



Education

Provision of direct financial support to public educational systems within the County.

Business Area Name	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Original	FY 2023-24 Estimated	FY 2024-25 Requested	FY 2024-25 Approved	% Change Appr. v. Orig.	Dept. % of Funct. Area
Durham Public Schools	\$177,151,627	\$187,951,627	\$187,951,627	\$215,686,636	\$208,601,332	10.99%	90.49%
Community Colleges	\$9,743,434	\$11,707,065	\$11,707,065	\$12,286,865	\$12,432,083	6.19%	5.39%
Other Education	\$8,785,698	\$8,594,505	\$8,032,791	\$10,541,519	\$9,488,185	10.40%	4.12%
Total	\$195,680,759	\$208,253,197	\$207,691,483	\$238,515,020	\$230,521,600	10.69%	100.00%

DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Description

Effective July 1, 1992, Durham County’s two public school systems merged, forming Durham Public Schools (DPS). All Durham County funding is from general funds. The supplemental taxing districts were discontinued with the merger.

DPS was merged under legislation establishing minimum requirements for local funding based on the highest per pupil expenditure in the last five years of either school system prior to the merger. Per pupil allocation used in the school funding formula is \$1,960. The amount of minimum funding is determined by multiplying the \$1,960 per pupil expense with the average daily membership (ADM) enrollment figure for the upcoming year. County funding for Durham Public Schools, including current expense, capital outlay (excluding bond-funded projects), and debt service, must be no less than the minimum funding required.

A comparison of the minimum funding required, and the approved funding level is shown below.

Per pupil funding	\$1,960
Multiply by total FY 2023-24 ADM	30,717
Minimum funding for FY 2023-24	\$60,205,320

In addition, if the ADM for charter schools was factored in (an additional 7,679 pupils, for a total of 38,396 pupils), the calculation would equate to \$75,256,160 minimum funding for FY 2024-25. Durham County funding significantly exceeds these thresholds.

	FY 2022-23 Actual	FY 2023-24 Approved	FY 2024-25 Requested	FY 2024-25 Approved
Current Expense	\$171,151,627	\$181,951,627	\$208,186,637	\$206,601,332
Capital Outlay	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$7,500,000	\$2,000,000
ARPA Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000
ARPA Pre-K Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$716,624
Total	\$177,151,627	\$187,951,627	\$215,686,637	\$215,317,956
School Debt Service	\$34,204,337	\$43,886,484	\$51,719,972	\$51,719,972
TOTAL FUNDING	\$211,355,964	\$231,838,111	\$267,406,609	\$267,037,928

In addition to direct funding to Durham Public Schools, Durham County also funds a number of positions and programs through other departments that provide services within Durham Public Schools or in support of DPS goals. These positions/programs and their County-only funding for FY 2024-25 are shown below, but the actual funding is within related departments.

Program or Position (County Department)	FY 2024-25 Durham County Funding
28 School Resource Officers (Sheriff)	\$2,477,470
Public Health Services (School Nurses)	\$3,972,105
Community Intervention & Support Services - Project Build	\$694,520

Educational Non-Profit Support	FY2024-25 Funding
Reach out and Read Program (Full Year)	\$50,000
Bull City Community Schools	\$127,050

Budget Highlights

The Durham Board of Education’s FY 2024-25 budget request is a \$27,735,010 increase in current expense funding over its FY 2023-24 current budget (14.75%). Requests for additional funding from DPS include state salary and benefits cost increases for DPS positions supported by the County (\$6.57 million), an additional \$8.88 million request to fund a classified salary study to bring DPS classified staff closer to market rate in the Durham area. This salary study, if implemented, would support classified position salary schedule over and above state salary compensation levels for these positions. Funding requests also included a local teacher supplement increase (\$4.54 million), additional pay for teachers who receive a Masters degree (\$1.26 million), additional funding to support the Charter School “surcharge” (\$4.25 million), additional Pre-K funding support for additional “seats” at the new Murray-Massenburg elementary school (\$716k), and an additional \$1.5 million for annual capital expense support for things like roof repairs and HVAC system replacements.

The Board of County Commissioners approved FY 2024-25 budget supports an additional \$27.37 million in funding for Durham Public Schools, with most of that funding coming from the General Fund, but also additional funding coming from available

ARPA dollars (highlighted lines). General Fund current expense funding increases from the current budget for Durham Public Schools 24,649,705, bringing the total FY 2024-25 annual support for DPS up to \$206,601,332, a 13.55% increase.

Approved General Fund capital outlay support drops to \$2 million from \$6 million, but that difference and an additional \$2 million is made up with additional ARPA funding. In total DPS will receive \$8 million in capital outlay support through a combination of General Fund dollars and ARPA dollars.

To support the DPS request for additional Pre-K funding, the approved budget supports using \$716,624 of available ARPA funding.

Total FY 2024-25 Durham County funding (General Fund plus ARPA funding) for Durham Public Schools increases 14.56% over FY 2023-24 funding.

In addition to direct funding to DPS for current expense needs, the Board of County Commissioners, working closely with the Board of Education, has provided an additional 15 Public Health School Nurses over the last two fiscal years to support child health needs at Durham Public Schools. These positions are located in the Public Health department and the increase progresses the County towards the goal of a School Health Nurse in every Durham Public School. With the County creating these positions, the County and DPS avoid an effective “Charter School surcharge” of approximately 20%.

Pre-K Support

A dedicated Article 46 sales tax allocation of \$508,140 directly supports Durham Public Schools efforts in Pre-K. The County also provides significant, and growing, Pre-K support outside of direct DPS funding support. With the completion of the Whitted School renovation capital project during the FY 2016-17 fiscal year, up to 144 Pre-K students are now being educated in preparation for entering Durham Public Schools. The annual operating cost of the Pre-K program at Whitted School is budgeted at \$1.5 million for FY 2024-25, but that funding is housed outside of the Durham Public School budget as is the additional County Pre-K expansion funding support of \$7,392,529. More information about County Pre-K support can be found on the Other Education Nonprofit Agencies pages of this document.

Article 46 Sales Tax

Durham County provides funding for DPS from two revenue sources: local property taxes and Article 46 sales taxes. The County estimates total Article 46 sales tax collection for DPS at \$17,585,939 and for Pre-K programs at \$508,140, for a total Article 46 funding support of DPS current expense of \$18,094,079. This is a slight decrease from the previous year’s Article 46 funding because of lower over collected sales tax growth from previous years.

The County will also pay an estimated \$51.7 million in debt service for DPS. Annual DPS debt service supports the amortization payments related to major DPS capital projects paid for by Durham County. Major DPS capital projects include the construction of new schools as well as various major renovation projects.

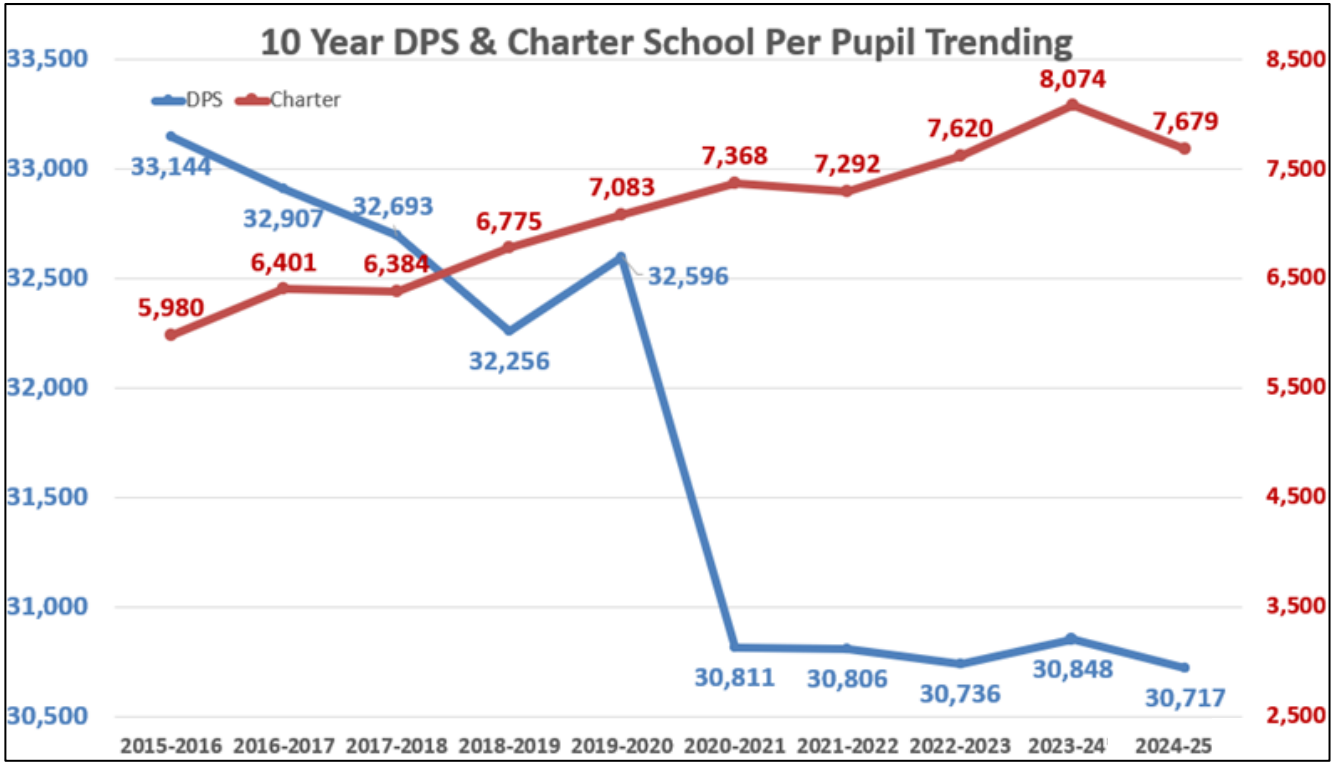
DPS’s and Durham County Charter School student projection for FY 2024-25 is 38,396, a decrease of 626 students from the FY 2023-24 budgeted estimate. To clearly identify local per pupil current expense funding support for DPS and Charter School students, some funding folded up in the current expense allocation of \$206,601,332 needs to be subtracted out.

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Difference
Current Expense Funding	\$181,951,627	\$206,601,332	\$24,649,705
Annual Pre-K support (Article 46 Sales Tax)	(\$508,140)	(\$508,140)	\$ 0
Net Current Expense funding	\$181,443,487	\$206,093,192	\$24,649,705
DPS and Charter School pupil estimate	39,022	38,396	(626)
Local Per Pupil funding	\$4,650	\$5,368	\$ 718

Therefore, County supported current expense funding per pupil is \$5,368 per pupil, an increase of \$718 (15.4%) per pupil from FY 2023-24. Including capital outlay and debt service funding, Durham County supports public education at \$6,714 per pupil, a \$940 per pupil increase from FY 2023-24, due largely to increasing debt service support for schools.

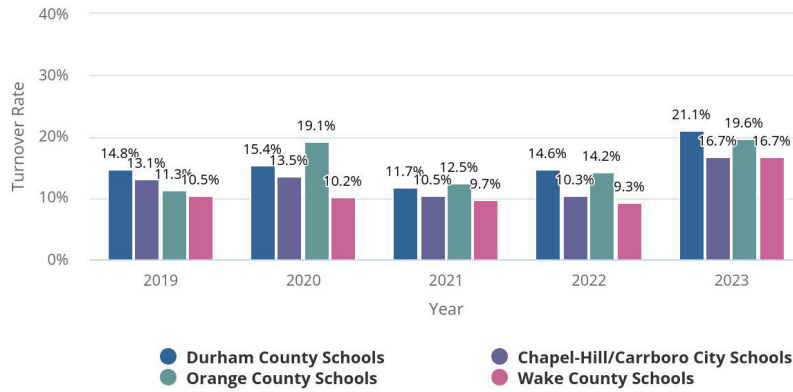
If indirect County funding for Durham Public Schools (\$7,392,529) by the County is included along with annual DPS related debt service and current expense funding, local per pupil funding would be \$6,907.

Overall trending of DPS student attendance has taken a significant hit during the past four years, two of which were COVID related, dropping by nearly 2,000 students in FY 2020-21 from FY 2019-20, and still down by nearly 2,000 in FY 2023-24. FY 2023-24 numbers are the second month pupil survey, while FY 2024-25 is estimated (planned) number of pupils.



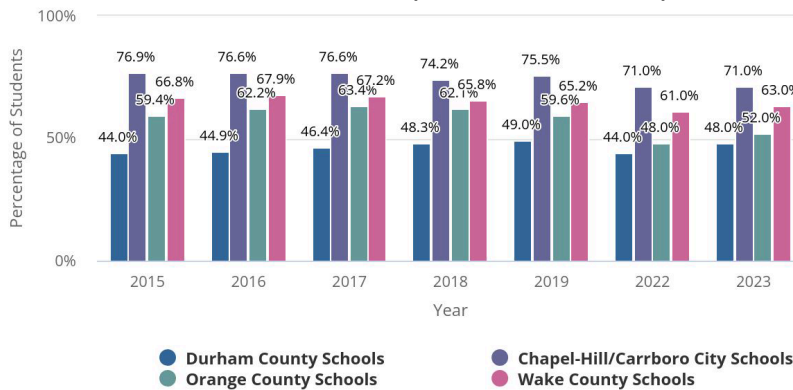
Performance Measures

Measure: TEACHER TURNOVER RATE (DPS & DISTRICT DATA)



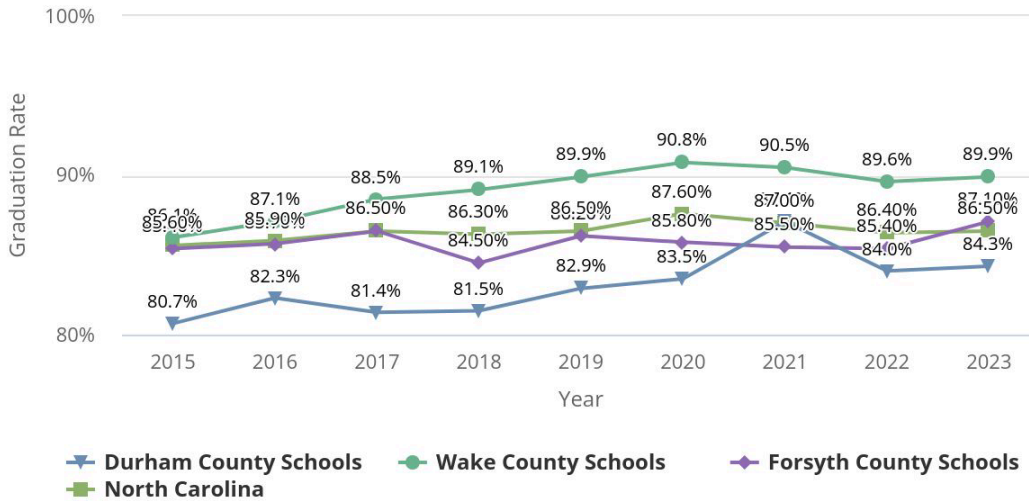
Measure description: This measures the percentage of teachers employed by Durham Public Schools (DPS) in March of the previous school year who are no longer employed by the district in March of the current academic year. Excessive teacher turnover is disruptive to school culture and student achievement and is costly for school districts. Starting in the 2015-16 academic year, the State validated self-reported teacher turnover data against payroll records. Given the change in reporting, prior results cannot be compared to data from 2015-2016 and beyond.

Measure: PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SCORING AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL PROFICIENCY ON STATE END-OF-GRADE AND END-OF-COURSE EXAMS (DPS & DISTRICT DATA)



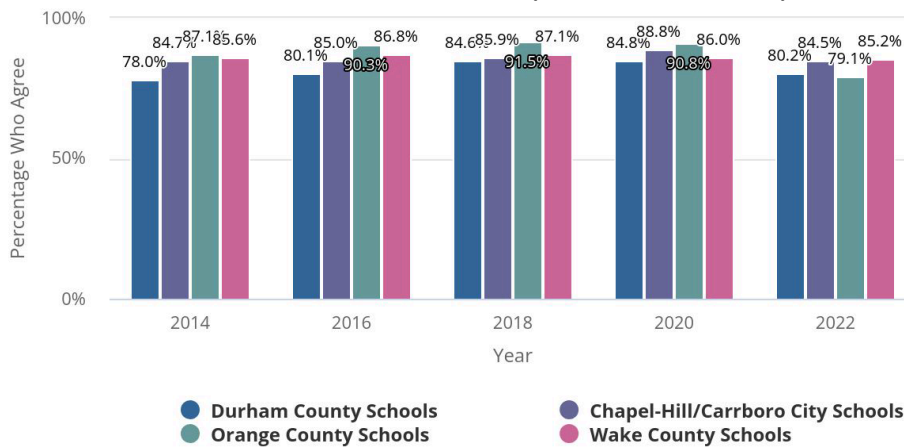
Measure description: This measures the percentage of students scoring at or above grade level proficiency on State End-of-Grade and End-of-Course exams (3rd-8th grade math and English Language Arts; 5th and 8th grade science; high school Biology, English II, and Math I or Math III). Proficiency rates in Orange County Schools, Chapel-Hill Carrboro City Schools, and Wake County are higher but have stagnated or decreased slightly over the past five years.

Measure: FOUR-YEAR COHORT GRADUATION RATE (DPS & DISTRICT DATA)



Measure description: This measures the percentage of entering ninth graders graduating within four years. Priority 1 of the DPS Strategic Plan is to increase academic achievement, including the goal of attaining a 90 percent four-year cohort graduation rate by 2023.

Measure: TEACHER WORKING CONDITIONS SURVEY: PERCENTAGE OF TEACHERS WHO AGREE THAT THEIR SCHOOL IS A GOOD PLACE TO TEACH AND LEARN (DPS & DISTRICT DATA)



Measure description: This measures the percentage of teachers who agree or strongly agree that “overall their school is a good place to teach and learn.” Out of all the questions in the bi-annual Teacher Working Conditions Survey, this response best encapsulates the overall health of the school environment from the teachers’ perspective.

DURHAM TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Durham County provides support from the general fund to Durham Technical Community College. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 115D-32, Durham County provides financial support under the following categories:

- Plant Fund, including acquisition of land, erection of buildings, and purchases of motor vehicles
- Current Expense Fund, including plant operation and maintenance
- Support Services, including building and motor vehicle insurance

As a comprehensive community college serving Durham and Orange counties, Durham Tech has a guided placement admissions philosophy to provide all students an opportunity to acquire meaningful credentials and secure living-wage employment through education and training. Offerings include postsecondary technical and occupational programs leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate; the first two years of a four-year degree; general education for personal growth; a wide variety of corporate and continuing education courses for workforce preparation and development; and college and career readiness instruction that includes an adult high school diploma program, high school equivalency preparation programs, and English language development courses. Durham Technical Community College serves more than 18,000 students annually, with 73% of the students coming from either Durham or Orange County, and 27% coming from outside the regional area.

	FY 2022-23 Actual	FY 2023-24 Original	FY 2024-25 Requested	FY 2024-25 Approved
Current expense	\$9,200,934	11,164,565	11,726,865	\$11,872,083
Capital outlay	\$542,500	\$542,500	\$560,000	\$560,000
TOTAL	\$9,743,434	\$11,707,065	\$12,286,865	\$12,432,083
Debt service	\$2,280,289	\$2,925,765	\$4,309,998	\$4,309,998
TOTAL FUNDING	\$12,023,723	\$14,632,830	\$16,596,863	\$16,742,081

Durham County also provides large capital project support to Durham Technical Community College through long term debt issuances (mainly General Obligation Bonds).

2007 GO Bond funds for DTCC capital projects	\$8,680,000
2016 GO Bond funds for DTCC capital projects	\$20,000,000
2022 GO Bond funds for DTCC capital projects	\$112,740,000

Budget

Category	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Original	FY 2023-24 Estimate	FY 2024-25 Requested	FY 2024-25 Approved	% Change Orig. v. Appr.
Expenditure	\$9,743,434	\$11,707,065	\$11,707,065	\$12,286,865	\$12,432,083	6.19%
Operating	\$9,200,934	\$11,164,565	\$11,164,565	\$11,726,865	\$11,872,083	6.34%
Capital	\$542,500	\$542,500	\$542,500	\$560,000	\$560,000	3.23%

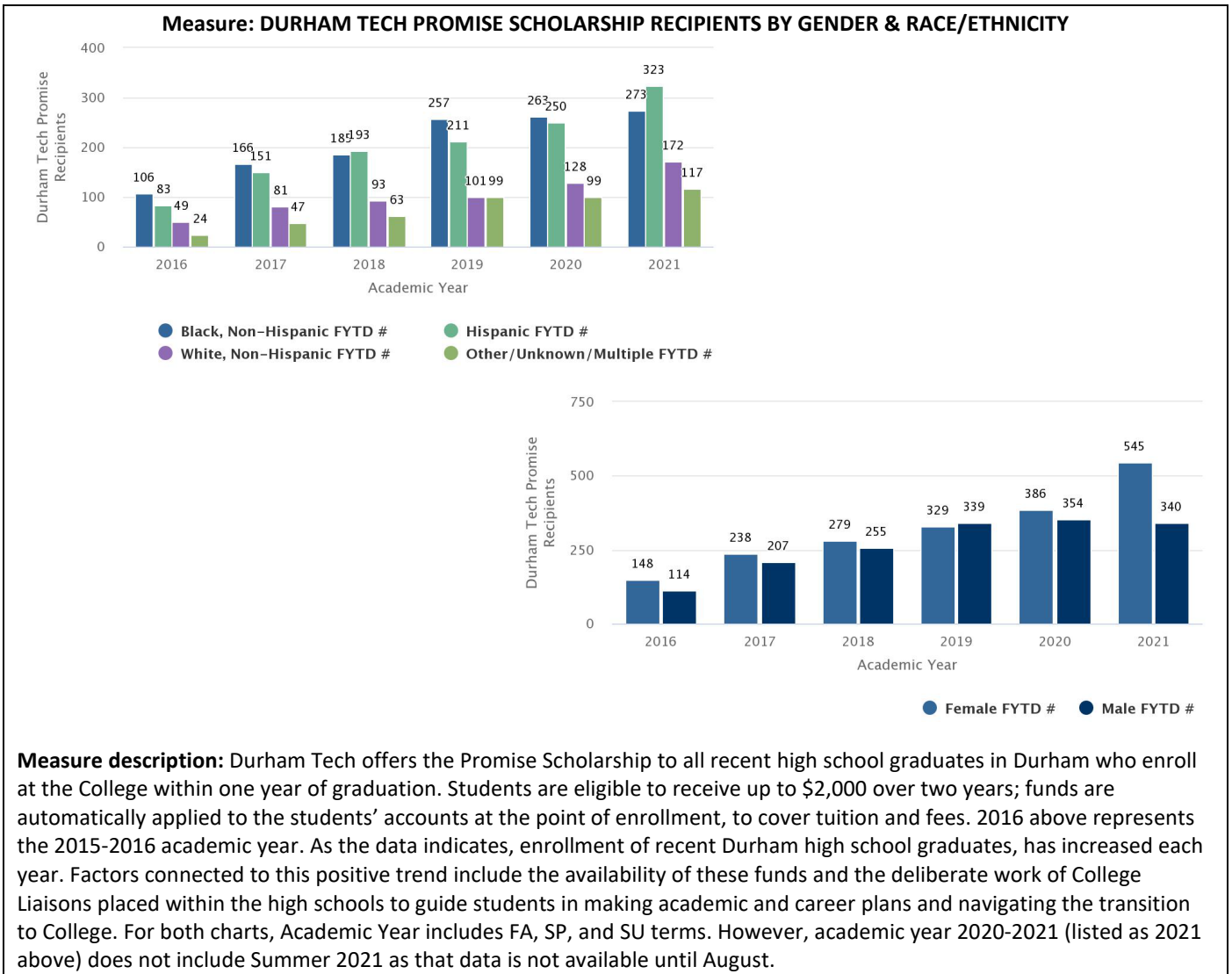
Budget Highlights

- As the County continues to collect revenue from the Article 46 quarter cent sales tax, by Board of County Commissioners' resolution, Durham Technical Community College will receive \$2,350,207 for student scholarship support and other educational opportunities.
- Durham Technical Community College's County funding increases \$220,229 or 1.88% from the FY 2023-24 Original Budget.
 - Article 46 Sales Tax revenue decreases by \$62,741 from the previous year's amount (dedicated for Durham student scholarship support).
 - Annual operating expenses increase by \$707,518.
 - Additional funding supports state directed 3% salary increases for certain DTCC employees, plus a 2% increase in retirement funding. Also included in this increase is support for 7% increases in insurance support for DTCC employees.
 - Additional fixed cost support including renovation costs related to leased space used by DTCC.

- Capital support increases \$17,500.
 - Support for two additional service vans as well as continued deferred maintenance needs.
- Additional funding for a fourth year is available for the DTCC “Back to Work (BTW)” initiative and the “BULLS initiative and life sciences talent pipeline”. See following table for details. (\$500,000)

EXPENSE	Funding	NOTES
BULLS stipend	\$250,000	25-50 students with \$5-10K stipend
BTW scholarships	\$250,000	20 classes with 25 students @\$500 per class (covers tuition and other needs)
TOTAL	\$500,000	

Performance Measures



OTHER EDUCATION

Description

The Other Education business area is comprised of three distinct fund centers that help track items related to education in Durham County. These fund centers are: Early Childhood, Pre-K, and New Non-Profits. The first table below reflects the expenditures and revenues for the entire business area, while the following sections display and highlight the more specific intention of each fund center.

Other Education Business Area Budget

Category	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Original	FY 2023-24 Estimate	FY 2024-25 Requested	FY 2024-25 Approved	% Change Orig. v. Appr.
Expenditure	\$8,785,698	\$8,594,505	\$8,032,791	\$10,541,519	\$9,488,185	10.40%
Personnel	\$101,773	\$106,788	\$18,395	\$107,304	\$107,304	0.48%
Operating	\$8,683,925	\$8,487,717	\$8,014,396	\$10,434,215	\$9,380,881	10.52%
Net County Cost	\$8,785,698	\$8,594,505	\$8,032,791	\$10,541,519	\$9,488,185	10.40%

Early Childhood Fund Center

Description

Durham County is committed to ensuring that its youngest residents get a strong start in life. Through investments across the areas of early childhood education, maternal and infant health, and other family supports for families with young children birth to eight, Durham County is building a strong foundation for families to thrive. Systems-level investments in the Early Childhood fund center include over five million dollars a year for Durham PreK, Durham’s universal pre-k program that provides high-quality early childhood education to 4-year-olds, and funding toward the development and implementation of a comprehensive Durham County Early Childhood Action Plan, inspired by North Carolina’s state-level plan. This fund center also includes allocations that support early literacy initiatives, childcare navigation support, and diaper provision.

Early Childhood Budget

Category	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Original	FY 2023-24 Estimate	FY 2024-25 Requested	FY 2024-25 Approved	% Change Orig. v. Appr.
Expenditure	\$548,109	\$441,424	\$616,555	\$441,940	\$388,606	-11.97%
Personnel	\$101,773	\$106,788	\$18,395	\$107,304	\$107,304	0.48%
Operating	\$446,336	\$334,636	\$598,160	\$334,636	\$281,302	-15.94%
Net County Cost	\$548,109	\$441,424	\$616,555	\$441,940	\$388,606	-11.97%

Pre-K Fund Center

Description

Traditional funding of education nonprofit agencies by Durham County has centered on support of various groups and agencies that directly enhance the goal of quality education opportunities for Durham County children. However, starting in FY 2017-18, the Board of County Commissioners added to this area funding support for enhanced Pre-K services, including Pre-K expansion at Whitted School. First year funding was set at \$1.5 million for expanded Pre-K services specifically at Whitted School, and that level of support is maintained in FY 2024-25.

Durham County continues to build its commitment to universal access to high quality Pre-K. Building on the \$1.5 million per year for eight new Pre-K classrooms in the renovated Whitted School building, the County added \$2.15 million in FY 2018-19 to bring on Child Care Services Association to manage Durham’s Pre-K expansion, including community engagement, teacher pipeline improvement and expansion, contracting and technical assistance for providers, and other work. In FY 2018-19, 18 classrooms entered the technical assistance pipeline and five new (conversion) Pre-K classrooms opened in March 2019. In FY 2019-20, an additional \$1.6 million funded roughly a dozen more classrooms entering the technical assistance pipeline and the opening of eight new Pre-K classrooms in the fall.

Fiscal Year	Pre-K Expansion Dollars	Total Annual Pre-k Budget
FY 2017-18	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
FY 2018-19	\$2,150,000	\$3,650,000
FY 2019-20	\$1,600,000	\$5,250,000
FY 2020-21	\$164,915	\$5,414,915
FY 2021-22	\$713,602	\$6,128,517
FY 2022-23	\$951,200	\$7,079,717
FY 2023-24	\$847,364	\$7,927,081
FY 2024-25	\$965,448	\$8,892,529

The FY 2019-20 expansion funded several critical aspects of this important, community-driven education. The Child Care Services Association has been chosen as the agent of Durham County in managing Pre-K expansion, a task to include community engagement, teacher pipeline improvement and expansion, contracting and technical assistance for providers, and other work. Funding also supported the instructional costs of an estimated six new Pre-K classrooms slated to start in January 2019 as well as conversion costs for 14 existing Pre-K classrooms (both public and private) slated to transition to the “Durham Pre-K” model. FY 2022-23 funding supported expansion of Durham Pre-K by serving an additional 54-100 children with high-quality Pre-K and 40 children with wrap-around care. FY 2023-24 additional funding supports up to an additional 100 available seats. Additional Pre-K support from Article 46 Sales Tax (per changes in BOCC policy related to this sales tax) is added in the amount of \$275,594. FY 2024-25 provides funding to increase Pre-K seats by 45-70 additional seats. This source of funding should grow steadily in future years.

Pre-K Budget

Category	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Original	FY 2023-24 Estimate	FY 2024-25 Requested	FY 2024-25 Approved	% Change Orig. v. Appr.
Expenditure	\$7,079,717	\$7,927,081	\$7,144,536	\$9,892,529	\$8,892,529	12.18%
Operating	\$7,079,717	\$7,927,081	\$7,144,536	\$9,892,529	\$8,892,529	12.18%
Net County Cost	\$7,079,717	\$7,927,081	\$7,144,536	\$9,892,529	\$8,892,529	12.18%

Budget Highlights

- Pre-K funding for FY 2024-25 budget increases funding by \$965,448 to provide ongoing support towards the goal of universal Pre-K for all eligible Durham County residents.

Nonprofit Fund Center

Description

FY 2024-25 funding supports annual funding of \$127,050 for Bull City Community Schools, and includes \$61,050 to support the Boys and Girls Club.

Category	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Original	FY 2023-24 Estimate	FY 2024-25 Requested	FY 2024-25 Approved	% Change Orig. v. Appr.
Expenditure	\$1,157,872	\$226,000	\$271,700	\$207,050	\$207,050	-8.38%
Operating	\$1,157,872	\$226,000	\$271,700	\$207,050	\$207,050	-8.38%
Net County Cost	\$1,157,872	\$226,000	\$271,700	\$207,050	\$207,050	-8.38%