Wiscasset School Department

FY 2025 Budget Information

6:00 PM March 6, 2024 Wiscasset Town Meeting Room

Timeline adoption to Town Vote

WSD Budget Workshop January 23, 2024 🗸

WSD Budget Workshop January 25, 2024 🔽

WSD School Committee Board Meeting February 13, 2024 🗸

Present to Select Board March 6, 2024 🗸

WSD School Committee Budget Vote March 12, 2024

Budget Meeting - No more than 45 days before June 11, 2024

Budget Validation Referendum June 11, 2024

Bottom Line

Increase of 2.44% to the total expenses.

Budget Highlights

Changes:

- Created District Wide Assistant Principal to oversee Student Support Service for General Education (eliminated WMHS AP/AD)
- Added full time General Education Social Worker position
- Eliminated one school counselor position at WES (to be replaced by combination of two positions above)
- Moved finance, technology, and student support ed tech positions from grant funds into local budget
- Created Athletic Director Stipend position to replace AD admin position
- Increased teacher salaries roughly 7% in the aggregate as year two of three year salary increase
- Replaced Ed Tech II w/ Tech Stipend with a Tech Coordinator position
- Created Media Center/Tech Integrator position to work full time in WMHS library

Cost Center Allocations

COST CENTER BUDGET (WARRANT ARTICLE)	FY 24	PROPOSE FY 25	INC(DEC)	%
Student and Staff Support	\$729,291	\$770,346	\$41,055	5.63%
System Administration	\$528,059	\$493,016	-\$35,043	-6.64%
School Administration	\$555,296	\$542,406	-\$12,890	-2.32%
Facilities	\$1,522,925	\$1,549,345	\$26,420	1.73%
Transportation	\$708,328	\$732,603	\$24,275	3.43%
Regular Instruction	\$3,431,583	\$3,498,116	\$66,533	1.94%
Special Education	\$2,359,474	\$2,558,588	\$199,114	8.44%
Other (Food Services)	\$60,000	\$50,000	-\$10,000	-16.67%
Other Instruction	\$413,573	\$378,581	-\$34,992	-8.46%
	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$10,308,529	\$10,573,002	\$264,473	2.57%
Adult Ed	\$13,000	\$0	-\$13,000	
Total	\$10,321,529	\$10,573,002	\$251,473	2.44%

State Subsidy - Revenue

The State of Maine provides revenue / funds to local school systems based on a formula (EPS) and communicate this through a form known as the ED279. At its core are two main principles

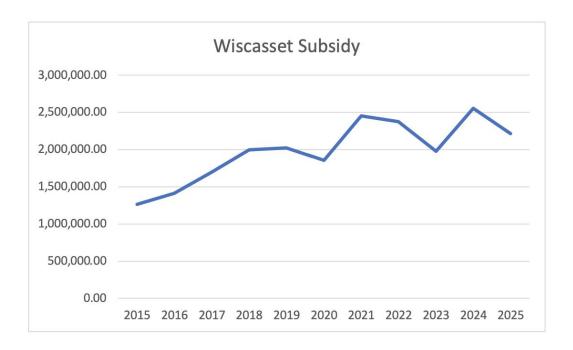
- 1. EPS Essential Program and Services based on a "model school system" that is a school of a certain size, offerings etc.
- 2. Property Values of a community

This is a very complicated formula on how to divided up the states share of funding to a local community. <u>EPS model is NOT enough to adequately fund a school system</u>

Subsidy changes over time due to a whole host of reasons outside of the control of a community. Unpredictable is the nature of this revenue from one year to the next. This can cause serious impacts on local communities from one year to the next to operate a school system.

Subsidy

Year	Wiscasset Subsidy
2015	1,267,750.90
2016	1,415,005.77
2017	1,696,199.61
2018	1,994,788.12
2019	2,022,668.80
2020	1,853,980.11
2021	2,451,184.95
2022	2,377,769.27
2023	1,977,879.64
2024	2,555,029.47
2025	2,216,728.74



Revenue Sheet

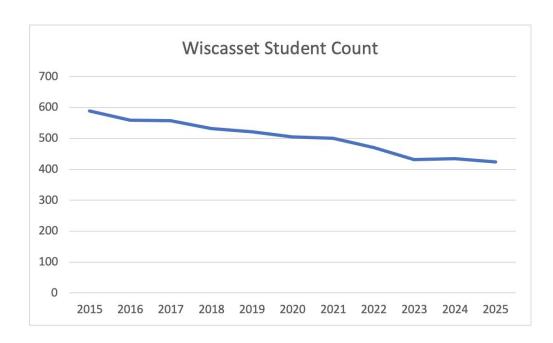
STATE SUBSIDY	\$2,558,820	\$2,216,728	(\$342,092)	
Subsidy Correction		\$147,549	\$147,549	
TUITION	\$465,000	\$ 470,000	\$5,000	
SPED TUITION	\$235,000	\$ 250,000	\$15,000	
INTEREST	\$2,000	\$ 12,500	\$10,500	
FUND BALANCE	\$600,000	\$ 600,000	\$0	
MISC	\$10,500	\$ 10,500	\$0	
BUS OPERATIONS/REPAIRS	\$40,000	\$ 40,000	\$0	
SREP	\$0	\$ 23,000	\$23,000	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,911,320	\$ 3,770,277	\$ (141,043)	-3.61%
REQUIRED LOCAL	\$3,425,058	\$ 3,508,269	\$83,211	
ADDITIONAL LOCAL	\$2,972,151	\$ 3,294,456	\$322,305	
ADULT EDUCATION	\$13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ (13,000)	
	\$0			
SUBTOTAL	\$ 6,410,209	\$ 6,802,725	\$392,516	6.12%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 10,321,529	\$ 10,573,002	\$ 251,473	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,321,529	\$ 10,573,002	\$ 251,473	2.44%

Mill Rate Impact

	FY 24	FY 25	%
Property Values	\$491,400,000	\$529,950,000	7.27%
Local Assessments	\$6,410,209	\$6,802,725	6.12%
Mill Rate for Education	13.04	12.84	-1.62%

Enrollment Trends

Year	Wiscasset Student Count
2015	589
2016	559
2017	557
2018	532
2019	522
2020	505
2021	501
2022	471
2023	431
2024	434
2025	424



WSD Budget History - Per Pupil Cost

	Budget	Enrollments		Per Pupil \$	
FY 25	\$1	0,560,002	424	\$24,905.67	
FY 24	\$10	0,321,529.13	434	\$24,003,55	
FY 23	\$9	9,354,570.00	430.5	\$21,729.55	
FY 22	\$9	9,196,364.00	471	\$19,525.19	
FY 21	\$9	9,996,228.00	500.5	\$19,972.48	
FY 20	\$9	9,437,372.00	505	\$18,687.87	
FY 19	\$9	9,838,790.00	521.5	\$18,866.33	
FY 18	\$9	9,621,063.00	531.5	\$18,101.72	

Enrollment data from the State ED 279 form. * estimate number students

