

Harris County Department of Education

Programs and Services

HCDE serves all 25 school districts in Harris County and surrounding area through its programs and services. Other Texas ISDs, cities, counties, charter schools and non-profit organizations also utilize the services that HCDE offers.

Responding to and serving the needs of learners of all ages, socio-economic status, ethnic backgrounds, educational or developmental delays, and at-risk behaviors requires the Department to be an institution of great flexibility as evidenced by the activities described below. Affordable and highly flexible programming and products are developed with clients in mind. Information can be found on:

<https://hcde-texas.org/>

Examples of client populations include:



Academic and Behavior Schools

serve children, youth, and young adults ages 5-22 with severe emotional disturbances, intellectual disabilities, pervasive developmental disorders, and other health impairments.



Adult Education prepares age 16-plus youths and adults to read and speak English, and/or to complete a high school General Equivalency Diploma education.



Center for After-School, Summer and Enrichment – (CASE)

serves elementary, middle, and high school students delivering quality after-school learning opportunities.



Center for Safe and Secure Schools

focuses on the emergency management cycle including prevention / mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.



Center for Educator Success

transforms educator talent pipelines by partnering with districts to reimagine a comprehensive approach to educator recruitment, growth, and advancement with the leadership to inspire a new generation of educators to lead in ways which generate real results and opportunities for all children.



Center for Grant Development

supports efforts to locate and obtain funds which forward new programs, program enhancement and expansion needs.



Choice Partners - Cooperative

offers quality, legal procurement, and contract solutions to meet government purchasing requirements.

<http://www.choicepartners.org/>



Fortis Academy

serves youth after proper treatment from substance abuse as an alternative from reinserting into the original environment before treatment.



Head Start (Early Head Start)

serves 0–5-year-old economically-disadvantaged children and their families, with over 10 percent of those having an identified disability requiring intervention.



Highpoint School

serves client school districts' adjudicated youth by providing intensive counseling and a technology-driven curriculum in a strict disciplinary environment.



Records Management

assists agencies achieve and maintain compliance with State of Texas Local Government Records Act of 1989.



School Finance Council

is designed for school business officials and provides updates on finance issues and training information regarding various business office matters.



School-Based Therapy Services

serves individuals ages 0-22 years of age with identified disability groups, diagnosed disabilities, developmental delays, or at-risk for delays from diverse socio-economic families.

ANNUAL BUDGET

The Department's annual budget (all funds) for the fiscal year 2024-2025 is **\$162,341,548**. The Department utilizes Governmental, Proprietary, and Fiduciary fund types. The Department's Governmental fund type is comprised of *General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund and Capital Project Fund*. The Proprietary Fund includes the *Internal Service Fund and Enterprise Fund*. The Fiduciary fund type includes *Agency Funds*.

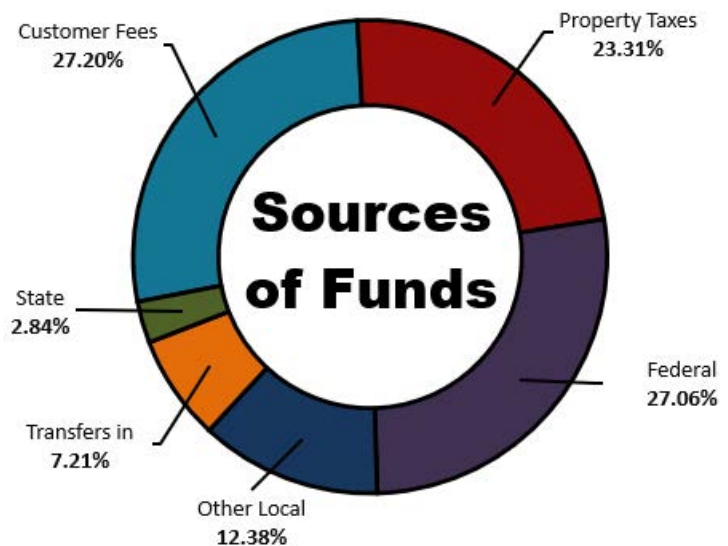
It is important to note that the Department approves the annual budgets for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Internal Service Funds and Debt Service Funds. Special Revenue Funds adopt project-length budgets which might not correspond to the Department's fiscal year end. (See chart below.)

	Governmental				Proprietary		
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Internal Service Fund	Enterprise Fund	Total
Estimated Revenues	\$ 74,743,271	\$ 44,116,801	\$ 3,718,469	\$ -	\$ 7,305,194	\$ 8,183,177	\$ 138,066,912
Appropriations	\$ 70,074,015	\$ 44,116,801	\$ 3,691,361	\$ 22,841,590	\$ 7,305,194	\$ 4,359,370	\$ 152,388,331
Transfers Out	\$ 4,669,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 5,183,961	\$ 9,953,217
Total Appropriations and Other Uses	\$74,743,271	\$44,116,801	\$3,691,361	\$22,941,590	\$7,305,194	\$9,543,331	\$162,341,548
Appropriations from Fund Balance:							
Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$27,108	(\$22,941,590)	\$0	(\$1,360,154)	(\$24,274,636)
Projected Fund Balance Beg.	\$ 24,378,242	\$0	\$755,169	\$24,745,941	\$1,350,878	\$1,753,271	\$52,983,501
Projected Fund Balance End.	\$ 24,378,242	\$ -	\$ 782,277	\$ 1,804,351	\$ 1,350,878	\$ 393,117	\$ 28,708,865

Fiscal Year ending
August 31, 2025:

All Funds
Estimated
Revenues

\$138,066,912



Local Sources

Local sources of revenue generate **\$79,530,316**, or **63** percent of total revenues. Local sources include charges for service fees at \$37,560,844, property taxes at \$32,184,041, and local grants at \$8,479,061. Charges for services are a significant source of revenue for the Department. For comparison, in fiscal year 2024, these constituted **19.9** percent of total revenues. *Property taxes (what you, as a citizen, pay for supporting education in Harris County) accounted for 17.3 percent of total revenues.*

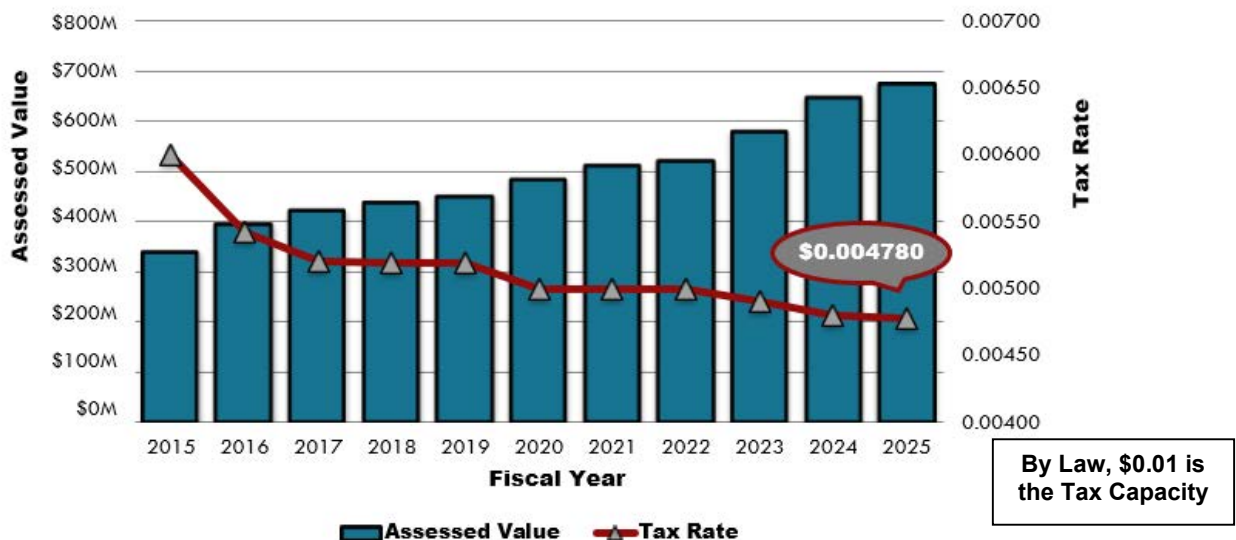
State Sources

State sources of revenue total **\$3,915,000** or **2.8%** percent of total revenues. Of that, TRS on behalf is \$3,400,000.

Federal Sources

Revenues from federal sources constitute **\$ 37,363,185** or **27.06** percent of total revenues. These federal sources include pass through grants for the Adult Education, After School, and Head Start programs, and various non-major governmental funds. The three major grants are Head Start \$ 28,967,336, CASE \$ 9,702,057, and Adult Education \$ 5,229,808.

PROPERTY VALUES AND TAXES

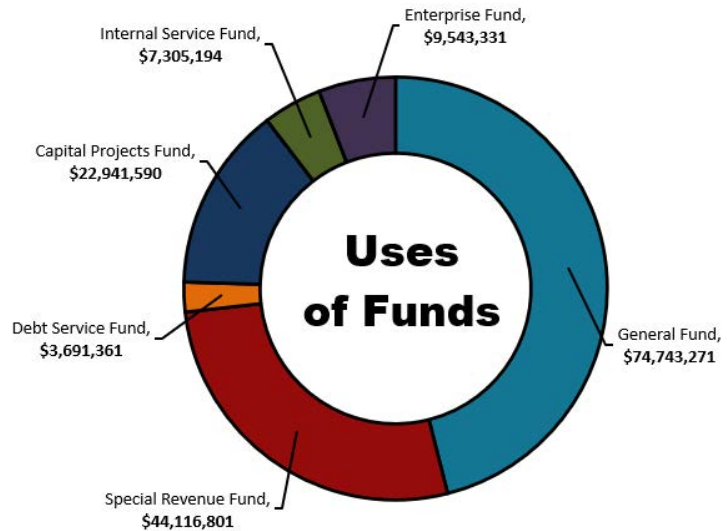


The Department's proposed tax rate for the 2024 tax year is **\$0.004780** per \$100 assessed property valuation. The 2023 tax rate was **\$0.004800**. The assessed certified valuation is **\$674** billion resulting in a tax levy of **\$32** million. The 'current tax' collection rate for fiscal year 2023-24 was projected at 99%. A **99%** collection rate is projected for fiscal year 2024-25.

Fiscal Year ending
August 31, 2025:

Estimated
Appropriations

\$162,341,548



General Operating Fund – The 2024-2025 appropriation levels for the General Operating Fund are projected at \$70,074,015 and estimated other uses (transfers to other funds) at \$4,864,887, for a total of **\$74,743,271**; this represents a \$3,735,539 increase from 2023-2024 amended budget as of April 30, 2022. Total FTEs are 596.

Special Revenue Funds – Appropriations for these funds are restricted to or designated for specific purposes by a grantor. For 2024-2025, the Department's appropriation is **\$44,116,801**. The Department provides information to the Board of Trustees on all grants, but they do not approve an annual budget for these funds. The NOGA (Notice of Grant Award) is the guiding budget received for these funds. Total FTEs are 416.

Debt Service Fund – The Department budgeted **\$3,691,361** for 2024-2025 in this fund. Resources in the Debt Service Fund must be used to pay for general long-term debt principal and interest for debt issues and other long-term debts for which an M&O tax has been dedicated. A transfer is projected from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund. Total principal outstanding debt as of August 31, 2024 is **\$58,875,000**.

Capital Project Fund – In fiscal year 2024-2025, HCDE will be completing the last capital projects established in the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. Renovation of the Irvington building is over 50% complete as of July 2024. Major HVAC and roof repairs are scheduled for several aging HCDE facilities, as well as renewal of furniture and equipment in need of replacement. The appropriations are estimated at **\$22,941,590**.

Internal Service Fund – The Department allocates facility charges to all divisions and utilizes an Internal Service Fund. Workers Compensation totals \$475,000. The Facilities Support Services totals \$6,830,194 which includes insurance and utilities. The total Internal Service Fund is **\$7,305,194** for fiscal year 2024-2025. Total FTEs are 52.5.

Enterprise Fund – is a Proprietary Fund comprised of the Choice Partners Cooperative. Estimated operating expenses are 4.35 million with revenues at 8.18 million; expected transfer to the General Fund (***subsidizing general operating costs thereby reducing our tax burden***) is **\$5,183,961**. Choice Partners Cooperatives offers quality, legal procurement, and contract solutions to meet the purchasing needs of school districts and other governmental entities with compliant, competitively bid, contracts. Total FTEs are 26.

Harris County Department of Education
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Funds
For the Fiscal Year August 31, 2025

	Governmental Funds				Proprietary Funds		Total
	General Funds	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Internal Service Fund	Enterprise Funds	
EST. REVENUES & OTHER Sources							
Revenues							
Customer Fees & Charges	\$ 29,377,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,183,177	\$ 37,560,844
Property Tax Rev-Current	32,084,041	-	-	-	-	-	32,084,041
Property Tax Rev-Delinquent & P&I	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Investment Earnings-HCDE	1,184,370	-	-	-	-	-	1,184,370
Other Local Revenues	122,000	-	-	-	-	-	122,000
Local Grants	-	8,479,061	-	-	-	-	8,479,061
Total Local Revenues:	62,868,078	8,479,061	-	-	-	8,183,177	79,530,316
Facility Support Services	-	-	-	-	6,830,194	-	6,830,194
Workers Compensation	-	-	-	-	475,000	-	475,000
Total Inter-Departmental Revenues:	-	-	-	-	7,305,194	-	7,305,194
State TEA Supplemental Compensation	169,950	-	-	-	-	-	169,950
State TEA Employee Portion Health Ins	345,050	-	-	-	-	-	345,050
State TRS On Behalf Payments	3,400,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,400,000
State Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total State Revenues:	3,915,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,915,000
Federal Grants	-	34,686,953	-	-	-	-	34,686,953
Indirect Cost - Federal Grants	2,676,232	-	-	-	-	-	2,676,232
Total Federal Revenues:	2,676,232	34,686,953	-	-	-	-	37,363,185
Total Revenues:	69,459,310	43,166,014	-	-	7,305,194	8,183,177	128,113,695
Other Financing Sources							
Transfers In-							
Fund 711 - Choice Partners	5,183,961	-	-	-	-	-	5,183,961
Fund 697- Capital Projects	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Fund 288 - CASE After School Partnership	-	550,787	-	-	-	-	550,787
Fund 205 - Head Start	-	400,000	-	-	-	-	400,000
Fund 498 - Star Re-Imagine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund 599 - Debt Service Payment (PFC)	-	-	3,718,469	-	-	-	3,718,469
Fund 599 - Debt Service Payment (QZAB)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers In	5,283,961	950,787	3,718,469	-	-	-	9,953,217
Bond Issuance-Fund 697 Capital Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Sources:	5,283,961	950,787	3,718,469	-	-	-	9,953,217
Total Revenues & Other Sources:	74,743,271	44,116,801	3,718,469	-	7,305,194	8,183,177	138,066,912
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES							
Expenditures							
Board of Trustees	188,275	-	-	-	-	-	188,275
Superintendent's Office	780,311	-	-	-	-	-	780,311
Assistant Supt Education & Enrichment	346,909	-	-	-	-	-	346,909
Center for Safe & Secure Schools	1,133,623	-	-	-	-	-	1,133,623
Adult Ed. (Local & Grant)	613,114	5,229,808	-	-	-	-	5,842,922
Center for Grant Development	648,376	-	-	-	-	-	648,376
Research & Evaluation	685,371	-	-	-	-	-	685,371
Center For Educator Success	2,709,120	-	-	-	-	-	2,709,120
Chief of Staff	348,199	210,100	-	-	-	-	558,299
Education Foundation	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	200,000
Community Development	143,185	-	-	-	-	-	143,185
CASE Local	925,470	9,702,057	-	-	-	-	10,627,527
Business Services	2,205,909	-	-	-	-	-	2,205,909
Department Wide	8,482,079	-	-	-	-	-	8,482,079
Retirement Leave Benefits	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	200,000
State TEA On Behalf Payments	3,400,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,400,000
State TEA Employee Health Insurance	345,050	-	-	-	-	-	345,050
Purchasing Support	871,990	-	-	-	-	-	871,990
Workers Compensation (Fund 753)	-	-	-	-	475,000	-	475,000
Debt Services (Fund 599)	-	-	3,691,361	-	-	-	3,691,361

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EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES							
Chief Information Officer	241,020	-	-	-	-	-	241,020
Technology Services	4,574,049	-	-	-	-	-	4,574,049
Asset Replacement Schedule	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Client Engagement	774,743	-	-	-	-	-	774,743
Communication	1,441,566	-	-	-	-	-	1,441,566
Human Resources	1,416,967	-	-	-	-	-	1,416,967
Assistant Supt Academic Support	377,238	-	-	-	-	-	377,238
Therapy Services	15,474,846	7,500	-	-	-	-	15,482,346
Head Start - Local	8,000	-	-	-	-	-	8,000
Head Start Grant	-	28,967,336	-	-	-	-	28,967,336
Special Schools & Services-							
Special Schools Administration	997,430	-	-	-	-	-	997,430
Academic & Behavior School-East	6,065,262	-	-	-	-	-	6,065,262
Academic & Behavior School-West	5,645,441	-	-	-	-	-	5,645,441
Fortis Academy / Other	1,641,067	-	-	-	-	-	1,641,067
Highpoint East School	4,390,354	-	-	-	-	-	4,390,354
Facilities Support Services							
Facilities-Construction Services	251,272	-	-	20,676,099	-	-	20,927,371
Records Management Services	2,547,779	-	-	-	-	-	2,547,779
Facilities - Choice Partners	-	-	-	-	-	4,359,370	4,359,370
Facilities - Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities and Asset Replacement Schedule	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities - Local Construction	-	-	-	2,165,491	-	-	2,165,491
Facilities - Internal Service (Fund 799)	-	-	-	-	6,830,194	-	6,830,194
Total Expenditures:	70,074,015	44,116,801	3,691,361	22,841,590	7,305,194	4,359,370	152,388,331
Other Uses							
Transfers Out-							
Fund 199-General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	5,183,961	5,183,961
Fund 288-CASE	550,787	-	-	-	-	-	550,787
Fund 205-Head Start	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	400,000
Fund 599-Debt Service-PFC	3,718,469	-	-	-	-	-	3,718,469
Facilities-Local Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund 697-Capital Projects	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
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For additional questions about the HCDE Budget and Financial Information, please view our **Transparency Page** located at <https://www.hcde-texas.org/Page/191>

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