



FY27 Initial Allocation Worksheet: Murch ES

Budget Updates for FY27

DC Public Schools (DCPS) Fiscal Year 2027 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:

- The school sustainability fund ensures 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.

Year-Over-Year Budget Overview

FY27 Allocation		FY26 Allocation	
School Allocation	\$9.3M	School Approved Allocation	\$9.1M
Estimated Centrally Managed Funds*	\$571.6K	Centrally Managed Funds	\$608.7K
Estimated Total School Resources	\$9.9M	Total School Resources	\$9.7M

YOY Change (School Allocation - School Approved Allocation)	\$160.9K
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Year-Over-Year Budget Notes

Murch's FY27 initial formula allocation is \$9,301,335. The FY27 initial allocation is an increase of \$160,906 compared to the FY26 final approved budget. For more information, please see the "YOY Changes by Allocation Type Table."

*DCPS is phasing out budgeting centrally managed items as part of the school allocation. Starting in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27), Schools will budget the "School Allocation," and the average position cost will no longer include administrative add-ons.

The centrally managed value for FY27 shown to the left is an estimation based on programming and projected personnel expected to be budgeted. For comparison purposes, the budget change reflects the change in the FY27 school allocation and FY26 approved budget. All references to administrative add-ons will be removed in FY28 worksheets.

Key factors and inputs that impact YOY changes:

Underlying all school budgets are key budget drivers including student enrollment changes and position cost increases. The average teacher cost is higher in SY26-27 than in FY26. School allocations have been adjusted accordingly to factor in the change in overall position cost. The School Sustainability Fund allows schools to afford the same positions as SY25-26 adjusted for shifts in enrollment. For SY26-27 (FY27), the school's projected enrollment is 627, a decrease of 44 students. Murch is also projected to decrease in students with IEPs by 10 students and is projected to decrease in the number of multilingual students by 5 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. Murch is projected to increase in at-risk students by 16, which leads to an increase in at-risk funding. 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
FY27	627 (-44)	67 (-5)	81 (-10)	96 (+16)
FY26	671	72	91	80

Funding by Flexibility Level

Funding Level by Flexibility	Total Allocation
Total Allocation	\$9,301,335
Nonflexible Allocation (NF1) — These allocations are unable to be changed.	\$881,379
Nonflexible Allocation (NF2) — Allocation must maintain the intended purpose of funds but may be appealed to other uses within the intended purpose.	\$2,550,799
Pre-budgeted from flexible funds: Required Teaching Staff – These dollars must be used to budget for general education classroom teachers aligned to teacher-to-student ratios.	\$3,512,275
Pre-budgeted from flexible funds: Required Non-Personnel, Additional Compensation, and Bilingual Counselors – These dollars ensure schools budget for minimum levels of administrative premium, overtime, AOM compensation, and bilingual counselors for schools with over 100 multilingual learners students projected.	\$48,841
Flexible Allocation (F) – The remaining fully flexible allocation after required teaching staff, NPS, and additional compensation have been budgeted.	\$2,308,041

Budget Recommendation

Budgeting Guidance for Teaching Staff Positions

\$3,561,116 = required spending of flexible funds for teaching positions, non-personnel, and additional compensation

The table(s) below shows prior year projected enrollment and general education classroom teacher staffing along with the funding allotment to maintain this staffing, adjusted for enrollment in FY27. Schools have autonomy to adjust these anticipated levels provided that the minimum number of teachers are budgeted and that all grade levels and content areas are adequately staffed in alignment with enrollment projections.

Elementary Teaching Staff

Grade Level	Students			Teachers			
	FY26	FY27	Change	FY26 Budgeted Classroom Teachers	FY27 Required Classroom teachers	YOY Change due to enrollment	Minimum Required to Budget
Total	609	562	-47	27	25	-2	\$3,512,275
Kindergarten	95	92	-3				
Grade 1	101	87	-14				
Grade 2	97	100	+3				
Grade 3	107	89	-18				
Grade 4	106	97	-9				
Grade 5	103	97	-6				

Additional Compensation Summary

Schools are pre-budgeted administrative premium and overtime at 100% of their FY25 expenditures in administrative premium and overtime. In FY27, schools are required to budget at least 85% of their FY25 administrative premium expenditures and at least 90% of their FY25 overtime expenditures.

	Administrative Premium	Overtime
FY27 Minimum Budget Amount	\$31,263	\$9,775
FY25 Expenditures	\$36,780	\$10,861

Budgeting Guidance

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

\$2,308,041 = 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	FY27 Guidance	FY26 Budgeted Non-Allocated Positions (FTEs)	FY26 Cost	FY27 Cost to Maintain FY26 Non-Allocated Budgeted Items
		Total	\$1,856,591	\$1,948,123
Instructional Leadership	Up to 15% of your total budget.	7	\$968,233	\$1,035,865
Operations	Up to 8% of your total budget.	3	\$340,636	\$334,423
School Climate Support	Up to 7% of your total budget.	0	\$0	\$0
Non-Allocated Teaching Staff	In FY25, you budgeted over your allocated amount by:	4	\$353,762	\$371,704
Non-Allocated Custodial Staff	In FY25, you budgeted over your allocated amount by:	1	\$59,612	\$61,725
Non-Allocated Student Support	In FY25, you budgeted over your allocated amount by:	1	\$130,753	\$140,491
Additional Compensation	In FY25, you budgeted over your FY26 requirement by:		\$0	\$0
Non-Personnel	Based on historical spending and anticipated future needs, schools must budget sufficient non-personnel dollars for programming.		\$3,595	\$3,915

Year-Over-Year by Allocation Type

Category of Allocation	FY26 Allocation	FY26 Centrally Managed	FY26 School Managed	FY27 Allocation	Change	Narrative
Total budget	\$9,749,163	\$608,734	\$9,140,429	\$9,301,335	\$160,906	Murch's budget is increasing in FY27.

Category of Allocation	FY26 Allocation	FY26 Centrally Managed	FY26 School Managed	FY27 Allocation	Change	Narrative
Staffing Allocations	\$3,594,867	\$228,313	\$3,366,554	\$3,404,361	\$37,807	FY27 WTU average position cost is higher than the position cost was in FY26, resulting in more expensive allocated positions. Murch is experiencing a net decrease of 1 special education classroom(s) compared to their FY26 initial allocation due to a projected decline in students served in self-contained classrooms.
Program Grants	\$703,565	\$42,730	\$660,835	\$742,843	\$82,008	FY27 WTU average position cost is higher than the position cost was in FY26, resulting in more expensive program grant allocated positions. Murch is receiving \$75,082 more in UPSFF at-risk funds in FY27 since its projected number of at-risk students increased compared to FY26.
Student Based Funds (including safety net supplement)	\$5,450,732	\$337,691	\$5,113,041	\$4,942,907	-\$170,134	In FY27, the base weight for every K-12 student is \$7,375. This as well as all targeted weights are increased compared to FY26. Murch's changes in enrollment along with changes to sub-populations results in a decrease to SBB funds year over year. Safety net funding is also a part of SBB funding.
School Sustainability Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$211,225	\$211,225	In FY26, DCPS's former stabilization mechanism was replaced with the School Sustainability Fund. In FY27, Murch is receiving \$211,225 more in school sustainability funding compared to FY26.
Non-Formula Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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
Principal	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$237,360
Early Childhood Education Positions (ECE)	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Teacher - PK4	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	3.00	\$421,473
Aide - Early Childhood	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	3.00	\$136,083
Special Education Positions	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Teacher - Inclusion/Resource Services	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	4.00	\$561,964
Self Contained Teachers	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	3.00	\$421,473
Aide - Special Education	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	5.00	\$226,805
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) positions	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Teacher - ESOL	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	EL UPSFF	3.50	\$491,719

Schoolwide Instructional Support Positions	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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School Librarian	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$140,491
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Social-Emotional Positions	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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Psychologist	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$140,491
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Social Worker	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	2.00	\$280,982
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Custodial Staff	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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Custodial Foreman	NF1	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$82,055
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Custodian (RW-5)	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	1.00	\$61,725
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Custodian (RW-3)	NF2	Staffing Ratio Allocations	Local	4.00	\$201,740
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Parent Group 7111 - Supplies	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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Custodial and Maintenance Supplies	NF2	Program Grant	Local	9,357.00	\$9,357
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Non-Local Title Funds	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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Title II Professional Development	NF2	Program Grant	Title II	18,460.28	\$18,460
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Administrative	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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Aide - Administrative	F	Program Grant	Local	1.00	\$74,291
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Student Based Budgeting	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
Early Childhood Education SBB Weight	F	Student Based Budgeting	Local	143,812.50	\$143,813
Multilingual Learner SBB Weight	F	Student Based Budgeting	EL UPSFF	148,237.50	\$148,238
Special Education SBB Weight	F	Student Based Budgeting	Local	179,212.50	\$179,213
Student Based Funds (SBB) Base Weight	F	Student Based Budgeting	Local	4,144,750.00	\$4,144,750

Other	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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NPS Total Allocation	F	Program Grant	Local	240,141.00	\$240,141
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Stability Funds	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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Safety Net Supplement	F	Stability	Local	326,894.00	\$326,894
School Sustainability Fund	F	Stability	Local	211,225.17	\$211,225

At-Risk Funding	Flexibility Level	Allocation Type	Fund Source	Quantity	Total Cost
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At-Risk UPSFF	F	Program Grant	At-Risk	400,593.60	\$400,594
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