



FY26 Initial Allocation Worksheet: Dunbar HS

Budget Updates for FY26

DC Public Schools (DCPS) Fiscal Year 2026 school budget allocations prioritize classroom teachers, ensuring that funding for teaching and learning is paramount in a tight financial landscape. School budget worksheets reflect projected student enrollment and factor required teacher-to-student ratios across the district.

As you review your school's allocation, please note the following:

- A School Sustainability Fund has been established to ensure schools can afford the appropriate number of classroom teachers.
- DCPS is working to optimize class sizes districtwide while recognizing each school's unique needs.
- This year's budget accounts for inflationary pressures and increased labor costs, which impact buying power year over year.
- While principals maintain autonomy over certain budget decisions (flexible funds), parameters are outlined further in the worksheet to ensure adequate staffing remains in alignment with enrollment and teacher-to-student ratios.

School budget worksheets provide a starting point for your school's budget planning process; difficult choices and trade-offs may be required to balance priorities within available resources.

To learn more about school budgets and to access interactive budget dashboards, visit the DCPS Budget website's School Budget Data Visualizations (<https://dcpsbudget.com/budget-data/school-budgets/school-budget-data-visualization/>).

Year-Over-Year Budget Overview

BUDGET COMPARISON	DOLLAR AMOUNT
FY26 (SY25-26) Initial School Allocation	\$21.3M
FY25 Approved Budget Submitted budget plus any allocated additional funds	\$22.2M
YOY Change FY26 Initial Allocation - FY25 Approved Budget	-871.1K\$

Year-Over-Year Budget Notes

Dunbar's FY26 initial formula allocation is \$21,310,369. This includes \$2,287,508 in School Sustainability funding. The FY26 initial allocation is a decrease of \$871,116 compared to the FY25 final approved budget. For more information, please see the "YOY Changes by Allocation Type Table."

Key factors and inputs that impact YOY changes:

Underlying all school budgets are key budget drivers including student enrollment changes and position cost increases. In SY25-26 (FY26), teacher costs are increasing by 3.7%. In FY26, the per student base weight did not change from FY25 and remains at \$7,180. For SY25-26 (FY26), the school's projected enrollment is 840, a decrease of 226 students. Dunbar is also projected to decrease in students with IEPs by 58 students and is not projected to change in enrollment of multilingual students. This change in projected enrollment at the whole school level and across sub-groups leads to a decrease in the student-based funding, including targeted weights. The "YOY Changes by Allocation Type" table has additional year over year details based on the four ways the DCPS funding model allocates funds.

Enrollment Overview

	Total Enrollment Projection	ML Projection	SPED Projection	At Risk Projection
FY26	840 (-226)	125 (0)	130 (-58)	601 (-170)
FY25	1066	125	188	771

Funding by Flexibility Level

Funding Level by Flexibility	Total Allocation
Total Allocation	\$21,310,369
Nonflexible Allocation (NF1) -- These allocations are unable to be changed.	\$2,896,444
Nonflexible Allocation (NF2) — Allocation must maintain the intended purpose of funds but may be appealed to other uses within the intended purpose.	\$5,047,731
Required Teaching Staff – These dollars must be used to budget for general education classroom teachers aligned to teacher-to-student ratios.	\$3,884,300
Required Non-Personnel, Additional Compensation, and Bilingual Counselors – These dollars ensure schools budget for minimum levels of administrative premium, overtime, bilingual counselors for schools with over 100 multilingual learners students projected, and DC Public Library MOU.	\$770,020
Flexible Allocation (F) – The remaining fully flexible allocation after required teaching staff, NPS, and additional compensation have been budgeted.	\$8,711,874

Budget Recommendation

Budgeting Guidance for Teaching Staff Positions

\$4,654,320 = required spending of flexible funds for teaching positions, non-personnel, and additional compensation

Secondary Teaching Staff

Grade Level	Students			Teachers			
	FY25	FY26	Change	FY25 Budgeted Classroom Teachers	FY26 Required Classroom teachers	YOY Change due to enrollment	Minimum Required to Budget
Total	1066	840	-226	37	28	-9	\$3,884,300
Grade 9	357	246	-111				
Grade 10	312	179	-133				
Grade 11	230	227	-3				
Grade 12	167	188	21				

Additional Compensation Summary

	Administrative Premium	Overtime
FY24 Expenditures	\$463,816	\$135,287
FY26 Minimum Budget Amount	\$347,862	\$67,644

Budgeting Guidance

DCPS offers guiding principles to help school leaders make budget decisions.

\$8,711,874 = remaining (F) flexible funds for non-teaching staff positions and non-allocated items. In addition to flexible funds (F), schools have limited ability to petition NF2 allocations to other positions/items that fulfill the intended purpose of the NF2 allocation

Value or Principle	FY26 Guidance	FY25 Budgeted Non-Allocated Positions (FTEs)	FY25 Cost	FY26 Cost to Maintain FY25 Non-Allocated Budgeted Items
		Total	\$9,260,128	\$9,678,811
Instructional Leadership	Up to 15% of your total budget.	10	\$1,544,804	\$1,590,498
Operations	Up to 8% of your total budget.	21	\$2,007,972	\$2,090,409
School Climate Support	Up to 7% of your total budget.	18	\$1,512,135	\$1,657,970
Non-Allocated Teaching Staff (excludes general education)	In FY25, you budgeted over your allocated amount by:	18	\$2,333,756	\$2,423,087
Non-Allocated Custodial Staff	In FY25, you budgeted over your allocated amount by:	9	\$562,212	\$580,239
Non-Allocated Student Support	In FY25, you budgeted over your allocated amount by:	0.5	\$76,475	\$76,202
Additional Compensation	In FY25, you budgeted over your FY26 requirement by:		\$82,424	\$82,424
Non-Personnel Budgeted	Based on historical spending and anticipated future needs, schools must budget sufficient non-personnel dollars for programming.		\$1,140,351	\$1,177,982

Year -Over-Year by Allocation Type

Category of Allocation	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	Change	Narrative
Total budget	\$22,181,485	\$21,310,369	-\$871,116	
Staffing Allocations	\$6,576,321	\$6,355,086	-\$221,235	FY26 average position costs are higher than they were in FY25 resulting in more expensive allocated positions. Dunbar was allocated 2 fewer Special Education teacher(s) in FY26. Dunbar was allocated 1 fewer school counselor(s) in FY26.
Program Grants	\$6,746,624	\$5,688,097	-\$1,058,527	FY26 average position costs are higher than they were in FY25 resulting in more expensive program grant allocated positions. Additionally, Dunbar is receiving an at-risk UPSFF allocation of \$2,632,578. Dunbar is receiving \$293,262 in UPSFF at-risk concentration funds because over 70% of their projected student enrollment is eligible for at-risk funding.
Student Based Funds (including safety net supplement)	\$8,858,540	\$6,979,678	-\$1,878,862	In FY26, the base weight for every K-12 student is \$7,180. This as well as all targeted weights remain the same as in FY25. Dunbar's decrease in enrollment along with changes to sub-populations results in an increase to SBB funds year over year.
School Sustainability Fund (compared to FY25 stabilization)	\$0	\$2,287,508	\$2,287,508	DCPS's former stabilization mechanism is being replaced with the School Sustainability Fund. In FY26, Dunbar is receiving \$2,287,508 more dollars in stability funding.
Non-Formula Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

High School Budget Model Allocation

The table below provides a detailed accounting of the resources initially allocated to this school.

Levels of Flexibility Key

Non Flexible (NF1): These allocations are unable to be changed. This may be determined by fund source requirements and allowability, such as grants and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), legal requirements, and other core operational considerations.

Non Flexible (NF2): Any shift in the allocation will maintain the intended purpose of the original allocation. Principals must demonstrate how they will meet related programmatic requirements.

Flexible (F): These allocations are provided to schools to budget for staff and programming.

Non Flexible

School Leadership	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Assistant Principal - Ninth Grade Academy	NF1	Program Grant	Title I	1.00	\$189,537
Principal	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$241,841
Special Education Positions	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Behavior Technician (BES Classroom)	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$64,762
Teacher - Inclusion/Resource Services	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	13.00	\$1,803,425
Aide - Special Education	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	8.00	\$361,952
Self Contained Teachers	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	6.00	\$832,350
Social-Emotional Positions	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
School Counselor - 11mo	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	3.50	\$533,414
Psychologist - 12mo	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	2.00	\$339,486

Social Worker	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	4.00	\$554,900
Custodial Staff					
Custodian (RW-3)	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	8.00	\$454,440
Custodian (RW-5)	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$64,471
Custodial Foreman	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$87,726
Vocational Education					
Teacher - Career/Tech Ed (CTE)	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	3.00	\$416,175
Teacher - JROTC (Senior)	NF1	Program Grant	DoD	1.00	\$138,725
Teacher - JROTC (Junior)	NF1	Program Grant	DoD	1.00	\$138,725
Schoolwide Instructional Support Positions					
Director - NAF Academy	NF1	Program Grant	Local	1.00	\$174,925
School Librarian	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$138,725
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) positions					
Aide - ESOL	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	EL UPSFF	1.00	\$45,244

Teacher - ESOL	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	EL UPSFF	6.00	\$832,350
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Related Arts	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Teacher, Physical Education Aquatics	NF1	Program Grant	Local	1.00	\$138,725
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Non-Local Title Funds	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Title I Parental Involvement	NF2	Program Grant	Title I	8,226.21	\$8,226
Title II Professional Development	NF2	Program Grant	Title II	22,400.00	\$22,400
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Other	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Twilight Admin Premium	NF1	Program Grant	Title I	45,000.00	\$45,000
Credit Recovery (CR)	NF1	Program Grant	Local	75,000.00	\$75,000
Ninth Grade Academy Admin Premium	NF1	Program Grant	Title I	7,000.00	\$7,000
Ninth Grade Academy NPS	NF1	Program Grant	Title I	28,901.66	\$28,902
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Parent Group 7111 - Supplies	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Custodial and Maintenance Supplies	NF2	Program Grant	Local	27,423.00	\$27,423
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Centrally Managed	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Pool Maintenance MOU	NF1	Program Grant	Local	178,326.41	\$178,326

Flexible

Non-Local Title Funds	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Title I Instructional	F	Program Grant	Title I	521,273.29	\$521,273
Administrative	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Aide - Administrative	F	Program Grant	Local	1.00	\$79,854
At-Risk Funding	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
At-Risk Overage (UPSFF)	F	Program Grant	At-Risk	187,169.40	\$187,169
At-Risk UPSFF Concentration	F	Program Grant	At-Risk Concentration	293,262.20	\$293,262
At-Risk UPSFF	F	Program Grant	At-Risk	2,445,408.90	\$2,445,409
Student Based Budgeting	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Multilingual Learner SBB Weight	F	Student Based Budgeting	EL UPSFF	269,250.00	\$269,250
Special Education SBB Weight	F	Student Based Budgeting	Local	280,020.00	\$280,020
At-Risk Concentration SBB Weight	F	Student Based Budgeting	Local	399,208.00	\$399,208
Student Based Funds (SBB) Base Weight	F	Student Based Budgeting	Local	6,031,200.00	\$6,031,200
Other	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
NPS Total Allocation	F	Program Grant	Local	572,040.00	\$572,040

Stability Funds	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
School Sustainability Fund	F	Stability	Local	2,287,507.99	\$2,287,508

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