

**Middletown Public Schools**
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“A Learning Community for the 21st Century”

**Frequently Asked Questions about the School Budget**

**WHAT IS AN OPERATING BUDGET?**

The operating budget is the budget established for operation of the instructional programs and functions. The operating budget is usually represented based on a fiscal year, which is from July 1 through June 30. The school budget primarily supports salaries and benefits at approximately 82%. The Middletown School Committee determines the programs, services and positions supported throughout the fiscal year based on the bottom line budget approved by the Town Council.

**WHAT IS THE 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGET AS COMPARED TO THE 2008-2009 OPERATING BUDGET?**

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<th>General Operating Budget</th>
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* Total budget less bond payment. Bonded debt payment and revenues transferred to Town 2008-2009 budget.

**WHAT PROGRAMS DOES THE BUDGET SUPPORT?**

- Full-day kindergarten
- Improved technology
- Curriculum based on rigorous national standards
- Class sizes that promote effective teaching methods
- Limited Literacy support at Elementary, Middle School and High School
- State and Federal mandates
- Extensive professional development
- Mentor program for new teachers
- Alternate Learning Program
- Nurse/Teacher
WHAT PROGRAMS WERE NOT FULLY FUNDED DUE TO BUDGET CUTS?

- English As A Second Language
- Literacy Support
- Computer equipment
- All supply lines
- New/replacement textbooks
- Professional Development days
- Reduced 1 bus & 1 monitor
- Mechanical Equipment repair/replacement
- Repair of Buildings
- New furnishings & equipment
- Professional Services
- Staff reductions 79.1 certified/non-certified positions since 2002-2003

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT?

2415 students
(October 2007 enrollment)

WHAT IS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM?

The improvement, expansion or reconstruction of existing buildings, facilities or land, not including normal maintenance or the purchase of equipment of a nonrecurring nature which have a cost in excess of $25,000 and a useful life in excess of five years.

WHAT IS AN FTE POSITION?

A Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) position is a personnel measurement of the workforce, which constitutes a common denominator between full and part-time employment. To illustrate, an employee working full-time is counted as a 1.0 full-time equivalent position, while an employee working half time would be counted as a 0.5 FTE.

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WHAT IS THE 2007-2008 AVERAGE MIDDLETOWN TEACHER SALARY?

The average Middletown teacher salary is $64,000.
WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET?

- 68% Local funds
- 28% State funds
- 4% Federal funds
- 100%

HOW MANY LABOR CONTRACTS DOES MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEGOTIATE?

Middletown Public Schools negotiate five contracts:

- Middletown Teachers Association - NEARI
- Custodial - Council 94
- Teacher Assistants - NEARI
- Clerical Personnel
- Administrators

Who is on the budget team?

Middletown Public Schools Representatives:
Rosemarie Kraeger, Catherine McLeish, Gloria Howard, Edward Collins, Linda Savastano, School Principals, High School Directors, Middle School Grade Leaders, and School Improvement Team Members School Committee Members: Michael Crowley, Liana Fenton, William Coogan, Ned Draper (budget subcommittee), and Teresa Spengler (budget subcommittee)
Town Council liaisons: Theresa Santos, Shirley Mello