
Montgomery County Public Schools

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) operates a countywide system of public schools for students from pre-kindergarten through high school. For the 2010-11 school year (FY11), 144,064 students in pre-kindergarten classes through grades 12 attend 200 separate public educational facilities. For the 2011-12 school year (FY12), enrollment is estimated at 146,649 students.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The County Executive's role in the MCPS budget process is to present to the County Council a recommended total budget. The total recommended FY12 Operating Budget is \$2,123.5 million, an increase of \$19.3 million or 0.9 percent over the original FY11 approved budget of \$2,104.2 million. The Board of Education's (BOE) Operating Budget request for FY12 totaled \$2,205.7 million. The County Executive's recommendation would fund over 96 percent of the BOE's request.

The County also supports the operations of the school system through the expenditures of other departments. For example, school health services, childhood wellness, and Linkages to Learning programs are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services; research and internet resources are made available in the Montgomery County Public Libraries; crossing guards are supported by the Department of Police; sports academies for youth are sponsored by the Department of Recreation; reimbursements for classrooms and school sports fields rented by residents are made by Community Use of Public Facilities; and the Department of Environmental Protection maintains the stormwater facilities of the public schools. In addition to the total recommended Operating Budget for the public schools, this agency's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) requires County funding. Approximately \$2.6 million in FY12 current revenue and \$17.0 million in recordation taxes are recommended in the amended FY11-16 CIP. The debt service requirement for the MCPS capital program is estimated at \$120 million in FY12.

The recommended budget includes the County's contribution of \$1,430.4 million (67.4 percent of all recommended funding), State aid and grants of \$553.3 million (26.1 percent), Federal grants and aid of \$69.9 million (3.3 percent), and tuition, fees, and private grants of \$13.4 million (0.6 percent). The recommended appropriation for the fee supported enterprise funds is \$55.1 million (2.6 percent) and for the special revenue fund is \$1.4 million (0.1 percent).

Tax Supported Funding for the Public Schools

For FY12, the total tax supported portion of the Executive's recommendation (excluding grants and enterprise funds) is \$1,987.6 million, an increase of \$67.8 million or 3.5 percent over the original FY11 approved Operating Budget.

The tax supported portion of the recommendation includes a FY12 local contribution of funds of \$1,415.1 million, plus carryover of \$15.3 million for a total local contribution of funds of \$1,430.4 million. The Executive's recommendation for local funding is \$82.1 million less than the FY12 State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement due to the County's very constrained fiscal condition that impedes the County's ability to fund the full amount. The County will request an MOE waiver from the Maryland State Department of Education. A failure to grant an MOE waiver could result in at least \$22.4 million in additional expenditure reductions and direct service cuts in Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery County Government, Montgomery College, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Fiscal Summary

The Executive's total budget recommendation from all funding sources of \$2,123.5 million represents over 96 percent of the BOE's request. The Executive relies on the BOE to determine the most appropriate manner to deliver educational services within its recommended budget allocation.

Spending Affordability

In February 2011, the Montgomery County Council approved FY12 Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG) of \$1,863.9 million for the tax supported funds of MCPS. The County Executive recommends \$1,987.6 million for the tax supported funds of MCPS, which is \$123.7 million or 6.2 percent above SAG. The BOE requested \$2,069.7 million in tax supported funds.

Additional Budget Details

The Executive affirms the authority of the BOE to establish educational policy and to determine the allocation of appropriated funds in support of the mission of the public school system. However, the Executive recommends that the Board preserves current funding levels for classroom programs and identifies reductions through restructuring employee compensation to ensure greater equity among all County employees. In addition, the Executive recommends that the Board retains at least \$20 million in pre-funding for the retiree group insurance. Complete information regarding the MCPS budget request is available in the FY12 Operating Budget adopted by the BOE on February 14, 2011. Copies of that budget are available at Montgomery County libraries, on the MCPS website and, upon request, from the school system.

LINKAGE TO COUNTY RESULT AREAS

While this program area supports all eight of the County Result Areas, the following are emphasized:

❖ ***Children Prepared to Live and Learn***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND INITIATIVES

- ❖ ***Provide resources to accommodate the enrollment of 146,649 students.***
- ❖ ***Make a County contribution to MCPS of \$1,430.4 million, including \$15.3 million of carryover.***
- ❖ ***Support MCPS programs through expenditures in other County departments, such as Health and Human Services, Public Libraries, Recreation, Community Use of Public Facilities, and Environmental Protection.***
- ❖ ***Productivity Improvements***
 - ***MCPS received the 2010 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the highest presidential honor an American organization can receive for performance excellence through innovation, improvement, and visionary leadership.***
 - ***MCPS was a finalist in 2010 for the Broad Prize for Urban Education, which honors large school districts that have raised student performance and significantly narrowed racial and socioeconomic achievement gaps.***
 - ***Average composite SAT scores for the Class of 2010 produced MCPS' highest-ever composite score of 1653, outpacing their Maryland and national peers by more than 140 points. More than 71% of the class took the SAT, exceeding state and national participation levels.***
 - ***The Class of 2010 earned more than \$234 million in college scholarships, the most ever and an increase of nearly \$50 million from 2009.***
 - ***More than 90 percent of MCPS kindergartners have met or exceeded reading targets each of the past three years, essentially closing the achievement gap by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status at this grade level.***
 - ***Among the MCPS Class of 2010, the percentage of Advanced Placement exams taken by the students scoring three or higher was 71.7%; this is higher than the state (59.6%) and the nation (55.8%).***
 - ***According to Education Week, MCPS has the highest graduation rate of any large district in the nation.***

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Dr. Marshall Spatz of the Montgomery County Public Schools at 301.279.3547 or Blaise DeFazio of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2763 for more information regarding this agency's operating budget.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY10	Budget FY11	Estimated FY11	Recommended FY12	% Chg Bud/Rec
CURRENT FUND MCPS					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Current Fund MCPS Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,918,905,678	1,919,842,746	1,889,568,492	1,987,614,562	3.5%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Current Fund MCPS Expenditures	1,918,905,678	1,919,842,746	1,889,568,492	1,987,614,562	3.5%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	19,586.4	19,438.7	19,438.7	19,812.7	1.9%
REVENUES					
Basic State Aid	223,603,678	264,653,233	247,142,612	286,234,231	8.2%
GCEI - Geographic Cost of Education Index	9,841,663	9,538,130	9,538,130	32,217,371	237.8%
Transportation	31,266,432	31,038,830	31,038,830	35,210,643	13.4%
Students With Disabilities	43,239,439	44,189,819	44,189,819	44,680,482	1.1%
Foster Care/Miscellaneous	273,727	750,000	750,000	750,000	—
Thornton Legislation	131,239,836	138,452,822	138,452,822	154,165,783	11.3%
Tuition-Other Sources	5,272,798	5,589,568	4,489,568	3,725,708	-33.3%
Federal Revenues	229,218	245,000	1,345,000	245,000	—
Current Fund MCPS Revenues	444,966,791	494,457,402	476,946,781	557,229,218	12.7%
GRANT FUND MCPS					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund MCPS Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	132,130,223	128,224,619	128,224,619	79,343,580	-38.1%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund MCPS Expenditures	132,130,223	128,224,619	128,224,619	79,343,580	-38.1%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	744.5	687.6	687.6	489.3	-28.8%
REVENUES					
Federal Grants	120,775,845	118,802,528	118,802,528	69,691,017	-41.3%
State Grants	2,363,295	0	0	0	—
Private Grants	8,991,083	9,422,091	9,422,091	9,652,563	2.4%
Grant Fund MCPS Revenues	132,130,223	128,224,619	128,224,619	79,343,580	-38.1%
FOOD SERVICE FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Food Service Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	45,687,584	47,040,254	47,040,254	47,025,335	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Food Service Fund Expenditures	45,687,584	47,040,254	47,040,254	47,025,335	0.0%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	583.5	583.4	583.4	583.5	0.0%
REVENUES					
Child Care Food Service	0	700,000	700,000	900,000	28.6%
Federal Food	21,440,146	18,746,883	18,746,883	21,424,368	14.3%
State Food	1,004,518	1,067,287	1,067,287	1,024,608	-4.0%
Miscellaneous: Investment Income	70,501	0	0	0	—
Sale of Meals	18,621,337	26,526,084	26,526,084	23,676,359	-10.7%
Food Service Fund Revenues	41,136,502	47,040,254	47,040,254	47,025,335	0.0%
REAL ESTATE FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—

	Actual FY10	Budget FY11	Estimated FY11	Recommended FY12	% Chg Bud/Rec
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Real Estate Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	2,591,862	3,071,095	3,071,095	3,266,430	6.4%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Real Estate Fund Expenditures	2,591,862	3,071,095	3,071,095	3,266,430	6.4%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	—
REVENUES					
Real Estate Fund	2,667,604	3,071,095	3,071,095	3,266,430	6.4%
Real Estate Fund Revenues	2,667,604	3,071,095	3,071,095	3,266,430	6.4%
FIELD TRIP FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Field Trip Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,697,423	2,354,716	2,354,716	2,122,819	-9.8%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Field Trip Fund Expenditures	1,697,423	2,354,716	2,354,716	2,122,819	-9.8%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	—
REVENUES					
Field Trip Fees	1,543,871	2,354,716	2,354,716	2,122,819	-9.8%
Field Trip Fund Revenues	1,543,871	2,354,716	2,354,716	2,122,819	-9.8%
ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	2,001,442	2,164,100	2,164,100	2,694,158	24.5%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Expenditures	2,001,442	2,164,100	2,164,100	2,694,158	24.5%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	10.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	—
REVENUES					
Entrepreneurial Activities Fee	1,849,158	2,164,100	2,164,100	2,694,158	24.5%
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Revenues	1,849,158	2,164,100	2,164,100	2,694,158	24.5%
INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Instructional Television Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,586,599	1,490,510	1,490,510	1,425,000	-4.4%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Instructional Television Fund Expenditures	1,586,599	1,490,510	1,490,510	1,425,000	-4.4%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	14.0	14.0	14.0	13.0	-7.1%
DEPARTMENT TOTALS					
Total Expenditures	2,104,600,811	2,104,188,040	2,073,913,786	2,123,491,884	0.9%
Total Full-Time Positions	0	0	0	0	—
Total Part-Time Positions	0	0	0	0	—
Total Workyears	20,949.4	20,743.7	20,743.7	20,918.5	0.8%
Total Revenues	624,294,149	677,312,186	659,801,565	691,681,540	2.1%

MCPS EXPENDITURES FY80-FY12

County Fiscal Year	Total Expenditures	Total		County Funding	As Percent of
		Enrollment	Per Pupil		Total
80	\$283,964,983	102,519	\$2,770	\$217,458,068	76.6%
81	\$310,301,970	98,843	\$3,139	\$243,994,370	78.6%
82	\$331,546,219	95,587	\$3,469	\$267,891,955	80.8%
83	\$351,939,986	92,517	\$3,804	\$286,965,658	81.5%
84	\$371,322,717	91,030	\$4,079	\$303,726,901	81.8%
85	\$399,916,181	91,704	\$4,361	\$330,035,065	82.5%
86	\$436,875,791	92,871	\$4,704	\$361,788,973	82.8%
87	\$475,866,930	94,460	\$5,038	\$398,053,264	83.6%
88	\$519,622,140	96,271	\$5,397	\$434,582,576	83.6%
89	\$577,957,669	98,519	\$5,866	\$488,062,505	84.4%
90	\$642,553,932	100,259	\$6,409	\$545,768,528	84.9%
91	\$702,260,084	103,732	\$6,770	\$601,407,797	85.6%
92	\$712,896,646	107,140	\$6,654	\$603,939,300	84.7%
93	\$738,767,864	110,037	\$6,714	\$622,732,456	84.3%
94*	\$793,907,907	113,429	\$6,999	\$666,557,884	84.0%
95	\$830,010,147	117,082	\$7,089	\$695,512,609	83.8%
96	\$878,160,420	120,291	\$7,300	\$718,938,647	81.9%
97	\$915,141,097	122,505	\$7,470	\$740,984,871	81.0%
98	\$958,416,196	125,035	\$7,665	\$765,835,476	79.9%
99	\$1,034,768,530	127,852	\$8,093	\$820,833,423	79.3%
00	\$1,105,644,145	130,689	\$8,460	\$870,940,869	78.8%
01	\$1,216,096,599	134,180	\$9,063	\$959,754,838	78.9%
02	\$1,323,625,477	136,832	\$9,673	\$1,029,703,651	77.8%
03	\$1,412,161,822	138,891	\$10,167	\$1,079,188,698	76.4%
04	\$1,501,381,116	139,203	\$10,786	\$1,136,392,169	75.7%
05	\$1,609,382,533	139,337	\$11,550	\$1,217,214,553	75.6%
06	\$1,713,736,154	139,387	\$12,295	\$1,296,325,112	75.6%
07	\$1,851,496,287	137,798	\$13,436	\$1,384,725,787	74.8%
08	\$1,985,017,619	137,745	\$14,411	\$1,456,912,582	73.4%
09	\$2,066,683,294	137,763	\$15,002	\$1,531,482,602	74.1%
10	\$2,200,577,000	140,500	\$15,662	\$1,573,754,447	71.5%
11	\$2,104,188,040	143,309	\$14,683	\$1,425,385,344	67.7%
12 CE Rec	\$2,123,491,884	146,649	\$14,480	\$1,430,385,344	67.4%

Sources: Approved Operating Budgets

Notes:

* State legislative action shifted responsibility for teacher Social Security payments to local jurisdictions in FY94.

Per pupil spending represents all sources of funds

In addition to MCPS appropriations, the following County departments also support MCPS programs:

- School Health Nurses and Health Room Technicians (Health and Human Services)
- Childhood Wellness (Health and Human Services)
- Linkages to Learning (Health and Human Services)
- Research and Internet Resources (Public Libraries)
- Sports Academies (Recreation)
- Crossing Guards (Police)
- Reimbursements for Rented Classrooms and Sports Fields (Community Use of Public Facilities)
- Stormwater Facility Maintenance (Environmental Protection)
- Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Current Revenue
- Debt Service on School Facilities

Montgomery County Public Schools FY2012 Organization

