Gaston County Board of Education
2026-2027 Budget Request
April 20, 2026

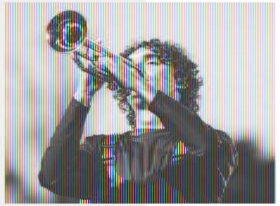


Gaston County Schools

Strategic Plan 2030



Inspire. Learn. Su









Vision

To inspire success an
lifetime of learning.

Mission

To provide innovative
educational opportun
for all students in a s
nurturing learning en

Core Va

Excellence

We strive to create an outstandin
experience for all students, thus
our community.

Integrity

We pledge to build trust through
honesty, and respect.

Community

We commit to fostering connecte
in trust where all feel like family,
together, and thrive in high expe

Innovation

We embrace new solutions to ad
facing our students, staff, and co

Priorities

Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success

Empower all students to identify, explore, and achieve their career and life goals through high-quality instruction and individualized support.

Sustainable Financial Stewardship

Ensure the strategic and transparent use of financial resources to support meaningful education and maintain long-term fiscal sustainability.

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Maintain efficient and responsive operational systems and technology that provide a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment for all students and staff.

Comprehensive Student Support

Foster a safe and welcoming school environment by expanding access to comprehensive services that promote students' academic, social, emotional, and physical well-being.

Talent and Workforce Development

Attract, develop, and retain a talented and skilled workforce by cultivating a culture where every employee feels valued, supported, and empowered to grow professionally.

Effective Communication and Partnerships

Share clear, relevant, and timely information that fosters trust, encourages engagement, and strengthens connections across the school community.

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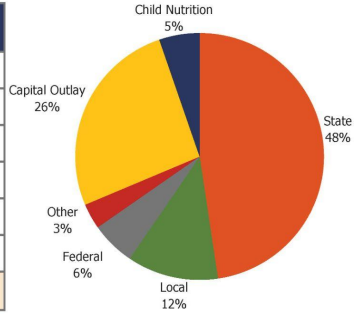
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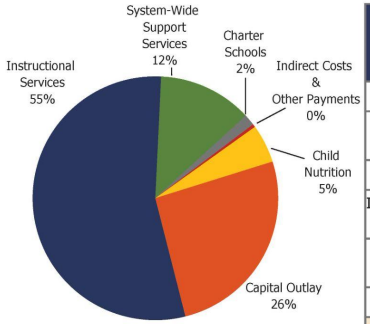
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Funding Sources

Gaston County Schools
Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures
FY 2025-2026

Revenues by Source	
State	$219,986,245
Local	$54,801,704
Federal	$26,625,689
Other	$15,439,434
Capital Outlay	$120,622,817
Child Nutrition	$ 24,266,000
Total	**$461,741,889**





Expenditures by Purpose	
Instructional Services	$252,537,659
System-Wide Support Services	$57,416,388
Charter Schools	$6,800,000
Indirect Costs & Other Payments	$1,841,461
Child Nutrition	$23,541,947
Capital Outlay	$119,604,434
Total	**$461,741,889**

Local Operating Expenses

- Teacher/Instructional employee supplements
- Principal and assistant principal supplements
- Utilities and Insurance
- Central Services and Support
- Instructional supplies
- Technology - hardware, software, wireless, etc.
- Facilities salaries/benefits/contracted services
- Charter school payments

Capital Maintenance Funds

- Roofing
- HVAC
- Vehicles
- Plumbing
- Site Improvements
- Electrical Systems
- Technology
- Furniture
- Life Safety Equipment
- Other Capital Assets

Board of Education Budget Request 2026-27

2025-26 Gaston County appropriation	$54,801,704
Ongoing expenses (inflation, state increases)	$2,832,000
Certified teacher supplement	$500,000
Total Request	$58,133,704

Capital Maintenance Request ($0.78 Sq foot)	
Same Amount as Last Year	$4,000,000

Discussion