

# SCHOOL BOARD

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## DESCRIPTION

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is an independent system with no governance from the City of Atlanta's Mayor or the City Council. The Atlanta Board of Education (school board) creates policy for the public schools and appoints the superintendent who oversees the system's day-to-day operations.



School board members serve a 4-year term. There are no term limits. Members choose their chair and vice chair every 2 years.

The election of school board members is non-partisan.  
(Candidates don't run as members of a particular political party.)



**NOTE:** The school board has switched to staggered terms so half of the board (odd seats) will be elected in 2023 and other half (even seats) will be elected in 2025.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be a registered voter of the city
- Must have been a resident of the district for at least the past year
- Must not be an employee of the State Department of Education or a member of the State Board of Education
- Must not hold any other elective public office
- Must not be an employee of the Atlanta Board of Education
- Must not serve on the governing body of any private K-12 educational institution

## SALARY

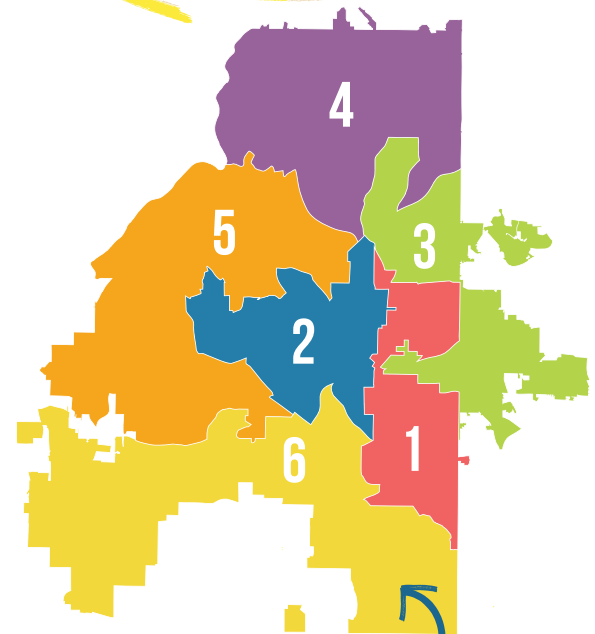
School board positions are considered part-time. Regular members are paid \$22,500 annually. The board's vice chair makes \$23,500 and the chair makes \$24,500.

## COMMITTEES

Board members are nominated by the chair and confirmed by board members to serve on the following standing advisory committees:

- **Accountability Committee**
- **Audit Committee**
- **Budget Commission**
- **Policy Review Committee**

Each school board district is composed of a contiguous pair of city council districts.



## BOARD DISTRICTS

**6** members are elected by district voters

**3** members are elected "at-large" by voters across the entire city

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# APS INSIGHTS

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## KEY ELECTION DATES

Voting for **Districts 1, 3, & 5** and **At-Large Seats 7 & 9**:

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**: voter registration deadline

**Oct. 16–Nov. 3**: early voting – including both Saturdays

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**: general election

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**: run-off election

*A run-off election will occur for any race where no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote.*

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

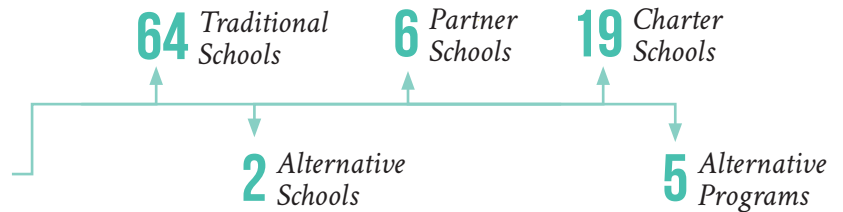


students from households with income below 185% of the poverty threshold

## BY THE NUMBERS

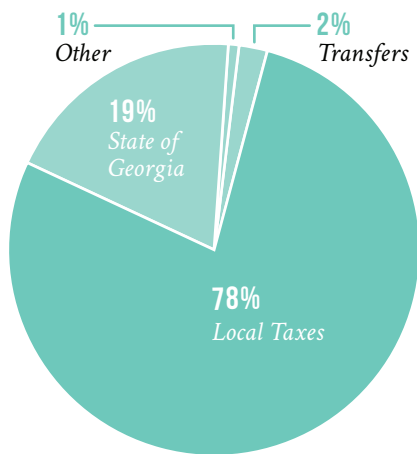
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**92** Schools & Programs

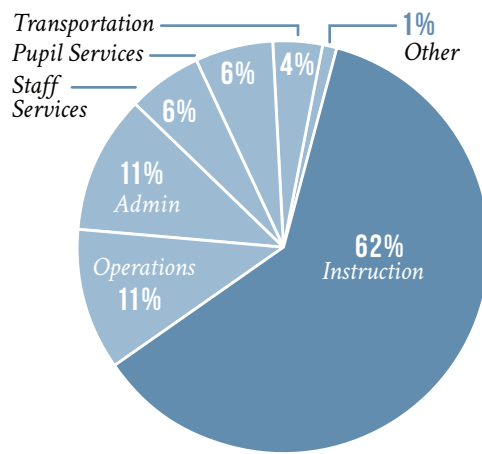


## APS BUDGET

A breakdown of the General Fund Operating Budget (does not include special funds such as accounts for major capital projects) shows:



TOTAL REVENUE: \$1.09 BILLION



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1.13 BILLION

## FACTS

- APS employs approximately **4,200 teachers**.
- APS's total budget for 2023-24 is approximately **\$1.7 billion**.
- Approximately **50% of the property tax** collected in the City of Atlanta goes to APS. (The other 50% goes to the City and the County.)
- A **1% sales tax** collected in the City of Atlanta goes to APS to help fund capital projects such as the construction and renovation of school buildings.

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