

Cape May - Middle Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Middle Township school district, in the County of Cape May, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Administration Building of the Middle Township Board of Education, 216 S. Main Street, Cape May Court House on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Please be advised that the regular monthly meeting of the Middle Township Board of Education will immediately follow the Public Hearing,

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2024	15, 2025	15, 2026
	Actual	Actual	Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	2,179	2,146	2,238
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	23	14	12
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	348	349	367
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	11	6	4
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	2,561	2,515	2,621
Private School Placements	4	4	5
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	6	11	0
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	58	50	44
Pupils Received	193	166	170
Pupils in State Facilities	4	8	8

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
<b>Operating Budget:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	31,155,162	32,509,982	35,689,181
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	31,155,162	32,509,982	35,689,181
Total Tuition	10-1300	2,970,979	2,835,789	2,635,261
Transportation Fees from Other Local Education Authorities	10-1420-1440	9,400	10,000	10,000
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	209,799	210,000	210,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	172,601	322,682	331,582
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	86,747	100	100
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	862	100	100
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>34,605,550</b>	<b>35,888,653</b>	<b>38,876,224</b>
<b>Revenues from Intermediate Sources:</b>				
Payments in Lieu of Taxes to School District	10-2300	58,000	55,000	55,000
<b>Total Revenues from Intermediate Sources</b>		<b>58,000</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>55,000</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
School Choice Aid	10-3116	295,360	356,400	361,900
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	1,570,041	2,193,616	1,945,015
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	336,055	100,000	100,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	1,437,131	3,319,084	2,991,897
Equalization Aid	10-3176	8,437,475	6,163,933	6,464,727
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	608,776	910,381	807,765
Adjustment Aid	10-3178	922,879	0	0
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	337,653	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>13,945,370</b>	<b>13,043,414</b>	<b>12,671,304</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	34,790	10,357	48,233
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>34,790</b>	<b>10,357</b>	<b>48,233</b>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget</b>				
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-303	0	1,181,304	1,391,259
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-310	0	407,078	300,000
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		0	528,352	0
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>		<b>217,965</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>48,861,675</b>	<b>51,114,158</b>	<b>53,342,020</b>
<b>Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	683,259	430,000	430,000
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	15,389	300	300
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	1,160	4,947	0
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>	<b>20-1XXX</b>	<b>699,808</b>	<b>435,247</b>	<b>430,300</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	33,421	345,999
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	3,476,129	2,842,832	2,997,060
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	440,654	1,442,185	528,823
State Grants Through Intermediate Sources	20-3700	0	92,000	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>3,916,783</b>	<b>4,410,438</b>	<b>3,871,882</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Title I	20-4411-4416	894,519	898,303	673,727
Title II	20-4451-4455	97,950	105,650	79,237
Title III	20-4491-4494	27,363	37,817	28,363
Title IV	20-4471-4474	44,490	64,522	48,391
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	772,462	765,450	574,087
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>1,836,784</b>	<b>1,871,742</b>	<b>1,403,805</b>
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	220,560	228,435	315,480
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-74,595	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		-2,639	9,700	9,700
<b>Total Grants and Entitlements</b>		<b>6,596,701</b>	<b>6,955,562</b>	<b>6,031,167</b>
<b>Repayment of Debt:</b>				
Transfers from Other Funds	40-5200	40,166	0	0
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	1,463,866	1,451,651	1,449,986
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>1,463,866</b>	<b>1,451,651</b>	<b>1,449,986</b>

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Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	126,641	128,038	127,378
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303	0	46,218	40,167
Total Local Repayment of Debt		1,630,673	1,625,907	1,617,531
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-22,517	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		1,608,156	1,625,907	1,617,531
Total Revenues/Sources		57,066,532	59,695,627	60,990,718
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	220,560	228,435	315,480
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		56,845,972	59,467,192	60,675,238

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
<b>General Current Expense:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	11,867,965	11,758,505	11,900,577
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	3,398,102	3,576,396	3,897,958
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	909,162	1,202,251	1,090,193
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	128,274	135,444	142,311
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	365,733	424,667	428,984
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	902,473	872,439	867,112
Other Alternative Education Program	11-425-XXX-XXX	114,013	113,162	114,762
Other Instructional Programs-Instruction	11-4XX-100-XXX	26,447	16,260	16,260
Community Services Programs/Operations	11-800-330-XXX	55,000	55,000	55,000
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	4,762,874	4,959,528	5,627,588
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	389,023	407,068	410,450
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	426,983	466,798	478,317
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	604,985	662,669	600,429
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	774,516	752,565	784,496
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,299,996	1,565,935	1,415,340
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	517,954	554,697	546,051
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	442,279	469,093	479,303
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	67,982	133,266	8,200
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	1,308,994	1,451,649	1,367,277
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,385,435	1,617,843	1,575,250
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	542,692	599,516	730,743
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	371,084	338,471	358,869
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	5,403,092	5,429,193	4,947,293
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	3,529,931	3,267,156	3,220,471
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	9,119,224	10,126,988	12,106,416
Total Undistributed Expenditures		30,947,044	32,802,435	34,656,493
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	100	100
Total General Current Expense		48,714,213	50,956,659	53,169,750
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	139,087	139,087	139,087
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	100	100
Total Capital Outlay		139,087	139,187	139,187
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	8,375	18,312	33,083
General Fund Grand Total		48,861,675	51,114,158	53,342,020
<b>Special Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,160	4,947	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	608,664	430,000	430,000
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	12,750	10,000	10,000
<b>Preschool Education Aid:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	1,932,613	1,755,377	1,922,960
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	1,347,124	1,349,311	1,735,579
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	416,952	0	0
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	3,696,689	3,104,688	3,658,539
<b>Other State Projects:</b>				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,606	2,892	2,892
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	14,131	57,149	57,149
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	13,031	28,487	28,487
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,630	7,571	7,571
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,477	2,064	2,064
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,030	10,660	10,660
Recovery High School Access Grant	20-470-XXX-XXX	391,749	1,163,362	250,000
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	262,000	170,000
Total Other State Projects		440,654	1,534,185	528,823
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	4,137,343	4,638,873	4,187,362
<b>Federal Projects:</b>				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	894,519	898,303	673,727
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	97,950	105,650	79,237
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	27,363	37,817	28,363
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	44,490	64,522	48,391
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	772,462	765,450	574,087
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,836,784	1,871,742	1,403,805
Total Special Revenue Funds		6,596,701	6,955,562	6,031,167

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Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	1,608,156	1,625,907	1,617,531
Total Debt Service Funds		1,608,156	1,625,907	1,617,531
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		57,066,532	59,695,627	60,990,718
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	220,560	228,435	315,480
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		56,845,972	59,467,192	60,675,238

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Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2024	Audited Balance 06-30-2025	Estimated Balance 06-30-2026	Estimated Balance 06-30-2027
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	1,640,738	1,920,855	1,552,975	1,011,716
(Repayment of Debt)	63,868	86,385	40,167	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	118,618	119,480	119,580	119,680
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	2,601,680	2,229,172	1,822,194	1,522,294
--Legal Reserve	1,616,349	1,663,424	850,000	0
--Unemployment Fund	290,501	235,469	235,469	235,469
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	523,475	598,070	598,070	598,070
--Scholarship Fund	74,161	76,800	67,100	57,400
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26	2026-27
	Actual	Actual	Original	Revised	Proposed
	Costs	Costs	Budget	Budget	Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$16,164	\$16,944	\$17,300	\$17,980	\$18,051
Total Classroom Instruction	\$8,930	\$9,351	\$9,599	\$9,730	\$10,003
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$8,575	\$8,953	\$9,173	\$9,376	\$9,646
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$255	\$266	\$281	\$193	\$182
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$101	\$132	\$144	\$162	\$174
Total Support Services	\$2,460	\$2,581	\$2,849	\$2,919	\$2,906
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,225	\$2,197	\$2,413	\$2,434	\$2,535
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,643	\$1,709	\$1,808	\$1,940	\$1,940
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,142	\$1,169	\$1,277	\$1,321	\$1,355
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,303	\$2,395	\$2,121	\$2,455	\$2,236
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$997	\$1,075	\$1,097	\$1,114	\$1,168
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$593	\$637	\$658	\$669	\$668
Total Equipment Costs	\$19	\$165	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Costs	\$15	\$32	\$39	\$44	\$38
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	32.85%	34.20%	36.91%	36.59%	42.97%

\*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.

\*\* Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: <http://www.nj.gov/education/guide/>. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2025-26 revised appropriations and the 2026-27 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at in the Administration building, 216 S. Main Street, Cape May Court House, Cape May County New Jersey between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.