

Henderson County Schools

Investing in Excellence



Education is the best investment we can make—one that pays off in countless dividends, for us, for our children, and for our society...if we hope to maintain or improve the quality of life in our communities, attract new industries, and continue to prosper as a nation, top notch schools are essential.

American Association of School Administrators 1999



Evidence suggests that the quality, size and shape of school facilities affect economic development.

The aging schools of Henderson County Schools create challenges for us as we move our instruction, curriculum, and expectations of student learning into the 21st century. Our children deserve modernized buildings with a progressive infrastructure.



Information about Henderson County Schools Facilities



- The average age of school facilities is 45.3 years (*48.8 excluding TBJ ELC*).
- Most heat and air conditioning units are operating at least 10 years past the normal lifespan of the units.
- Classrooms that were built 30 years ago do not fit the current educational delivery system.
- There is a need for more classrooms and smaller environments for intervention and individual learning.
- Computer labs fill spaces that once were used as classrooms.
- Some schools do not have designated music/art classrooms.

Age of Our Schools



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| • South Middle School | 63 years old | • Henderson County High | 48 years old |
| • North Middle School | 62 years old | • East Heights Elementary | 42 years old |
| • Bend Gate Elementary | 56 years old | • Central Academy | 41 years old |
| • Niagara Elementary | 56 years old | • Spottsville Elementary | 35 years old |
| • South Heights Elementary | 55 years old | • A.B. Chandler Elementary | 23 years old |
| • Cairo Elementary | 54 years old | • Thelma B. Johnson ELC | 3 years old |
| • Jefferson Elementary | 51 years old | | |

School Facilities



School	Year Built	Renovations/ Additional Construction	Condition
A.B. Chandler Elementary	1992		Good
Bend Gate Elementary	1959	1972, 1994	Fair
Cairo Elementary	1961	1990	Fair
East Heights Elementary	1973	1996	Fair
Jefferson Elementary	1964	1994	Poor
Niagara Elementary	1959	1990	Fair
South Heights Elementary	1960	1986	Fair
Spottsville Elementary	1980	1996	Fair
North Middle School	1953	1999	Fair
South Middle School	1952	1992, 1998	Fair
Central Academy	1974	2001	Fair
Henderson County High School	1967	1971, 1974, 2000, 2002	Good
Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center	2012		Excellent

Information taken from the 2011 facility evaluation by RBS Design Group, PSC

Other Facilities



Building	Year Built	Condition
Annex Building	1980, 2001, 2009	Poor
Archery Building	2008	Excellent
Baseball Practice Building	2009	Good
Baseball Press Box	1999	Good
Bus Garage	1979, 2002	Fair
Center for Support Services	1985, 1993	Poor
Central Office	1954, 1968, 1979, 2005	Poor
Football Press Box	1984	Fair
Maintenance Building	1980s	Good
Red Storage Building (Football)	2009	Excellent
Soccer Press Box	2002	Better
Technology Building	1953, 1999, 2009	Good
Tennis Complex	2004	Better
Visitor Restrooms (Football)	1984	Good
Warehouse	1980s	Good

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Construction Needs



- **Jefferson Elementary School** has been at the top of the construction priority list since 2011.
- **Spottsville Elementary School** was placed ahead of Jefferson when water issues surfaced in 2013.
- Estimated Cost of Construction of Jefferson Elementary School: \$16.4M.
 - Increase the student capacity from 300 to 700.
- This cost is \$6.1M beyond current borrowing capacity.

Future Construction Needs



- Bend Gate, Cairo, A.B. Chandler, East Heights, Niagara and South Heights Elementary Schools
- North and South Middle Schools
- Central Academy
- CTE Phase 2 and 3
- Support for new and renovated educational buildings and facilities expressed in the 2014 Draft Comprehensive Plan of Vision Henderson.

Construction Needs By School



Total funding needed: \$115,770,018

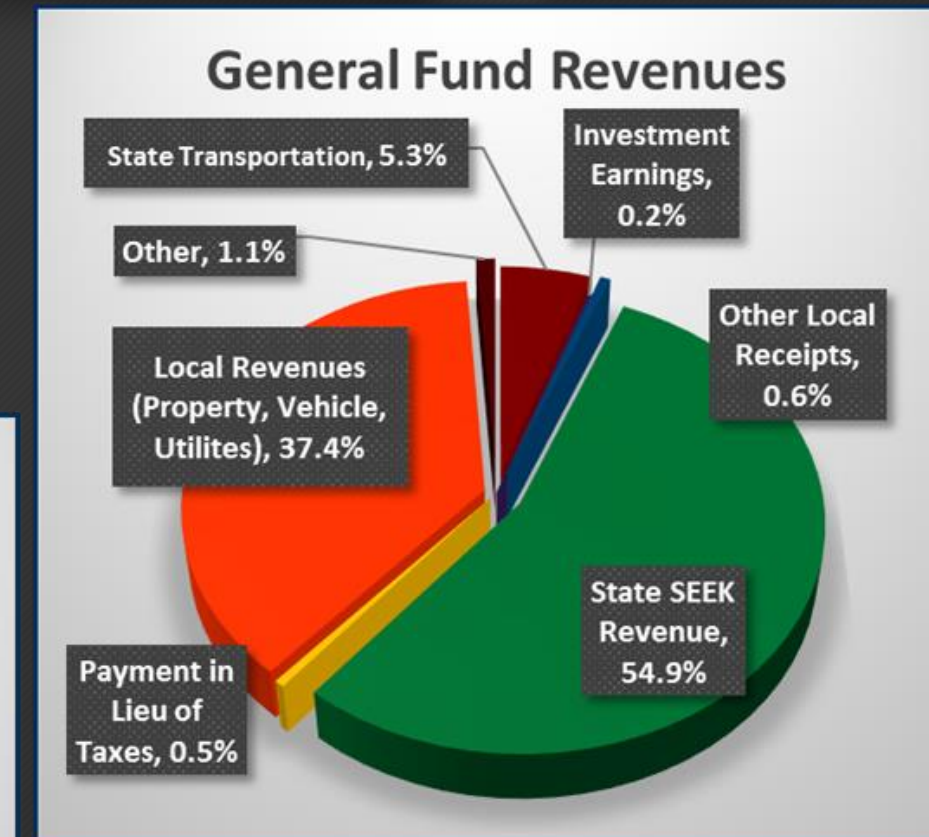
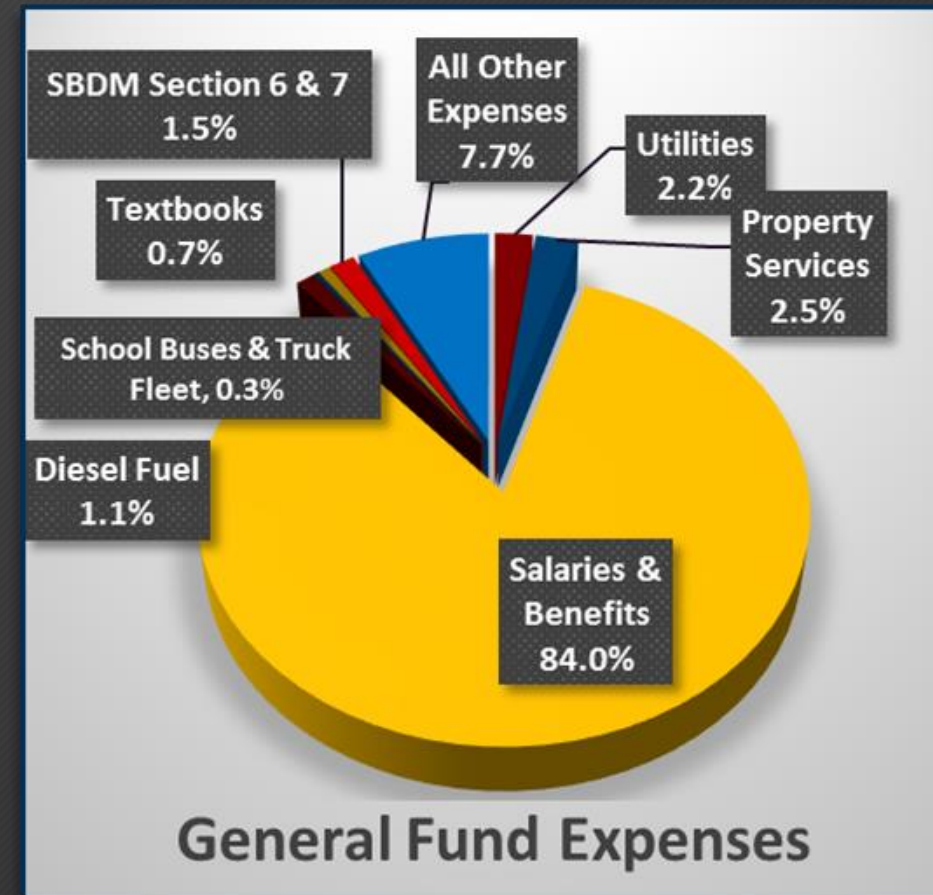
Spottsville Elementary	Jefferson Elementary	Henderson County High School-CTE	Bend Gate Elementary	Cairo Elementary	Central Academy	A.B. Chandler Elementary	East Heights Elementary	North Middle School	South Middle School	Niagara Elementary	South Heights Elementary
Fair Condition	Poor Condition	Good Condition	Fair Condition	Fair Condition	Fair Condition	Good Condition	Fair Condition	Fair Condition	Fair Condition	Fair Condition	Fair Condition
Construct New School	Construct New School	Expansion and Modernization	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility & New Construction of 3 Classrooms	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility & New Construction of 2 Classrooms, 5 Resource Rooms, and Gymnasium	Major Renovation/ADA Accessibility & New Construction of 1 Art Classroom, 6 Resource Rooms, and Gymnasium
\$16,431,363	\$16,431,363	\$27,744,750	\$7,309,663	\$3,633,730	\$4,052,970	\$3,065,884	\$10,431,427	\$8,779,577	\$6,212,939	\$3,618,104	\$7,865,248
Phase 1	Phase 1	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2

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Current Financial Structure



- Funding from the state continues to decrease year after year.
- State funding does not fully pay for all day kindergarten or text books.
- Revenues from the general fund are not generally used for construction.
- Henderson County Schools supports technology and innovative teaching.
- Only 60% of transportation costs are funded through the state SEEK formula.
- Borrowing Capacity of Henderson County Schools as of November 2014: \$10.3M.



Funding Sources Available



- FSPK (Facilities Support Program of Kentucky)
 - All school districts participate.
 - 5 cent levy on \$100,000.
 - Matching funds available from state.
 - 2014-15 school year, collected \$1,456,319 locally, \$995,436 from state matching funds.
- Recallable Nickel
 - Additional 5 cent levy for building needs that is subject to recall via public petitions.
 - Will double borrowing ability if passed.

The Recallable Nickel Tax's Effect on Henderson County Schools



- Funds generated from the Nickel Tax can ONLY be used for school facility construction and renovations.
- Annual projected revenue of the Nickel Tax:
 - \$1,479,376 local revenue
 - \$956,000 in state matching funds
- Generate enough revenue to schedule construction of Jefferson Elementary School within four years.
- Increase bonding capacity of Henderson County Schools to \$33.6M.
- Henderson County Schools would receive an additional 68 cents of state funds for every dollar received.

The Recallable Nickel Tax's Effect on the Citizens of Henderson County



Tax Type	Property Valuation	2014 Taxes	2014 Taxes with Nickel	Increase	% Change
Real Estate	\$100,000	\$530.00	\$580.00	\$50.00	9.40%
Personal Property	\$5,000	\$26.60	\$29.10	\$2.50	9.40%
Motor Vehicle	\$15,000	\$82.20	\$82.20	\$0.00	0.00%
Total	\$120,000	\$638.80	\$691.30	\$52.50	8.20%

- \$50 increase on Real Estate tax per \$100,000 (median home cost in Henderson County: \$86,000)
- \$2.50 increase on Personal Property tax per \$5,000
- No increase on Motor Vehicle tax