



DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

445

Students Enrolled (PreK-6)

2

School Buildings

90

Dedicated Staff Members

PreK-6

Grades Served District-Wide

BUDGET OVERVIEW, REVENUE & TAX LEVY

TOTAL FY 2026-27 BUDGET

\$10,379,166

Prior Year: \$9,790,494

+\$588,672 (+5.56%)

Approximately **93%** of the budget consists of fixed or mandated costs — salaries, benefits, transportation, utilities, and special education. Only **7%** is discretionary.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

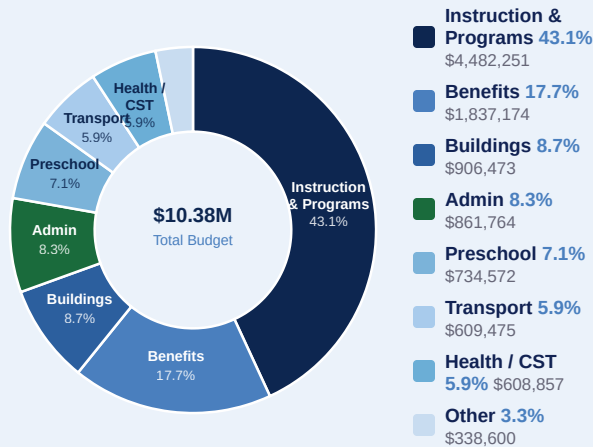
Local Tax Levy	\$8,338,992	80.3%
2% statutory increase + healthcare cost adjustment		
K-12 State Aid (SFRA)	\$759,919	7.3%
▼ Down \$23,502 · 74% below 2008-09 peak · One of the lowest per-pupil in Warren County		
Preschool Education Aid	\$662,560	6.4%
Restricted exclusively to preschool programming		
Grants, Interest & Other Revenue	\$617,695	6.0%
IDEA, ESSA/Title, REAP, Extraordinary Aid, interest income		

TAX LEVY BREAKDOWN

FY 2025-26 Base Levy	\$7,876,074
+ 2% Statutory Increase	+\$157,521
+ Healthcare Adjustment	+\$305,397
Medical +19% · Rx +29% · Dental +4% Permitted above 2% cap — NJ law	
FY 2026-27 Total Levy	\$8,338,992
80.3% of total budget	
ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX IMPACT	
\$200K home: +\$111/yr	\$250K home: +\$139/yr
\$300K home: +\$167/yr	\$350K home: +\$195/yr

EXPENDITURES & BUDGET INVESTMENTS

WHERE THE MONEY GOES



93% Fixed / Mandated Costs
Salaries, benefits, transportation, utilities & special education — only 7% discretionary.

FY 2026-27 BUDGET INVESTMENTS

- All Staffing Maintained** All teaching, support & admin positions preserved
- Technology Infrastructure** Wi-Fi, servers & switches — end-of-life replacement
- New ELA Curriculum** Standards-aligned K-6 reading & writing materials district-wide
- Grade 5 Chromebooks** Transition from iPads to Chromebooks for instruction & NJSLA
- New Teacher Laptops** Replace devices past useful life lacking security updates
- Essential Programs** Special Ed, Basic Skills/RTI, G&T, transportation, all mandated services
- Student Furniture** Replacement of aging desks & chairs across all classrooms

STATE AID & GRANTS AND COST REDUCTIONS

STATE AID: A 17-YEAR DECLINE

\$2,951,827
Peak Aid
FY 2008-09

\$759,919
FY 2026-27
Current Aid

74%
Below
Peak Aid

\$1,750
Per Student
One of the Lowest in
Warren Co.

Washington Township receives only **\$1,750 per student** — one of the lowest in Warren County and **28% below the county average** of ~\$2,516/student. PILOT agreements inflate our "local fair share" in the state funding formula while generating zero direct school tax revenue for the district.

GRANTS AND COST REDUCTIONS

- ✓ Eliminated 4 teacher positions (retirements — not replaced)
- ✓ Eliminated Tech/Curriculum Coordinator (absorbed by admin)
- ✓ Eliminated CST Coordinator (absorbed by admin)
- ✓ Eliminated one bus route — annual savings **\$28,000**
- ✓ Eliminated preschool mid-day route — annual savings **\$45,000**
- ✓ Reduced classroom supplies \$500 → \$100/classroom
- ✓ Expanded in-district Special Ed — reduced out-of-district costs

\$547,024+ Competitive Grants Secured — 2022 to Present

Clean Energy Grant 2023-24 · Air conditioning — Brass Castle School	\$187,000	High Impact Tutoring 2023-24 · Student academic intervention programs	\$84,000
Preschool Facilities 2024-25 · Two preschool bathroom renovations	\$102,150	Local Recreation (Yr 1) 2023-24 · Playground equipment replacement	\$65,000
Local Recreation (Yr 2) 2024-25 · Playground equipment replacement	\$81,000	Emergent/Capital Maint. 2022-24 · Critical building maintenance projects	\$17,714
Climate Change Grant 2022-23 · Science curriculum materials	\$6,660	ExxonMobil Volunteer 2022-23 · Community partnership program	\$3,500