

Initial to Submitted School Budget Data

For Fiscal Year 2020 (School Year 2019-2020), DC Public Schools (DCPS) has developed new resources to make it easier for families and community members to understand how their school's budgets are developed and how each school is using its resources.

This information allows stakeholders to see the differences between their school's initial budget allocation and their school's submitted budget. Presenting these differences will help stakeholders understand the school-specific decisions that principals and LSATs made when customizing their submitted budgets to reflect the needs of their individual school communities.

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[Here you can see schools' initial](#) school budget allocations. The allocations are made using the [Comprehensive Staffing Model](#). [Here you can see](#) each schools' budgets that principals submitted.

Initial Allocations

Following a determination of each school's projected enrollment for the coming year, each school receives an initial funding amount, or allocation, based on its unique population. This initial funding amount is determined by the Comprehensive Staffing Model, funding for non-personnel investments such as funding for technology and supplies, and grant and flexible funds.

Submitted Budgets

Principals use their initial funding amount to develop their budgets for the following school year. During this process, principals engage with their school's Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) and others in the school community to budget for required positions and flexible positions they'd like to add.

The [Family and Community Guide to the DC Public Schools Budget](#) offers more background on how school budgets are created.

Questions?

More information about individual school budgets is available at dcpsdatacenter.com. For questions about an individual school's budget, please contact your school's principal. Families and community members are also encouraged to engage with their LSATs to share their ideas for their school's priorities.