



PROPOSED FY2026 BUDGET CALENDAR



The DeKalb County School District budget is a plan for the upcoming year. The budget outlines projected revenues and expenditures and provide District leaders the opportunity to share with the community how they will collect and distribute public funds for the students of DeKalb county. The DeKalb County School District budget calendar helps to ensure that the District adhere to all legal deadlines for developing, submitting, and adopting its budget. The calendar includes changes to the budget development process.

ACTIVITY	CONCENTRATION	DATE
FY2026 budget development calendar drafted	District	August 14, 2024
FY2026 budget development calendar presented at board retreat. Discuss millage rate goals & HB 581	District	September 25, 2024
Biweekly budget development meetings commence for FY2026 Budget	District	October 2, 2024
Board adopts FY2026 budget development calendar	District	October 7, 2024
Student count date for FTE funding	District	October 8, 2024
Distribute budget development instructions with template to divisions & schedule budget work sessions	District	October 14, 2024-December 13, 2024
Community and stakeholder surveys are released for input on FY2026 budget development	District	October 16, 2024
FY2026 school-based funding allotment drafts are prepared	Allotments	November 1, 2024 - December 13, 2024
Distribute budget development instructions with template to divisions & schedule budget work sessions	District	November 1, 2024-December 13, 2024
Superintendent Report -shares preliminary initiatives for FY2026 budget with Finance	District	November 11, 2024
FTE forecast is presented to the Board	District	No later than November 30, 2024
Pre Allotment Meetings with Principals - Initial	Allotments	December 2024
Deadline for divisions to submit budgets within Allotment	District	December 2024
Advertise "Intent to Opt Out of the Homestead Exemption" and hold three public hearings	District	December 2024 - January 2025
Community and stakeholder survey results collected for input on FY2026 budget priorities	District	January 17, 2025
Finance and Division leaders meet to discuss division FY2026 Budget requests	District	January 2025
Adopt resolution to opt out of the homestead exemption	District	February 2025
Divisions finalize FY2026 Budget Requests	District	February 2025
RAMP finalization & Final Allotment Meeting	Allotments	February 2025
Superintendent reviews final Division requests	District	March 2025
Preparation of Superintendent's Recommended FY2026 Budget	District	March 2025
FY26 Master Scheduling 90% complete	Allotments	April 4, 2025
FY2026 Budget presentation - Board Retreat	District	April 2025

ACTIVITY	CONCENTRATION	DATE
Board adopts FY2026 Tentative Budget/Revenue projections, and Millage Rate	District	May 2025
FY2026 Budget is advertised and shared on district's website	District	Late May 2025
DeKalb County Board of Assessors certifies tax digest	District	Late May 2025
Tax Digest and Five-Year History of Levy is advertised	District	Early June 2025
1st Public Budget Hearing is held to solicit feedback regarding the FY2026 Budget	District	Early June 2025
2nd Public Budget Hearing is held to solicit feedback regarding the FY2026 Budget	District	Mid June 2025
1st & 2nd Millage Hearings are held	District	Mid/Late June 2025
3rd Millage Hearing is held (If necessary)	District	Late June 2025 - Called Meeting
Board adopts Final FY2026 Budget and Millage Rate	District	Late June 2025 - Called Meeting
Finance transmits final budget documents to County, Carl Vinson Institute Of Government (CVIOG) and State Department of Education	District	by June 30th, 2025