7,049,386</b>	<b>6,824,874</b>	<b>7,180,216</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	41,952	14,818	53,998
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>41,952</b>	<b>14,818</b>	<b>53,998</b>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget</b>				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-303	0	4,334,300	4,334,300
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-309	0	465,976	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-310	0	375,000	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		0	1,647,986	0
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>		<b>-710,884</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>82,993,697</b>	<b>90,798,561</b>	<b>93,935,406</b>
<b>Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	591,217	100,000	100,000
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	24,140	5,000	5,000
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	26,440	35,297	0
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>	20-1XXX	<b>641,797</b>	<b>140,297</b>	<b>105,000</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	132,313	188,074
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	4,222,306	4,746,282	5,349,915
Nonpublic Teacher Stem Grant	20-3212	0	11,821	0
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	1,410,800	1,500,186	1,125,138
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>5,633,106</b>	<b>6,390,602</b>	<b>6,663,127</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Title I	20-4411-4416	537,585	570,988	428,239
Title II	20-4451-4455	97,386	119,306	89,479
Title III	20-4491-4494	41,929	56,667	42,499
ARP-State Fiscal Recovery Funds	20-4548	0	280,986	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	1,095,791	1,209,476	907,108
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	24,152	0	0
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	85,676	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	19,826	16,964	0
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>1,902,345</b>	<b>2,254,387</b>	<b>1,467,325</b>
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	1,133,033	1,157,400	799,200
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-6,681	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		-4,265	0	0
<b>Total Grants and Entitlements</b>		<b>9,299,335</b>	<b>9,942,686</b>	<b>9,034,652</b>
<b>Repayment of Debt:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	1,497,251	1,501,085	1,507,745
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>1,497,251</b>	<b>1,501,085</b>	<b>1,507,745</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	436,031	437,147	439,087
<b>Total Local Repayment of Debt</b>		<b>1,933,282</b>	<b>1,938,232</b>	<b>1,946,832</b>

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Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-1	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		1,933,281	1,938,232	1,946,832
Total Revenues/Sources		94,226,313	102,679,479	104,916,890
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	1,133,033	1,157,400	799,200
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		93,093,280	101,522,079	104,117,690

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
<b>General Current Expense:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	21,996,393	23,342,383	22,145,811
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	7,367,664	7,876,821	7,768,334
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	224,219	475,454	543,127
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	1,083,224	1,243,042	1,280,344
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	393,806	430,152	419,464
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,063,110	1,148,110	1,169,081
Before/After School Programs	11-421-XXX-XXX	102,783	108,134	108,134
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	3,867,170	4,905,121	5,512,278
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	98,657	102,446	106,384
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	681,375	518,081	530,559
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	1,514,795	2,048,336	1,908,839
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	430,435	490,041	469,346
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	1,462,346	1,568,176	1,588,615
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	2,281,282	2,437,605	2,178,864
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,211,902	1,177,683	1,058,924
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	345,207	561,166	1,127,879
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	150,919	69,293	70,971
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	1,169,770	1,564,854	1,178,832
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	2,148,210	2,171,685	2,346,050
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	714,093	886,066	1,170,041
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	743,271	562,622	20,508
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	7,398,151	8,780,054	9,009,738
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	4,725,461	5,526,810	5,504,637
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	16,942,762	20,874,417	26,061,438
Total Undistributed Expenditures		45,885,806	54,244,456	59,843,903
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	10,000	10,000
Total General Current Expense		78,117,005	88,878,552	93,288,198
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	538,247	443,661	0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	1,203,023	812,954	60,092
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	53,520	0	0
Increase In Capital Reserve	10-604	2,000,000	0	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	339,900	40,000	40,000
Total Capital Outlay		4,134,690	1,296,615	100,092
<b>Special Schools:</b>				
<b>Summer School:</b>				
Summer School-Instruction	13-422-100-XXX	278,360	296,292	264,125
Total Summer School	13-422-X00-XXX	278,360	296,292	264,125
Total Special Schools	13-XXX-XXX-XXX	278,360	296,292	264,125
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	463,642	327,102	282,991
General Fund Grand Total		82,993,697	90,798,561	93,935,406
<b>Special Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	26,440	35,297	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	584,536	100,000	100,000
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	19,875	5,000	5,000
<b>Preschool Education Aid:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	2,513,912	2,912,420	2,960,646
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	2,489,450	2,676,526	3,367,158
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	351,977	447,049	9,385
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	5,355,339	6,035,995	6,337,189
<b>Other State Projects:</b>				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	57,732	67,468	50,601
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	403,673	477,128	357,846
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	430,356	445,356	334,016
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	159,532	191,900	143,925
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	54,886	48,144	36,108
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	251,945	270,190	202,642
Nonpublic Teacher Stem Grant	20-481-XXX-XXX	0	11,821	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	52,676	0	0
Total Other State Projects		1,410,800	1,512,007	1,125,138
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,766,139	7,548,002	7,462,327
<b>Federal Projects:</b>				

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Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	19,826	16,964	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	85,676	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	24,152	0	0
ARP-State Fiscal Recovery Funds	20-498-xxx-xxx	0	280,986	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,902,345	2,254,387	1,467,325
Total Special Revenue Funds		9,299,335	9,942,686	9,034,652
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	1,933,281	1,938,232	1,946,832
Total Debt Service Funds		1,933,281	1,938,232	1,946,832
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		94,226,313	102,679,479	104,916,890
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	1,133,033	1,157,400	799,200
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		93,093,280	101,522,079	104,117,690

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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)	1,848,073	2,068,508	1,783,012	1,783,012
(Repayment of Debt)	133	134	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	6,610,060	8,673,161	8,247,185	8,287,185
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	2,732,264	3,030,257	2,950,753	2,960,753
--Legal Reserve	8,634,649	8,668,600	4,334,300	0
--Unemployment Fund	620,668	608,892	608,892	608,892
--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	420,095	426,776	426,776	426,776
--Scholarship Fund	42,587	46,852	46,852	46,852
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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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	\$22,337	\$23,330	\$26,476	\$26,478	\$27,998
Total Classroom Instruction	\$13,261	\$13,895	\$15,683	\$15,584	\$16,436
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$12,710	\$13,364	\$14,882	\$14,701	\$15,775
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$349	\$344	\$589	\$644	\$423
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$201	\$187	\$212	\$239	\$238
Total Support Services	\$3,700	\$3,824	\$4,305	\$4,322	\$4,692
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,360	\$3,473	\$3,906	\$3,846	\$4,290
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,921	\$1,950	\$2,162	\$2,194	\$2,106
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,594	\$1,651	\$1,774	\$1,767	\$1,698
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,594	\$2,759	\$3,252	\$3,323	\$3,550
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,445	\$1,460	\$1,731	\$1,695	\$1,903
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$573	\$597	\$671	\$664	\$709
Total Equipment Costs	\$564	\$284	\$156	\$285	\$3
Legal Costs	\$49	\$25	\$33	\$43	\$32
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	37.05%	37.20%	43.33%	43.32%	54.60%

\*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.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Township of Ocean Administration building, 163 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, Monmouth County New Jersey between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

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