

Ocean - Jackson Township Board of Education

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters Jackson Township School District, in the County of Ocean, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Fine Arts Center in the Jackson Township Middle School of the Jackson Township Board of Education, 101 Don Connor Blvd., on Wednesday, April 29th 2026, at 6:30pm, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

By order of the Jackson Township Board of Education
Daniel Baginski, Business Administrator
151 Don Connor Blvd
Jackson NJ 08527-3407

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	6,187	5,836	5,705
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	117	124	120
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	1,016	982	1,000
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	67	49	50
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	7,387	6,991	6,875
Private School Placements	35	29	28
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	2	3	1
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	10	8	4
Pupils Received	7	8	0
Pupils in State Facilities	2	2	1

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	102,508,586	107,104,888	116,561,807
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	102,508,586	107,104,888	116,561,807
Total Tuition	10-1300	92,975	0	0
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	29,677	0	0
Sale of Property	10-1930	11,979,683	10,768,037	0
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	5,794,543	2,340,704	5,684,282
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	23,094	100	100
Total Revenues from Local Sources		120,428,558	120,213,729	122,246,189
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	601,355	10,464,463	11,021,982
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	2,073,887	1,876,584	1,876,584
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	5,211,500	9,621,506	8,600,615
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	10-3133	2,507,568	0	0
Equalization Aid	10-3176	16,734,178	0	0
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	854,977	2,613,982	2,396,355
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	13,908,968	1,500,000	3,300,000
Total Revenues from State Sources		41,892,433	26,076,535	27,195,536
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	119,277	36,666	152,788
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		119,277	36,666	152,788
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	1,500,000	10,000,000
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-309	0	0	500,000
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-310	0	0	640,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	9,420,638	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-16,160,568	0	0
Total Operating Budget		146,279,700	157,247,568	160,734,513
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	1,203,023	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	316,202	657,751	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	1,519,225	657,751	0
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	7,908,088	7,737,345	7,997,860
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	301,957	433,851	325,387
Total Revenues from State Sources		8,210,045	8,171,196	8,323,247

Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	3,165,087	3,016,695	2,082,613
Title II	20-4451-4455	376,510	425,355	293,245
Title III	20-4491-4494	149,997	169,371	127,026
Title IV	20-4471-4474	165,784	215,766	143,230
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	2,220,541	2,199,285	2,180,774
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	17,358	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	9,321	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	20-4544	19,838	0	0
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	1,498	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	266,667	1,279,938	239,654
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant	20-4536	343,144	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		6,735,745	7,306,410	5,066,542
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	980,980	937,860	971,400
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		52,670	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		17,498,665	17,073,217	14,361,189

Repayment of Debt:

Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	7,961,316	7,961,831	7,786,800
Total Revenues from Local Sources		7,961,316	7,961,831	7,786,800

Revenues from State Sources:

Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	470,982	471,619	0
Total Local Repayment of Debt		8,432,298	8,433,450	7,786,800
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Total Revenues/Sources		172,210,663	182,754,235	182,882,502
	20-5200	980,980	937,860	971,400
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)				
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		171,229,683	181,816,375	181,911,102

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	35,052,684	32,854,640	33,386,934
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	15,288,301	15,263,890	15,334,930
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	122,247	131,669	108,843
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	944,936	1,093,008	1,228,494
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	546,721	282,020	327,669
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,680,686	1,303,847	1,363,061
Other Instructional Programs-Instruction	11-4XX-100-XXX	40,576	130,377	137,556
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	3,964,018	4,504,860	4,902,588
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	165,162	133,434	137,550
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	1,264,058	1,301,944	1,524,112
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	1,196,824	1,162,966	1,398,033
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	3,434,808	4,072,636	4,185,764
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	2,685,997	2,482,659	2,720,533
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	3,219,328	3,409,882	3,319,352
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,169,563	1,282,266	1,463,639
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	920,616	757,527	1,803,735
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	27,530	102,727	97,727
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	2,077,581	11,911,080	2,773,670
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	5,195,361	4,850,686	4,647,064
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	1,380,352	1,518,708	1,555,467
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative Information Technology	11-000-252-XXX	1,428,741	1,845,188	1,352,064
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	11,210,159	12,005,059	12,086,264
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	17,427,692	20,840,786	22,413,135
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	33,109,127	32,837,385	40,564,233
Total Undistributed Expenditures		89,876,917	105,019,793	106,944,930
Total General Current Expense		143,553,068	156,079,244	158,832,417
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	2,291,836	650,361	854,458
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	434,796	476,467	506,467
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	100	100
Total Capital Outlay		2,726,632	1,126,928	1,361,025

Special Schools:

Summer School:				
Summer School-Instruction	13-422-100-XXX	0	35,396	15,000
Total Summer School	13-422-X00-XXX	0	35,396	15,000
Other Special Schools:				
Other Special Schools-Support Services	13-4XX-200-XXX	0	6,000	6,000
Total Other Special Schools	13-4XX-X00-XXX	0	6,000	6,000
Total Special Schools	13-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	41,396	21,000
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	0	0	520,071
General Fund Grand Total		146,279,700	157,247,568	160,734,513
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	316,202	657,751	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	1,255,693	0	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	4,205,693	4,426,329	4,566,191
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	4,670,065	4,248,876	4,393,069
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	13,310	0	10,000
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	8,889,068	8,675,205	8,969,260
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,525	22,081	16,561
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	255,773	191,829
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	5,538	58,240	43,680
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	12,591	15,757	11,817
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	52,683	82,000	61,500
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	220,620	0	0
Total Other State Projects		301,957	433,851	325,387
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	9,191,025	9,109,056	9,294,647
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,165,087	3,016,695	2,082,613
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	376,510	425,355	293,245
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	149,997	169,371	127,026
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	165,784	215,766	143,230
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,220,541	2,199,285	2,180,774
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	266,667	1,279,938	239,654
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant Program	20-485-xxx-xxx	343,144	0	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	1,498	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	17,358	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	9,321	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	20-491-xxx-xxx	19,838	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,735,745	7,306,410	5,066,542
Total Special Revenue Funds		17,498,665	17,073,217	14,361,189
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	8,432,298	8,433,450	7,786,800
Total Debt Service Funds		8,432,298	8,433,450	7,786,800
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		172,210,663	182,754,235	182,882,502
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	980,980	937,860	971,400
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		171,229,683	181,816,375	181,911,102

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)	2,924,693	5,627,488	10,000,000	0
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	459,156	3,482,250	3,482,350	2,982,450
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	360,000
--Legal Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Unemployment Fund	1,203,282	1,221,022	1,221,022	1,221,022
--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	795,491	742,821	742,821	742,821
--Scholarship Fund	0	0	0	0
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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	\$17,834	\$17,787	\$18,178	\$18,641	\$20,488
Total Classroom Instruction	\$9,738	\$10,338	\$10,542	\$10,632	\$11,579
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$9,482	\$10,024	\$10,281	\$10,392	\$11,232
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$84	\$158	\$88	\$66	\$171
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$172	\$156	\$172	\$174	\$176
Total Support Services	\$2,839	\$3,180	\$3,345	\$3,400	\$4,033
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,677	\$2,912	\$3,096	\$3,130	\$3,690
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,643	\$1,663	\$1,681	\$1,821	\$1,821
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,338	\$1,335	\$1,243	\$1,412	\$1,415
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$1,778	\$1,838	\$1,968	\$2,072	\$2,178
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,122	\$1,057	\$1,082	\$1,157	\$1,212
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$406	\$398	\$256	\$291	\$331
Total Equipment Costs	\$167	\$317	\$54	\$95	\$128
Legal Costs	\$32	\$41	\$40	\$30	\$43
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	35.21%	39.24%	39.06%	39.33%	47.71%

*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.

Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
HVAC - replacement, Paving - MS and Bus Depot	TBD	\$210,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Administration Building, 151 Don Connor Blvd, Jackson, Ocean County New Jersey between the hours of 8:30 am and 1:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.