

FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS

FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

The FY27 budget proposal includes a modest 1.60% increase over FY26 and continues the district's long-standing focus on financial responsibility by avoiding a millage rate increase, planning for future debt obligations, and maintaining reserves for future challenges and economic uncertainty

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- \$762.5 million proposed total budget
- 1.60% increase over FY26 (0.58% locally-controlled; 1.02 state-mandated)
- No proposed millage rate increase
- Maintains a strong 15% fund balance for long-term financial stability
- Continues investment in priorities aligned to the district strategic plan

PROPOSED INVESTMENTS INCLUDE:

- Salary step increases for eligible staff
- Funding for enhanced safety and security
- Continued investment in teacher and leadership development
- Increased school nurse salaries
- Additional support for School Resource Officers
- Expanded mental health support for students and staff
- Investments in instructional materials, technology, and special education compliance

These investments reflect the level of safety, care, and student support that the Forsyth County community expects and deserves, including School Resource Officers and nurses in every school, along with Student Advocacy Specialists who support student well-being.



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- 97% graduation rate: highest among large Georgia districts since 2011
- Highest SAT total mean score in Georgia and top ACT performance among large Metro Atlanta districts
- \$36.8 million in non-HOPE scholarships awarded to the Class of 2026
- 3,216 students eligible for HOPE scholarships for the Class of 2026
- 70% of the operating budget invested directly in instruction and classroom support
- All 8 high schools earned AP honors from the Georgia Department of Education
- Continued strong staff retention, with a 94.25% certified retention rate

COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

Forsyth County Schools continues to invest heavily in classroom instruction, with approximately 70% of the operating budget directly supporting instruction and student learning.

INSTRUCTION
70%

