



# Asheville City Schools

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**Buncombe County Board of Commissioners  
County Manager, Finance Director, and Budget & Management Services Director  
Asheville, North Carolina**

**Contained herein is the 2021-2022 local budget request of Asheville City Schools.**

## **Local Current Expense Fund**

Buncombe County General Appropriation (projected at 15.46% of ADM) **\$ 13,826,098**

### Projected Pass-Through Revenues:

Asheville District Supplemental Tax (as collected; rate 12¢)	12,553,657
Fines and forfeitures (as collected)	150,000
Sales tax revenue (as collected)	3,650,434

Total Local Current Expense Fund Appropriation and Pass-Through Revenues	<b>\$ 30,180,189</b>
<b><i>Total Budget minimum to meet increases \$ 30,180,189</i></b>	

Below are critical items included in local current expense fund for 2021-2022 due to expected increases in matching retirement and hospitalization costs:

- \$ 426,901 Projected increase from 21.68% to 24.37% to the retirement matching rate as set by the North Carolina General Assembly.
- \$ 68,519 Projected increase in the employer hospitalization cost, per employee, from \$6,326 to \$6,580, as determined by the North Carolina General Assembly.

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- **\$ 495,420** TOTAL State mandated increases in retirement and hospitalization
- **Additionally Salary increases anticipated by state: Estimated total \$ 808,777**
  - Classified bump/COLA of 3.75% \$ 281,580
  - Certified bump/COLA of 7.5% \$ 527,197

<b><i>Total Budget minimum to meet increases</i></b>	<b>\$ 30,180,189</b>
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*FY21 ACS is trending for use of \$3,000,000 general fund balance (Fund 2) and use of \$1,212,303 other fund balance (Fund 8) to meet the budget. ACS is working toward a minimum of \$2,000,000 reduction in salaries with no layoff of personnel for FY22. The goal is to retain the anticipated \$2,000,000 remaining in fund balance (Fund 2) at end of this year for emergencies.*

*Fund 8, other fund balance, is anticipated to have no unrestricted fund balance for use FY22.*

### **Capital Outlay Fund**

Buncombe County Capital Outlay Appropriation (projected at 15.65% of  
Article 40/42 sales tax, as collected)

**\$ 2,743,554**

*It is requested that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners apportion the general appropriation and fines and forfeitures between the Asheville City Schools and the Buncombe County Schools on a per-pupil basis, as required by N.C. General Statute §115C-430, taking into account charter school pupils.*

***Asheville City Schools is requesting that the tax rate for the Asheville District Supplemental Tax continue at the rate of 12¢.***

***Asheville City Schools plan is to budget and expense within the requested \$30,180,189 for FY22. No use of Fund balance – this is actual reduction from planned budget for FY21 of local fund (2) \$835,838 and other fund (8) 1,200,000.***

Local Education Agency Name			
Asheville City Schools			
		Local Current Expense Fund (County Portion Only)	
		Current Year Budget	Budget Request
Object Categorizations	FY	2021	2022
Salaries and Pay (100's)		\$ 13,170,335.00	\$ 12,652,333.00
<i>Local Supplement (181) (Fund 2 &amp; 8)</i>		\$ 3,530,074.00	\$ 3,620,692.00
Employer - Payroll Taxes (211)		\$ 1,277,800.00	\$ 1,244,856.00
Employer - State Retirement Costs (221)		\$ 3,547,785.00	\$ 3,907,287.00
Employer - Health Insurance Preimiums (231)		\$ 1,848,693.00	\$ 1,775,021.00
Other Benefits (Workers Comp, etc. - Other 200's)		\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>\$ 23,674,687.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,500,189.00</b>
Purchased Services (300's)		\$ 1,693,216.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
<i>Property Services/Utilities (320's)</i>		\$ 2,374,000.00	\$ 2,200,000.00
Supplies and Materials (400's)		\$ 2,047,124.00	\$ 1,400,000.00
Capital Outlay (500's)		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Transfers (700's)		\$ -	\$ -
<i>Transfer to Charter Schools</i>		\$ 1,225,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
<b>Total Non-Personnel</b>		<b>\$ 7,341,340.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,680,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 31,016,027.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,180,189.00</b>

FY21 Est Revenues	Source	FY22 Est Revenues
\$12,728,957.00	County General Fund 2	\$ 13,826,098.00
\$10,694,608.00	City tax Fund 2	\$ 12,553,657.00
\$2,924,551.00	Sales tax Fund 8	\$ 3,650,434.00
<b>\$26,348,116.00</b>		<b>\$ 30,030,189.00</b>
\$170,000.00	Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 150,000.00
\$75,000.00	Interest Fund 2	\$ -
\$3,000,000.00	Fund Balance Fund 2	\$ -
\$45,000.00	Sales Tax Refunds Fund 8	\$ -
\$100,000.00	Tuition & Fees Fund 8	\$ -
\$95,508.00	Indirect Cost Fund 8	\$ -
\$1,212,303.00	Fund Balance Fund 8	\$ -
<b>\$31,045,927.00</b>	<b>TOTAL Fund 2 &amp; 8</b>	<b>\$ 30,180,189.00</b>

Interest, sales tax refunds, tuition and indirect costs are all revenues that are not consistent and/or reliable for balancing a planned budget, especially salaries. The amounts shown for FY21 were estimates based on trends and this year has not met those estimates.