

2024-25 School Financial Report: Hendry School District Summary

1. Report Overview and Statutory Purpose

This report provides a comprehensive summary of the financial operations for the Hendry School District for the 2024-25 fiscal year. As mandated by **Section 1010.215(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.)**, this document is issued to provide parents and the public with a transparent accounting of how education funds were utilized during the prior fiscal year (as outlined in the memorandum dated April 17, 2026).

The data analyzed in this report focuses exclusively on **K-12 programs**. To maintain a consistent and accurate comparison of primary and secondary education costs, all expenditures related to adult education programs have been excluded from the operating cost sections.

2. District Revenue Sources

The Hendry School District managed a total revenue of **\$132,037,271** during the reporting period. The distribution of these funds reflects a heavy reliance on state and local sources, closely mirroring the broader trends seen across the State of Florida.

Revenue Source	District Total Amount	District Distribution (%)	State Distribution (%)
Federal	\$20,314,469	15.39%	14.89%
State/Local (Excludes Lottery)	\$111,670,596	84.58%	85.02%
Educational Enhancement (Lottery)	\$0	0.00%	0.00%

Private	\$52,207	0.04%	0.08%
Total	\$132,037,271	100.00%	100.00%

3. K-12 Operating Costs per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student

Operating costs are presented per FTE student to allow for a standardized comparison between district-level spending and state averages.

Operating Category	District Cost per FTE (\$)	State Cost per FTE (\$)
Teachers/Teacher Assistants (Salaries/Benefits)	\$2,983	\$6,199
Other Instructional Personnel	\$741	\$1,531
Contracted Instructional Services	\$2,727	\$484
School Administration	\$466	\$785
Materials/Supplies/Operating Capital Outlay	\$151	\$349
Food Service	\$483	\$752
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$618	\$1,442

Other School-Level Support Services	\$397	\$350
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Financial Analyst’s Note on Operating Variances: Virtual School inflates the cost per FTE of Contracted Instructional Services.

Summary of Total costs: The **Total School Costs** per FTE for the District was **8,566****, compared to the **State average of **11,892**.

4. Individual School Financial Profiles

The following list details the financial profiles for specific schools within the district. Of particular note is the **Digital Academy of Florida**, which represents the largest single expenditure in the district budget at over **\$36.3 million**.

- **Hendry Success Academy:** \$4,203 per FTE | \$151,366 Total School Costs
- **LaBelle Middle School:** \$10,990 per FTE | \$9,019,277 Total School Costs
- **Clewiston Middle School:** \$12,464 per FTE | \$8,402,241 Total School Costs
- **LaBelle Elementary School:** \$13,784 per FTE | \$6,069,227 Total School Costs
- **Westside Elementary School:** \$12,260 per FTE | \$5,894,722 Total School Costs
- **Eastside Elementary School:** \$12,466 per FTE | \$5,918,838 Total School Costs
- **Central Elementary School:** \$11,437 per FTE | \$6,250,458 Total School Costs
- **LaBelle High School:** \$9,597 per FTE | \$13,130,124 Total School Costs
- **Country Oaks Elementary School:** \$10,331 per FTE | \$9,001,340 Total School Costs
- **Edward A. Upthegrove Elementary:** \$12,336 per FTE | \$6,234,385 Total School Costs
- **Clewiston High School:** \$10,633 per FTE | \$9,762,919 Total School Costs
- **Digital Academy of Florida:** \$5,505 per FTE | \$36,368,248 Total School Costs
- **Hendry Online Learning Academy:** \$4,978 per FTE | \$25,584 Total School Costs

5. Detailed Program Costs: Salaries and Benefits

This section breaks down teacher and assistant costs by specific educational program types.

Program Type	District Cost per FTE (\$)	State Cost per FTE (\$)
Basic Programs	\$2,526	\$5,017
ESOL Program	\$4,179	\$6,101

Exceptional Programs	\$4,736	\$9,916
Career Education Programs	\$2,704	\$5,085

Financial Analyst’s Note on Exceptional Programs: Other funding sources outside of the FEFP such as Title I and IDEA grants provide additional funding and supports to Exceptional Programs.

6. Budgetary Notes and Exclusions

To ensure a proper understanding of the fiscal data, the following clarifications are provided:

1. **Substitute Teachers:** To provide a complete picture of classroom instructional costs, substitute teacher salaries and benefits are embedded within the "Teachers/Teacher Assistants" category rather than being reported as a separate line item.
2. **Capital Expenditures:** Costs associated with long-term capital outlays, specifically the construction of new schools, are excluded from these K-12 operating cost calculations.
3. **District-Level Costs:** Expenditures for district-wide services, such as student transportation and central administration, are reported as total district sums and are not distributed across individual school profiles.
4. **Adult Programs:** Adult education programs are classified as "Not FEFP Funded." This designation means they do not receive the same per-student base funding from the state as K-12 programs; consequently, FTE data is unavailable for these programs and they are excluded from this report.

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