

Essex - Fairfield Township

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Fairfield School District, in the County of Essex, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Fairfield Municipal Building of the Fairfield Board of Education, 230 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, NJ, on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:30 PM, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2024	15, 2025	15, 2026
	Actual	Actual	Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	645	640	717
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	71	76	79
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	716	716	796
Private School Placements	2	2	4
Pupils Received	20	0	17

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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	14,384,049	14,926,728	16,361,180
Local Tax Levy-Separate Proposal for School Election	10-1211	0	359,201	0
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	14,384,049	15,285,929	16,361,180
Total Tuition	10-1300	89,413	60,000	75,000
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	9,500	9,500	9,500
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	355,537	5,000	80,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		14,838,499	15,360,429	16,525,680
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	148,937	194,242	182,269
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	170,789	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	820,830	686,721	677,258
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	61,742	119,602	111,021
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	18,213	0	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	999	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		1,221,510	1,000,565	970,548
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	695,910	605,255
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	0	1,152,167	1,660,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	315,427	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-2,052,902	0	0
Total Operating Budget		14,007,107	18,524,498	19,761,483
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	91,604	76,896	80,489
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	37,961	12,449	14,554
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	0	63,751	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	129,565	153,096	95,043
Revenues from State Sources:				
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	0	90,710	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		0	90,710	0
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	62,606	76,839	57,629
Title II	20-4451-4455	12,209	12,943	9,707
Title IV	20-4471-4474	10,000	0	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	168,266	165,748	124,311
Other	20-4XXX	58,754	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		311,835	255,530	191,647
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		52,195	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		493,595	499,336	286,690
Total Revenues/Sources		14,500,702	19,023,834	20,048,173
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		14,500,702	19,023,834	20,048,173

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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	3,687,247	4,172,782	4,397,767
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	1,370,787	1,637,598	1,792,371
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	518,679	505,914	525,495
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	106,397	109,135	111,134
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	32,131	35,747	42,312
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	68,662	734,394	571,263
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	264,017	217,993	229,864
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	432,335	643,023	770,738
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	286,769	567,398	385,222
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	142,120	289,318	295,641
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	341,259	334,944	431,089
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	84,603	96,736	0
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	188,430	205,453	197,295
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	11,825	14,900	27,800
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	397,520	437,234	453,289
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	421,281	400,949	440,380
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	328,920	371,124	364,470
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	30,012	37,700	39,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	1,165,907	1,578,050	1,632,234
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	448,442	905,880	922,626
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	2,543,801	3,412,915	4,288,248
Undistributed Expenditures-Food Services	11-000-310-930	16,418	31,000	30,000
Total Undistributed Expenditures		7,172,321	10,279,011	11,079,159
Total General Current Expense		12,887,562	16,740,187	17,948,238
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	17,981	0	0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	378,699	1,634,311	1,671,855
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	613,575	0	0
Total Capital Outlay		1,010,255	1,634,311	1,671,855
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	109,290	150,000	141,390
General Fund Grand Total		14,007,107	18,524,498	19,761,483
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects				
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	143,799	76,896	80,489
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	37,961	12,449	14,554
Other State Projects:				
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	90,710	0
Total Other State Projects		0	90,710	0
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Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	62,606	76,839	57,629
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	12,209	12,943	9,707
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,000	0	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	168,266	165,748	124,311
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	58,754	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	311,835	255,530	191,647
Total Special Revenue Funds		493,595	499,336	286,690
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		14,500,702	19,023,834	20,048,173
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		14,500,702	19,023,834	20,048,173

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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)	463,110	510,786	468,816	363,561
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	5,088,557	6,890,109	5,737,942	4,077,942
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
--Legal Reserve	1,053,940	1,153,940	500,000	0
--Unemployment Fund	0	0	0	0
--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	104,909	52,714	52,714	52,714
--Scholarship Fund	0	0	0	0
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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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	\$15,971	\$16,528	\$20,197	\$21,178	\$20,776
Total Classroom Instruction	\$9,679	\$9,730	\$11,471	\$12,035	\$12,038
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$9,258	\$9,339	\$10,888	\$11,281	\$11,464
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$263	\$238	\$355	\$503	\$340
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$158	\$153	\$228	\$251	\$234
Total Support Services	\$2,496	\$2,988	\$4,091	\$4,279	\$4,031
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,400	\$2,834	\$3,584	\$3,566	\$3,621
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,018	\$1,955	\$2,170	\$2,240	\$2,177
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,717	\$1,666	\$1,780	\$1,833	\$1,808
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$1,710	\$1,765	\$2,352	\$2,503	\$2,406
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$754	\$905	\$1,041	\$1,081	\$1,157
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$30	\$22	\$42	\$43	\$38
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$32	\$55	\$56	\$62	\$70
Total Equipment Costs	\$4	\$24	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Costs	\$93	\$70	\$68	\$70	\$76
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	27.39%	29.67%	36.28%	36.61%	42.48%

*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.

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Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Boiler Replacement - Stevenson	001	\$810,000	N	N	
Recreation Improvements- Stevenson	002	\$310,000	Y	N	
Drinking Water Improvements	003	\$30,000	Y	N	
Media Center Improvements - Churchill	004	\$510,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Fairfield Board Office, 15 Knoll Road, Fairfield, Essex County, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

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