



EDISON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPARING INVESTMENT AND IMPACT

At Edison Local Schools, we are committed to being transparent with our community about how we use resources to support student success. One way we do this is by comparing our district to both the state average and similar districts across Ohio.

Edison Local Schools is compared to districts across Ohio with similar enrollment, demographics, and economic conditions to ensure fair and meaningful comparisons.

The following information is based on the Ohio Department of Education's District Profile Report (Fiscal Year 2025), which provides standardized financial data for all public school districts. This allows for consistent, apples-to-apples comparisons between Edison, similar districts, and the state average.

How Edison Compares

EDISON LOCAL

\$15,343

Total Spending Per Student
in Fiscal Year 2025

\$9,234

Instruction Spending Per Student

SIMILAR DISTRICTS

\$15,483

Total Spending Per Student
in Fiscal Year 2025

\$8,802

Instruction Spending Per Student

STATE AVERAGE

\$17,609

Total Spending Per Student
in Fiscal Year 2025

\$9,998

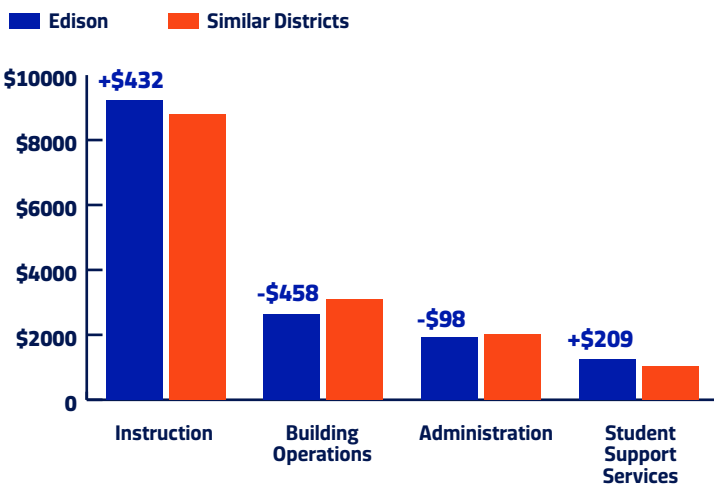
Instruction Spending Per Student

Edison Local Schools demonstrates a clear focus on directing resources where they matter most—student learning and support.

Edison spends **\$140 less per student** than similar districts and **\$2,266 less** than the state average.

Edison invests **\$432 more per student** in classroom instruction than similar districts.

How Resources are Allocated



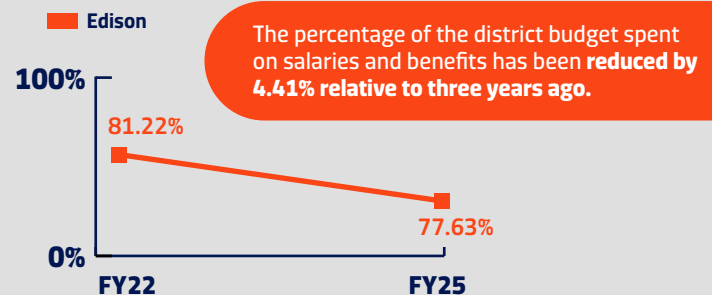
A closer look at spending shows how Edison prioritizes student learning.

This reflects a deliberate strategy—directing more resources to classrooms and student services, while maintaining efficiency in other areas.

Responsible Financial Management

Edison Local Schools continues to actively manage expenses while maintaining strong educational programs.

Salaries and benefits as a percentage of total operational expenditures:



Edison now spends **2.3% less than the state average** on salaries and benefits.

This reduction occurred during a time when inflation increased by approximately 18% (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics calculator from July 1, 2021, to July 1, 2025), demonstrating a focused effort to control costs.

Edison has reduced these costs faster than both the state and similar district averages

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Community Investment & Tax Effort

School funding varies across communities. One way to measure this is through the Local Tax Effort Index, which reflects how much residents contribute relative to their ability to pay.



Edison: 1.044
Similar Districts: 1.160

Edison's tax effort is approximately **10% lower than similar districts**

Why Similar Districts Matter

Edison Local Schools is compared to districts across Ohio with similar characteristics such as enrollment, community demographics, and economic conditions. This ensures that comparisons are fair, meaningful, and based on districts that reflect communities like ours.

The Ohio Department of Education identifies "similar districts" using a combination of key factors, including:

- **Student Enrollment (Ohio Department of Education, School Year 2017–2018)**
- **Percent of Population in Urbanized Areas (U.S. Census Bureau, 2010)**
- **Population Density (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013–2017)**
- **Median Adjusted Gross Income (Ohio Department of Taxation, 2017)**
- **Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Students (Ohio Department of Education, 2017–2018)**
- **Educational Attainment of Adults (Bachelor's Degree or Higher) (U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2013–2017)**
- **Percent of Minority Student Enrollment (Ohio Department of Education, 2017–2018)**

These factors create a comparison group of districts with similar size, community makeup, and economic capacity.

Edison's designated similar districts include:

Bellevue City
Celina City
Clyde-Green Springs Exempted Village
Crestwood Local
Eaton Community City
Firelands Local
Green Local
Marlington Local
Margaretta Local
Napoleon Area City
Northwestern Local
Ontario Local
Pleasant Local
St. Clairsville-Richland City
Swanton Local
Triway Local
Upper Sandusky Exempted Village
Valley View Local
Wellington Exempted Village
West Muskingum Local

The data tells a clear story:

Edison spends **\$2,266 less per student than the state average**
While investing **more in instruction (+\$432)**
And more in **student support (+\$209)**

At the same time:

Administrative costs are **\$394 lower than the state**
Operational costs are **\$751 lower than the state**

This allows Edison to focus resources where they have the greatest impact:

High-quality classroom instruction
Student support services
Preparation for college, careers, and life

Research shows communities consistently value:

Career and college readiness
Student well-being
Strong teaching and learning environments

Edison's approach aligns with these priorities.

