

DELAWARE SCHOOL FUNDING: BASICS



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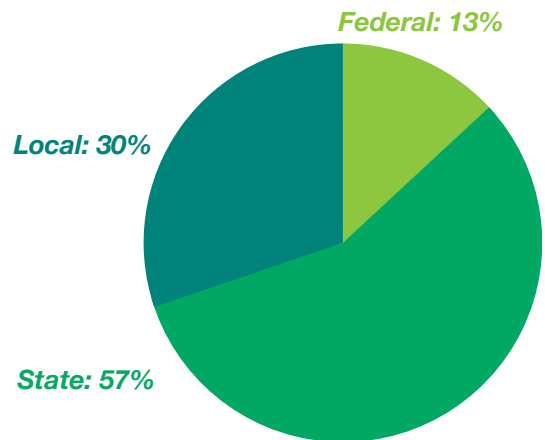
How Does Delaware Fund Schools?

School districts and charter schools get their revenue (or funding) from state, local, and federal sources. In Delaware, state funding makes up the largest share of school funding, 57 percent, followed by the local, 30 percent, and federal, 13 percent, portions.

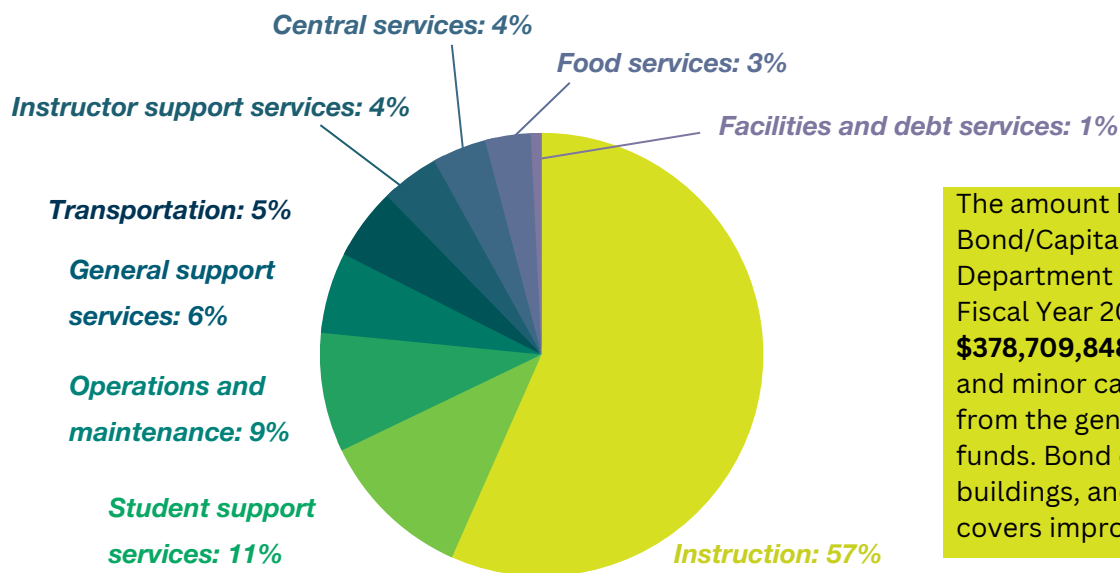
In school year 2021-22, Delaware reported \$2,793,464,285.66 in total revenue.

Note: The total above includes unspent ESSER and Opportunity Funds.

Revenue by Fund Type for 2021-22



Education Spending for the State

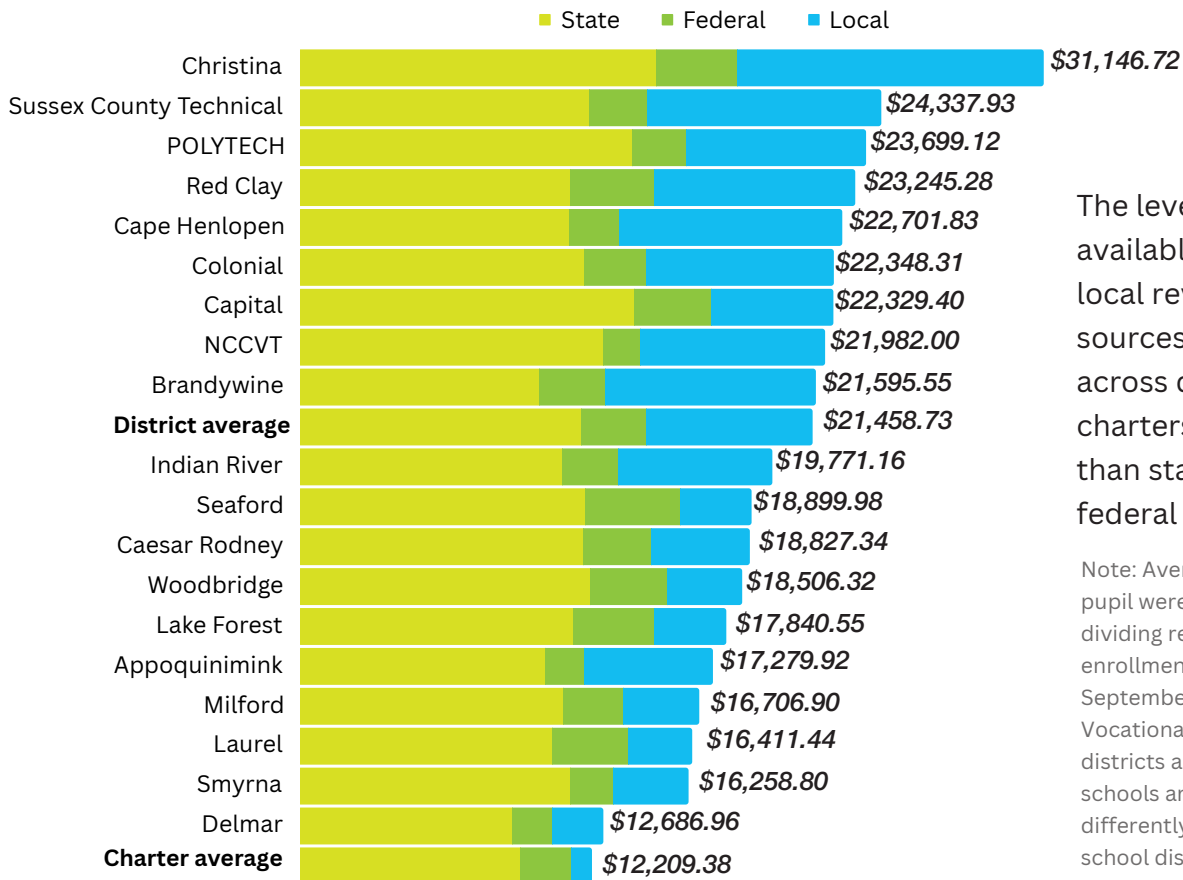


The amount budgeted in Bond/Capital for the entire Department of Education in Fiscal Year 2023 was **\$378,709,848**. Bond capital and minor capital are separate from the general operating funds. Bond covers school buildings, and minor capital covers improvements.

Total education spending for the state in 2021-22 was \$2,612,814,844.

Note: Categories are based on school districts annual financial statements to the Delaware Department of Education. Total education spending for the state is inclusive of local, state and federal funds. "Instruction" refers to the total expenditures spent on instruction, including personnel salaries and excludes within-state tuition.

Average Revenues Per Pupil by District for 2021-22

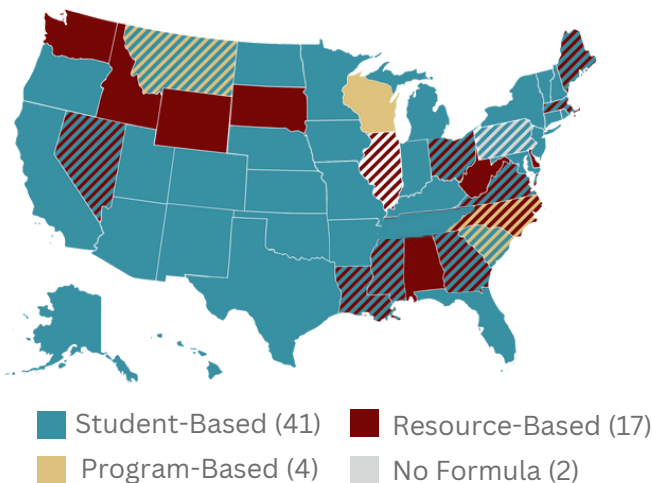


The level of funding available through local revenue sources varies across districts and charters more so than state and federal sources.

Note: Average revenues per pupil were calculated by dividing revenue by student enrollment based on the September 30th unit count. Vocational technical school districts and charter schools are funded differently than traditional school districts.

Education Funding Systems Across the Nation

Delaware uses a resource allocation-based funding system, which 6 other states use as well.



*Striped states use a combination of formulas.

Opportunity Funds

Opportunity Funding provided \$616 per student from low-income background and \$616 per multilingual learner student in SY2021-22.

Opportunity Funding equates to only an additional 3% of the estimated average spending per student, which is \$18,604.

Note: Delaware does not fund per student, so the average spending per student in 2022 is an estimate. This includes federal, state, and local funding.

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