

# Who Funds the Rochester City School District?

## State—Albany, NY

Rochester is the 3rd poorest city in the United States\*. Poor cities like Rochester collect less in taxes and need more support from the state to fund schools. Most RCSD funding (76%) comes from New York State.

## Local—Rochester, NY

The City of Rochester sends \$119.1 million to RCSD every year. That amount is set by state law and does not change.

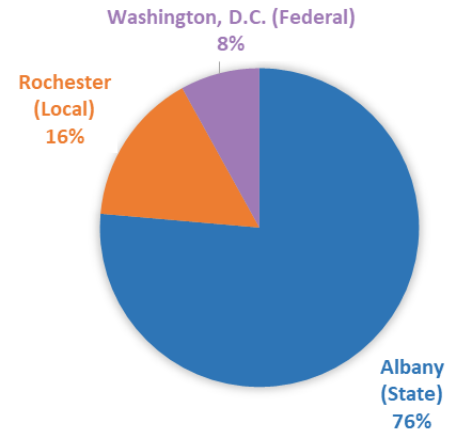
- As state funding increases this amount becomes a smaller part of the budget (16%).
- The City of Rochester may increase funding to RCSD, but cannot go below \$119.1 million.

## Federal—Washington, D.C.

The federal government spends much less on public education (8% for RCSD) than the city and state. Federal money is targeted to poor communities, and children with particular challenges (homelessness) or needs (special education, hunger).

## At A Glance

### RCSD SOURCES OF REVENUE 2019-2020



\*<https://www.actrochester.org/tiny/mce/source//Census%20Update%202018.pdf>

### RCSD Funding Sources 2019-2020

Source	Aid	Grants	Food Service	Other	Savings	Total	Percent
State	\$650,338,042	\$60,465,339	\$600,000			<b>\$711,403,381</b>	76%
Local	\$119,100,000	\$6,606,306	\$200,000	\$11,033,773	\$8,000,000	<b>\$144,940,079</b>	16%
Federal	\$2,100,000	\$48,955,615	\$23,900,000			<b>\$74,955,615</b>	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$771,538,042</b>	<b>\$116,027,260</b>	<b>\$24,700,000</b>	<b>\$11,033,773</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>	<b>\$931,299,075</b>	
Percent	83%	12%	3%	1%	1%		

# Who Decides How Much Money RCSD Receives?

The city, state, and federal government control RCSD's funding. However, changes made by New York State have the biggest impact on RCSD.

Your state assembly members and state senators pass a budget every year. That budget includes most of RCSD's funding. You can find out who represents you here: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/> and here: <https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>

Local spending on public schools is controlled by city council and the mayor.

Find out who represents you here: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589935617>.

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