

2026-2027

USD Budget Profile



2026-2027 Budget – General Information

USD #: 266

Introduction

The mission of Maize USD 266 is to inspire students to discover their potential through connecting, learning, and leading. The district's vision is to be a student-centered environment where all members of the school-community are empowered to participate and thrive academically, civically, and socially through relevant educational experiences and fulfill their life's purpose. The district's core values are integrity, innovation, community, responsibility, empathy, and resilience.

Leaders at Maize USD 266 are focused on the district's Lead Forward strategic plan through 2028. This work concentrates on four main focus areas, which represent the needs mentioned most frequently by our stakeholders during the district needs assessment: Nurture a Cohesive Culture, Attract Expert Educators, Elevate Student Learning, and Build for the Future.

Maize USD 266 proudly and caringly serves about 8,000 students. The district consists of 14 school buildings, including a preschool, five elementary schools, two intermediate schools, two middle schools, two high schools, a career academy, an alternative high school program, a day school program, and a virtual school.

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The District's Accomplishments and Challenges

Accomplishments:

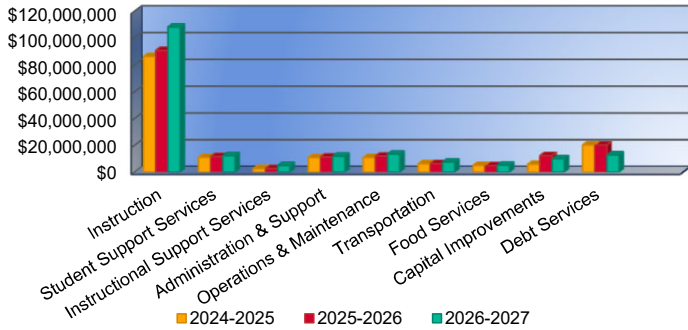
During the 2025-26 school year, Maize USD 266 continued to make meaningful progress toward the goals outlined in the Lead Forward strategic plan. District assessment data demonstrated continued growth in reading and math proficiency, while graduation rates remained strong and schools earned multiple Kansas STAR Recognition awards for academic preparedness, postsecondary success, graduation, social-emotional growth, and Individual Plans of Study. Across the district, schools strengthened their focus on high-impact literacy instruction, data-driven decision-making, and targeted interventions to support student growth. Collaborative professional learning communities focused on strong Tier 1 instructional coherence, increased student engagement strategies, and a district focus on literacy instruction have created a strong foundation for improving student success outcomes.

Challenges:

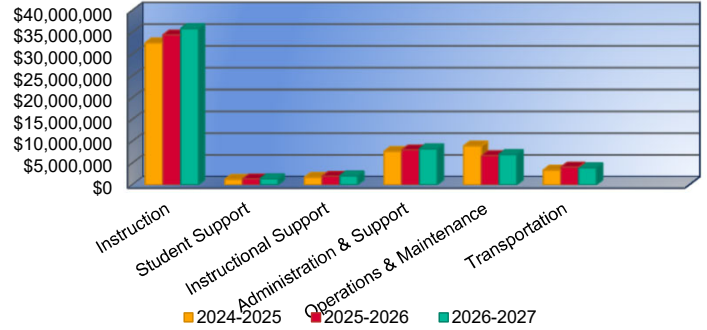
As the district continues to provide high-quality educational opportunities for students, rising operational costs remain an ongoing challenge. Inflationary pressures, increasing costs for employee salaries and benefits, utilities, insurance, transportation, instructional resources, and facility maintenance continue to impact the district's budget. At the same time, the district remains committed to investing in strategic priorities that directly support student achievement, including attracting and retaining exceptional staff members, maintaining safe and secure learning environments, and providing high-quality instructional programs. Careful financial planning and responsible stewardship of district resources will remain essential to balancing increasing costs while sustaining the high level of service and educational excellence our community expects.

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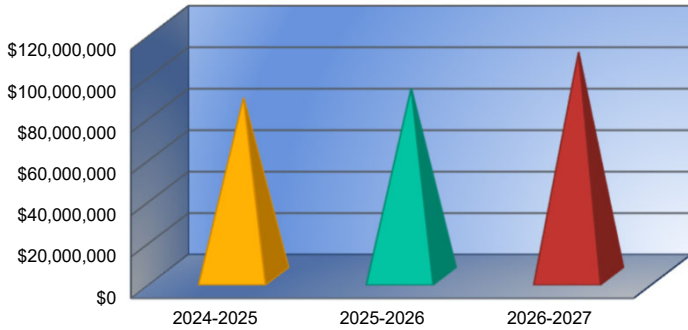
Summary of Total Expenditures by Function (All Funds)



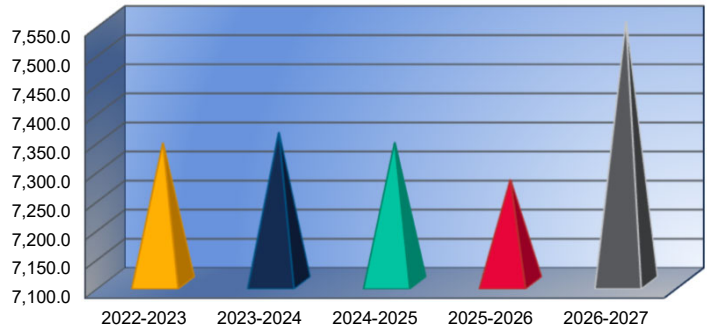
General and Supplemental General Fund Expenditures by Function



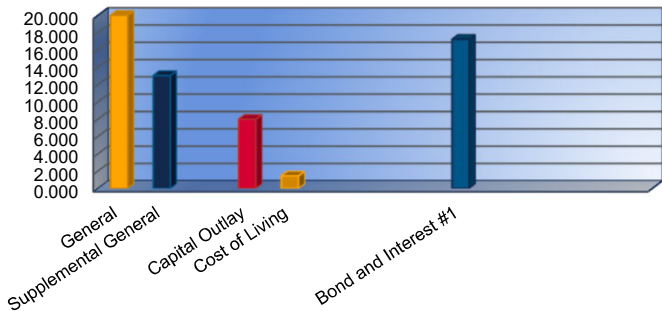
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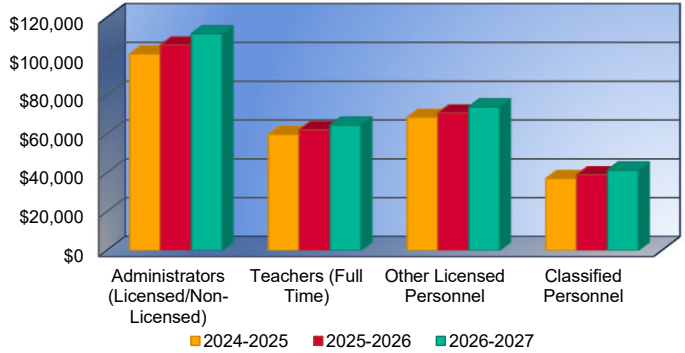
FTE Enrollment for Budget Authority



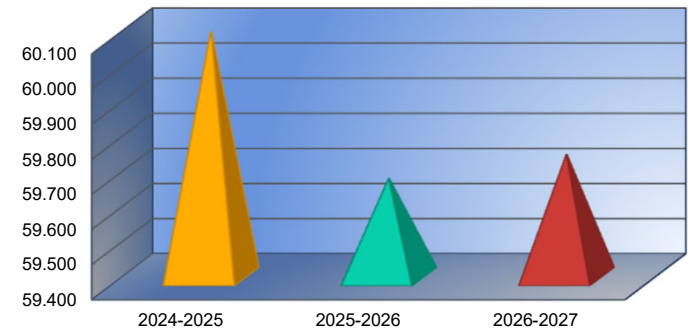
Mill Rates by Fund



Average Salary



Total USD Mill Rate



Amount Per Pupil By Function (All Funds)

