

Where Does A Dollar of Your Money Go? – A Simplified Look at General Fund Spending

The General Fund is the major fund for accounting for Georgetown ISD’s operational spending. Your taxes for operations and state aid are the primary funding sources for this fund. Most teachers, principals, aides, administrators, clerical, bus drivers, custodians, maintenance staff, and most other district employees are paid from the General Fund. Supplies, contracted services, utilities, travel and other operational expenses are charged to the General Fund. The recapture payment to the State comes from the general fund.

Where the Money Goes	Cents
Instructional Services – Each day highly trained and qualified teachers, librarians, and instructional aides provide challenging instruction to help each student grow and learn.	55
Maintenance and Custodial Services – Campuses are maintained and cleaned by a dedicated group of staff who keep our buildings running properly.	8.3
Principals and Campus Office Staff – Leading the work at each campus is the principal who is supported by assistant principals and office staff.	6.2
Counselors and Nurses –As students need adult advice or guidance or they need medical attention, counselors and nurses are ready to serve their needs.	5
Transportation – Bus drivers are the first adults seen by our students each day. The district’s daily bus service picks up and drops off approximately 5,300 kids with 108 buses while traveling over 1.5 million miles per year.	4.1
General Administration - This area includes the district leadership, human resources, communications, accounting, payroll, and purchasing.	3.8
Utilities - Lights, heating and air conditioning provide the right atmosphere for learning	3.5
Recapture Payments to the State – Due to projected property value increases and the lack of legislation to pay for a greater portion of public education, recapture will grow substantially in the years to come. Thus recapture will become the second largest expense of the district.	3.3
Extracurricular Activities - Student enrichment comes in many forms. Students can engage in athletics or multiple UIL academic activities.	3.2
Technology Services – The networks, databases, and programs are supported by a qualified team of trained staff.	2.6
Instructional Support – Creating and monitoring the curriculum and supporting the campus leadership is a primary function of this area.	2.2
Land Purchase	1.3
Cooperatives – The district makes annual payments to the Williamson Central Appraisal District for its portion of property value assessments and a payment to the juvenile justice system alternative education program	1
Day Care - Tuition supported day care program for employees.	0.5
Total	\$1.00

So how do we spend each dollar? Where does your money go? The following is a simple breakdown of how a typical dollar is spent. The data in this table is based on actual General Fund expenditures for 2016-2017. The distribution of spending from year to year may vary slightly from the year shown below.

The same expense information can be organized by object to produce the following pie chart. As in most other Texas public schools, the overwhelmingly largest slice of the pie is for payroll cost which made up 80.2% of the total spending in 2016-2017. Recapture comprised 3.3% of the total spending. Recapture will increase to \$10 million in 2017-2018. **Projected recapture payments are expected to exceed \$20.0 million within three years.**

