

Lincoln Public Schools Budget Tool Kit

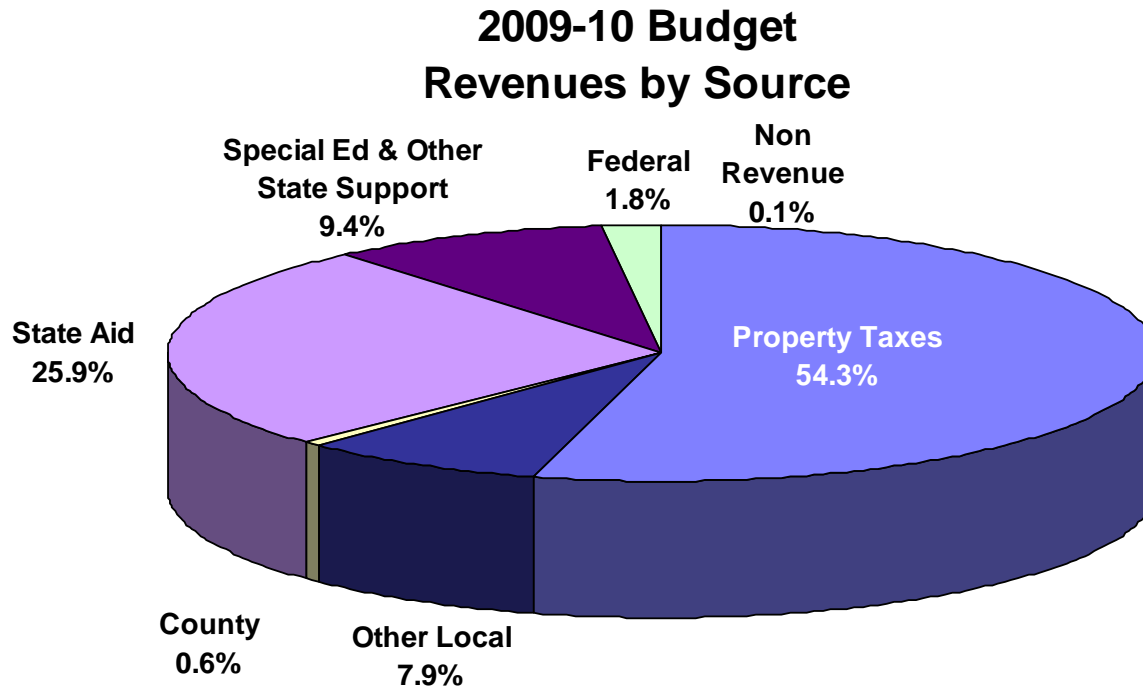


Timeline for 2009-10 Budget

- September Last Friday - Enrollment
- January-March Staffing Conferences
- January-June State Legislative Session
- February State Aid Number
- April-May Community/District Constituents Presentations
- April Abstract of Property Tax Valuation
- June State Aid Recertified
- May/June Draft of Proposed Budget
- June Budget Adoption
- August Final Property Tax Valuation

Funding Sources

The general fund or “operating fund” of the district is funded through a combination of local, county, state, and federal funds. The largest source of funding comes from local property taxes.



Property Taxes

What is the estimated cost to a homeowner if the home's assessed value is \$149,550?

2008-2009
\$1,894.51



\$157.88
per month

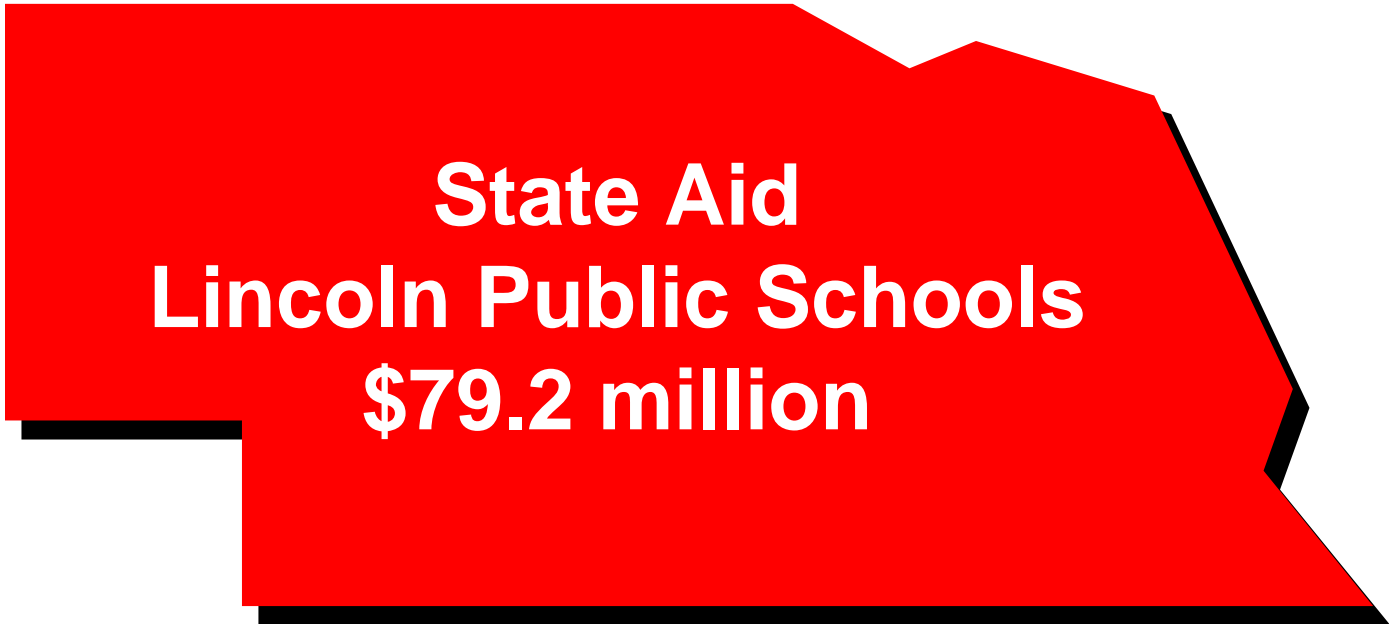
2009-2010 Estimated
\$1,879.56



\$156.63
per month

**\$14.95
decrease
per year***

*If value of house decreases 1.59% (\$147,172), additional reduction of \$30 per year or \$2.50 per month.



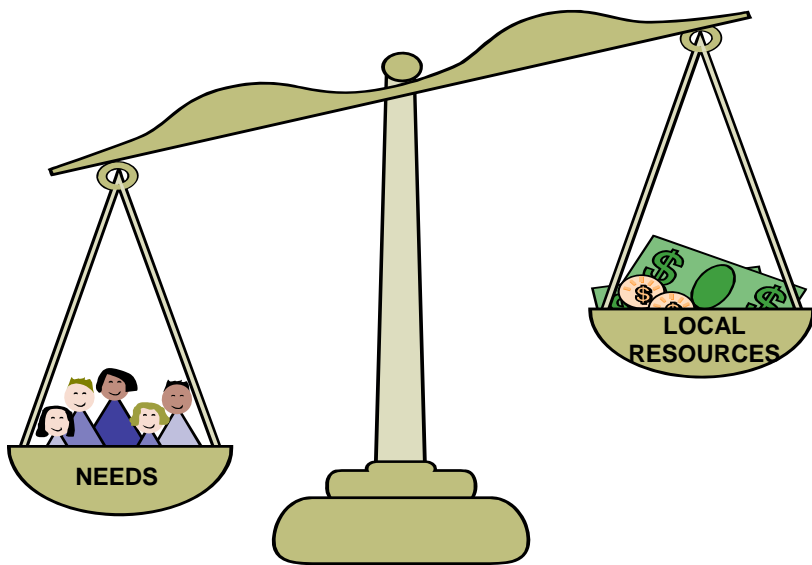
**State Aid
Lincoln Public Schools
\$79.2 million**

The state aid part of state revenue to Lincoln Public Schools is 25.9% of the LPS funding for the operating budget.

How does state aid work?

One of the state aid formula's primary goals since 1990 has been to equalize the financial resources of school districts across the state. This has been successful, in that the per-student revenue (and spending) disparities among school districts have narrowed over the past fifteen years. Another of the formula's goals was to shift reliance from local revenue sources (primarily property taxes) to state revenue sources (primarily sales and income taxes). In

recent years, however, state aid reductions have resulted in a trend of increased reliance on local revenues as a source for funding schools.



State Aid Formula

Needs

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Resources

= **State Aid**

Average Daily Membership

X

Basic Funding

Plus Allowances/Adjustments

Adjusted Valuation

X

Local Effort Rate

(currently \$.05 below max. levy)

Plus Other Actual Receipts

Other Considerations/Allowances:

- * Poverty Allowance
- * Limited English Proficiency Allowance
- * Transportation Allowance
- * Elementary Class Size Allowance
- * Summer School Allowance
- * Distance Education Allowance
- * Averaging Adjustment
- Teacher Education Adjustment
- * Student Growth Adjustment
- * New School Adjustment
- Local Choice Adjustment
- Needs Stabilization
- * Special Receipts Allowance
- Instructional Time Allowance
- Elementary Site Allowance

Other Formula Resources

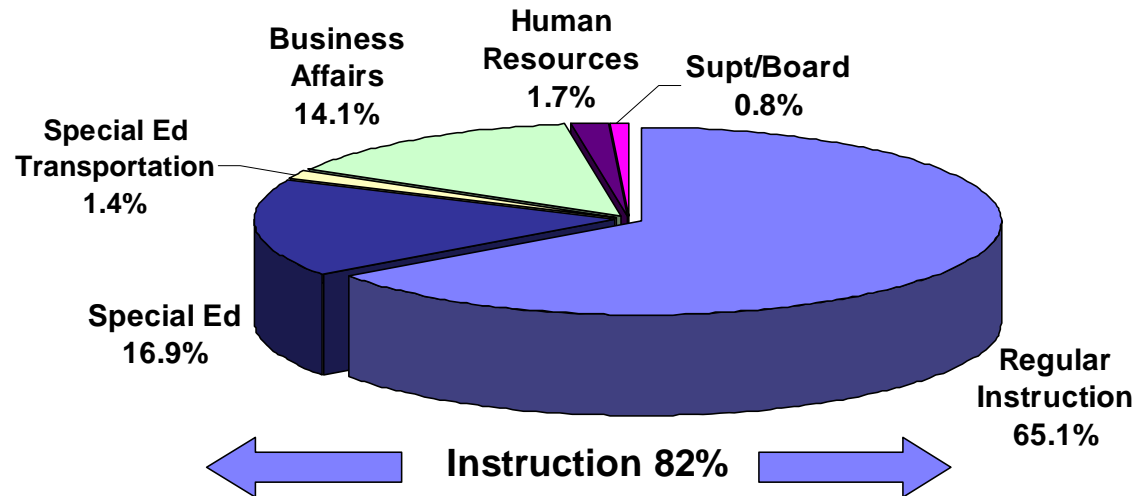
- Net Option Funding
- Allocated Income Taxes
- Other Actual Receipts
- Minimum Levy Adjustment
- Retirement Aid

Where does the money go?

LPS spends the majority of the operating budget on instruction. This includes money for teachers, counselors, media specialists, nurses, principals, office staff, paraeducators, supplies and equipment. The rest of the budget is for Business Affairs (maintenance, custodial, transportation, etc.), Human Resources, and the Superintendent's Office/Board of Education areas.

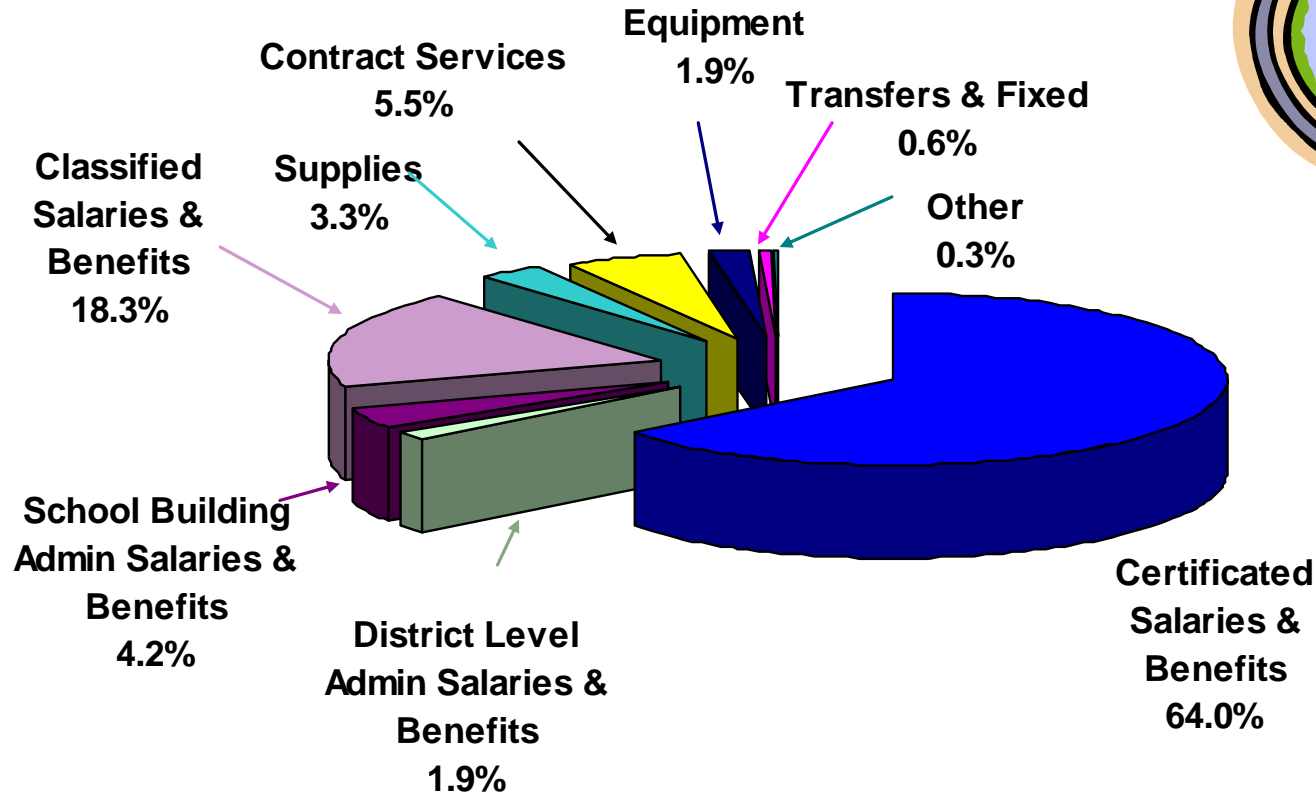


2009-2010 General Fund Expenditure Budget





Expenditure Categories



2009-2010 General Fund
Expenditure Budget: \$305,818,930

Funding for Schools

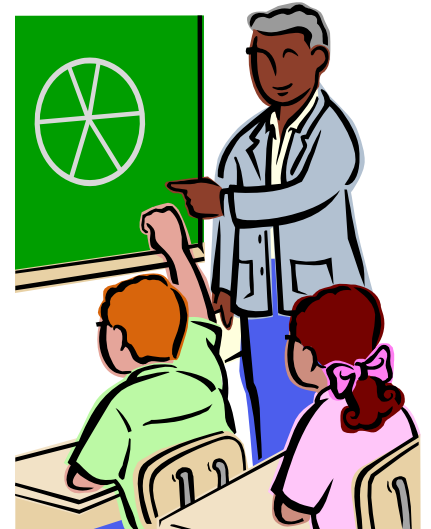
Several Factors:



- Number of Students
- Number of Students in Special Programs
- Educational & Experience Level of Staff
- Supply & Equipment Funds based on Formula

Staffing for Schools

- Based on a "Point" System
- Annual Conferences Held to Determine Staffing Needs with:
 - Associate Superintendent for Instruction
 - Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
 - Principals



Lincoln Public Schools

- 37 Elementary Schools
- 10 Middle Schools
- 6 High Schools
- Alternative Education Center for High School Students
- Expelled Student Center
- 4 Specialty Focus High School Programs

2009-10 Estimated Number of Students

33,488 Kindergarten through 12th Grade

417 Early Childhood Special Education
Students (birth to age 5)

668 Head Start/Title I (ages 3 and 4)
34,573 Total



Summary of All Funds 2009-2010 Budget

	2009-10 Budget Beginning Balance	2009-10 Budget Revenue Budget	2009-10 Budget Expenditure Budget	2009-10 Budget Budgeted Reserve
<u>Lincoln Public Schools</u>				
General Fund	\$ 60,609,731	\$ 305,021,499	\$ 305,818,930	\$ 59,812,300
Federal Fund	\$ (3,371,712)	\$ 35,000,000	\$ 35,000,000	\$ (3,371,712)
Special Grants	\$ 361,903	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 361,903
*Total Combined General Fund	<u>\$ 57,599,922</u>	<u>\$ 345,021,499</u>	<u>\$ 345,818,930</u>	<u>\$ 56,802,491</u>
Bond Construction Fund	\$ 92,796,855	\$ 450,000	\$ 93,246,855	\$ -
Building Fund	\$ 24,841,836	\$ 436,500	\$ 25,278,336	\$ -
*Total Combined Special Building Fund	<u>\$ 117,638,691</u>	<u>\$ 886,500</u>	<u>\$ 118,525,191</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
QCPUF Projects Budget	\$ 20,561,513	\$ 60,305,000	\$ 80,866,513	\$ -
QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds) Projects Budget	\$ 790,804	\$ 6,147,072	\$ 6,937,876	\$ -
Abatement (Hazardous Material Abatement & Handicapped Accessibility) Bond Budget	\$ 1,194,420	\$ 4,275,630	\$ 5,470,050	\$ -
CAM (Life Safety Code, Indoor Air Quality & Mold Abatement/Prevention) Bond Budget	\$ 4,261,757	\$ 19,957,657	\$ 24,219,414	\$ -
QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds) Bond Budget	\$ 657,635	\$ 155,907	\$ 813,542	\$ -
*Total Combined Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	<u>\$ 27,466,129</u>	<u>\$ 90,841,266</u>	<u>\$ 118,307,395</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School Activity Fund	\$ 1,769,212	\$ 6,516,790	\$ 6,434,651	\$ 1,851,351
Central Interscholastic Athletic	\$ 82,139	\$ 1,483,210	\$ 1,565,349	\$ -
*Total Combined Activities Fund	<u>\$ 1,851,351</u>	<u>\$ 8,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,851,351</u>
Bond, Interest & Debt Retirement	\$ 19,591,738	\$ 339,940,437	\$ 339,835,943	\$ 19,696,232
Depreciation Fund*	\$ 8,769,257	\$ 100,000	\$ 8,869,257	\$ -
Insurance (Contingency) Fund	\$ 5,623,712	\$ 2,775,670	\$ 8,399,382	\$ -
Nutrition Services Fund	\$ 2,975,726	\$ 13,997,973	\$ 16,973,699	\$ -
Retirement (Employee Benefit)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Cooperative Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,773,600	\$ 3,773,600	\$ -
Student Fee Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
Total	\$241,531,526	\$806,336,945	\$969,518,397	\$78,350,074
<u>Educational Service Unit #18</u>				
Educational Service Unit #18*	\$ 792,298	\$ 8,653,639	\$ 8,837,970	\$ 607,967
Total	\$ 792,298	\$ 8,653,639	\$ 8,837,970	\$ 607,967

*Funds are combined to coincide with the format required by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts.

Estimated Property Tax Rate At 1 Cent Reduction in Levy

Fund	2008-09 Actual Rate	2009-10 Estimated Rate	Estimated Change
General Fund	\$1.047585	\$1.037585	(\$0.010000)
Building Fund	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
Bond Fund	\$0.176596	\$0.176536	(\$0.000060)
Qualified Capital Purpose Fund	\$0.042629	\$0.042689	\$0.000060
Total	\$1.266810	\$1.256810	(\$0.010000)

Educational Service Unit #18	\$0.014925	\$0.015000	\$0.000075
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Estimated General Fund Levy Not Utilized \$0.011662 \$0.018679

Note: The 2009-10 rates are estimated until Lincoln Public Schools receives the certified valuation figure from the Lancaster County Assessor on August 20, 2009.

How Does LPS Compare?

- LPS is ranked 224th out of 254 school districts in Nebraska in per pupil spending.
- LPS currently Spends \$ 8,835 per pupil compared to the State of Nebraska average of \$ 9,528.
- LPS annually spends less than the state average by \$23.6 million.
- The current levy and expenditure limitations do not allow LPS to spend at the State average.

Need more information or want to share comments?

Look at our web site and see the Annual Budget Information and Financial History at <http://www.lps.org/about/budget/>

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