

## Highlights of the N.C. Public School Budget

Funding public education in North Carolina is a complex and integrated process. This booklet presents charts and tables which describe how state and federal funds are distributed to North Carolina's Public Schools. It also reviews the growth in average daily membership (ADM), school personnel, and the effect of Charter Schools.

The State funds schools with three basic types of allotments.

### Position Allotments:

The State allots positions to a local school system for a specific purpose. The local school system pays whatever is required to hire certified teachers and other educators, based on the State Salary Schedule, without being limited to a specific dollar amount. Each local school system will have a different average salary based on the certified personnel's experience and education. Examples of position allotments are:

- Teachers
- School Building Administration.
- Instructional Support Personnel

### Dollar Allotments:

Local school systems can hire employees or purchase goods for a specific purpose, but the local school system must operate within the allotted dollar amount. Examples of dollar allotments are:

- Teacher Assistants
- Textbooks
- Central Office Administration
- Classroom Materials/Supplies/Equip.

### Categorical Allotments:

Local school systems may use this funding to purchase all services necessary to address the needs of a specific population or service. The local school system must operate within the allotted funds. These funds may be used to hire personnel such as teachers, teacher assistants, and instructional support personnel or to provide a service such as transportation, staff development, or to purchase supplies and materials. Examples of categorical funding are:

- At Risk Student Services
- Children with Disabilities
- Noninstructional Support Pers.
- Transportation

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### Quick Facts

Students:	
Allotted '13-14	1,509,985
Number of Schools 13-14:	
Regular	2436
Charter	127
Regional	1
LEAs:	115
State Funding:	
2013-14	\$7.81 billion
Federal Funding	
excl. child nutrition:	\$827 million
Education Percent of	
General Fund:	37.3%
Estimated Average Teacher	
Compensation:	\$45,355
Number of Teachers FY 2013	
LEA	95,116
Charter Schools	3,734