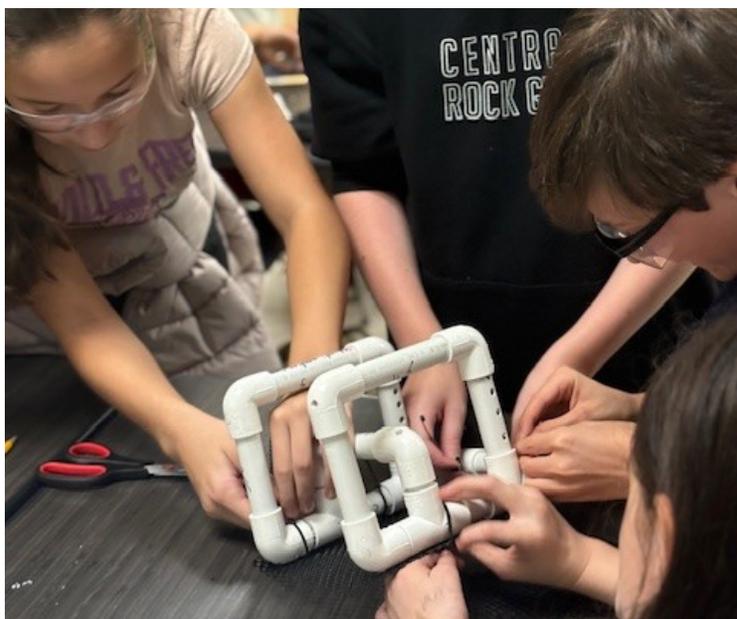


2026-27 Board of Education Budget Highlights

Proposed Budget:

- **Supports the Whole Child** with strong instructional programs, appropriate class sizes, and rigorous, engaging curriculum
- **Expands equitable access** to supports and opportunities
- **Provides real-world experiences**
- **Supports educators and staff**
- **Addresses social, emotional, and mental health needs**
- **Promotes physical health and safety** by funding nurses, safe facilities, transportation, and healthy learning environments.



26-27 Budget Details:

- **\$26,470,990**
- **3.15% increase over the current year**
- **Obligated salaries and benefits account for 85% of the budget**
- **Right-sizing of district given declining enrollment:**
 - Staff *Reductions*: MES-Kindergarten, Grade 3, & Spanish Certified Teachers, MMS/MES-School Psychologist, MMS- Administrative Assistant
 - Staff *Additions*: MMS-Enrichment (STEM) half-time, MMS-Paraeducator and MES-Paraeducator

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why did the budget increase?

Major cost drivers are contractually obligated salaries and health benefits for our staff. Transportation costs account for 5% of our budget. We are prepared to increase tuition payments for potential out-of-district services. Energy costs are also expected to rise. We are, however, also proposing staff reductions to reflect the district's declining enrollment. Additional reductions in curriculum development and overtime fees on transportation benefit our bottom line.

How are we investing in our middle school building to be sure it meets learning needs?

Through our Capital Improvement Plan, Mansfield is investing in updating the cafeteria space, replacing aging floors, windows, and doors and repaving select lots.

Where can I learn more about the BoE Proposed Budget?

Please visit our website mansfieldct.org/schools. The Board of Education page features the budget and all the supporting details.

When do we vote on the budget?

The BOE adopted this proposed budget on February 12. The budget will be reviewed by the Town Council this spring, then presented at the Annual Town Meeting at the middle school on May 12 for final approval by voters.