



Component Unit Schools





July 1, 2025

To the Honorable Chairwoman and Members of the Board of Supervisors; the Honorable Chairman and Members of the School Board; and the Citizens of Roanoke County, Virginia:

On May 27, 2025, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors adopted the fiscal year 2024-2025 Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) budgets by categories. The ordinances adopting and appropriating the RCPS category budgets can be found in the Appendices section of this document. The RCPS category budgets were approved by the Roanoke County School Board on March 21, 2024, satisfying the state requirement of adopting a budget by April 1 of each year. The Roanoke County School Board amended and re-approved the budget on May 12, 2025 due to the Roanoke County Administrator revising the proposed Roanoke County budget increasing the contribution to Roanoke County Public Schools and final adoption of the Commonwealth of Virginia budget on May 2, 2025.

In FY 2025-2026, the Roanoke County General Government Fund transfer to the Schools Operating Fund is \$96,217,496, an increase of \$3,673,647 from FY 2024-2025. This increase was based on projected increases in County revenue categories included within the revenue sharing formula and changes in the average daily membership (ADM). More information on the transfer to Schools and the revenue sharing formula can be found within the Transfers section of this document.

The pages that follow provide a summary of changes by fund for RCPS from FY 2024-2025 Adopted to FY 2025-2026 Adopted. If you wish to learn more about the RCPS budget and budget process, please visit the RCPS website at <https://www.rcps.us/departments/finance/finance-reports/2025-2026>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Laurie L. Gearheart".

Laurie L. Gearheart, CPA
Director of Finance & Management Services

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steven R. Elliott".

Steven R. Elliott
Budget Administrator



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Information on the revenue sharing formula transfer, \$96,217,496 in FY 2026, a transfer from the General Government Fund to support RCPS debt service, \$6,937,300 in FY 2026, and a transfer made on behalf of RCPS to the Children's Services Act Fund, \$3,179,000 in FY 2026, can be found in the Transfers section of this document; total RCPS Debt Service obligations can be found in the Debt Service Fund section of this document.

Roanoke County accounts for the revenues and expenditures related to the operations of the public schools' system as a Component Unit, which are budgeted to the following categories:

- Instruction
- Administration, Attendance, and Health
- Pupil Transportation
- Operation and Maintenance
- Food Service and Other Non-Instructional Operations
- Facilities
- Debt and Fund Transfers
- Technology
- Contingency Reserves
- Non-Categorical Spending

A Component Unit is a legally separate entity that meets any of the following criteria:

1. The primary government appoints the voting majority of the board of the Component Unit and
 - a. is able to impose its will on the component unit; and/or
 - b. is in a relationship of financial benefit or burden with the Component Unit.
2. The Component Unit is fiscally dependent upon the primary government; or
3. The financial statements would be misleading if data from the Component Unit were not included.

For FY 2026, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors approved the Roanoke County Schools budget by major categories. The following page shows the budget breakdown by category.



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Roanoke County Public Schools by Category				
	Adopted FY 2025	Adopted FY 2026	\$ Change FY 25-26	% Change FY 25-26
Instruction	\$ 153,554,539	\$ 157,939,330	\$ 4,384,791	2.9%
Administration, Attendance, and Health	9,849,934	9,581,394	(268,540)	-2.7%
Pupil Transportation	11,543,443	10,540,323	(1,003,120)	-8.7%
Operation and Maintenance	21,106,680	21,630,115	523,435	2.5%
Food Service and Other Non-Instructional Operations	8,830,427	8,768,211	(62,216)	-0.7%
Facilities	102,452,176	1,389,286	(101,062,890)	-98.6%
Debt and Fund Transfers	24,453,319	24,931,867	478,548	2.0%
Technology	15,275,409	15,589,085	313,676	2.1%
Contingency Reserves	-	-	-	0.0%
Non-Categorical Spending	29,888,799	36,926,407	7,037,608	23.5%
Total	\$ 376,954,726	\$ 287,296,018	\$ (89,658,708)	-23.8%

