

FY '11 Budget Highlights

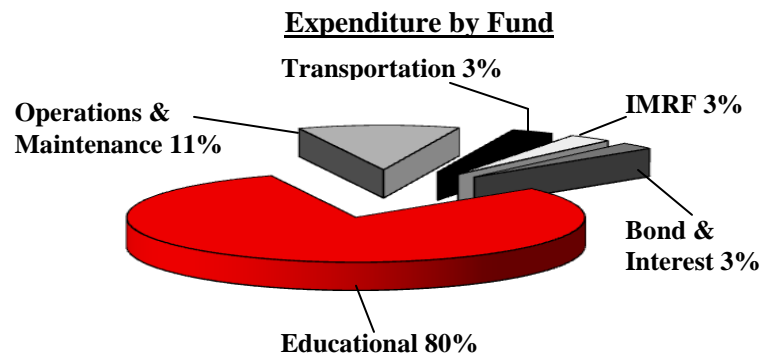
- * Resurfacing the gym floors at Fernway Park School.
- * Roof repairs at Fernway Park Elementary School and the Administration Building.
- * Close off the foyer to school hallways at Millennium Elementary School.
- * Remodel the building entrance at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School.
- * Upgrading the lighting in all gymnasiums.
- * Provide fire separation between commons and the rest of the school at Grissom Middle School.

How Money Is Spent

District 140's fiscal year 2010 budget totaled \$44.5 million.

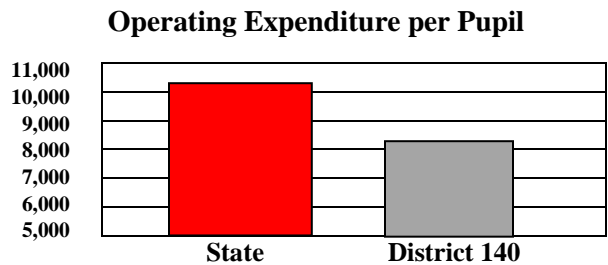
Over 80% of the District's total budget is spent on instruction and instructional support.

In the Operations and Maintenance and Transportation Funds, there are expenditures that directly support classroom instruction such as custodial and transportation services.



Other Financial Indicators

Statistics provided on the chart below reflect the 2009 fiscal year expenditures as stated in the Illinois State Board of Education report cards for Kirby School District 140 which is the most current information available at this time. The District has consistently spent less than the State average on a per pupil basis.



Curriculum

District staff is very happy with the new Foss Science curriculum that was adopted this year. Both elementary and middle school science classes are now incorporating many hands-on activities in their lessons. Teachers tell us that the students are very engaged and eager to participate; we've also heard many positive comments from parents about their children's enthusiasm for science. As for technology, the Promethean boards continue to be a valuable teaching tool and the students and teachers are very comfortable using them. Students have used IMACs in our labs...they use iMovie, Comic Life and iPhoto among other programs for projects and presentations.

The District has formed a committee that is reviewing the reading/language arts curriculum. However, the Illinois Textbook Loan Program has been eliminated. In the past, money from this program has accounted for over 20% of the cost of a new adoption so any new books will now be completely funded by the District.

Our counselors continue to teach lessons regarding Character Counts in the elementary grades and Second Step in middle school. Both of these programs promote good citizenship and responsible behavior. In conjunction with those program goals, our staff and students have participated in numerous service projects such as food drives for the Tinley Park Food Pantry, coat drives, toy drives for pediatric oncology patients at Christ Hospital, sending supplies and letters sent to our troops through Operation Support Our Troops Illinois organization, and fund raising for the Haiti relief efforts.

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