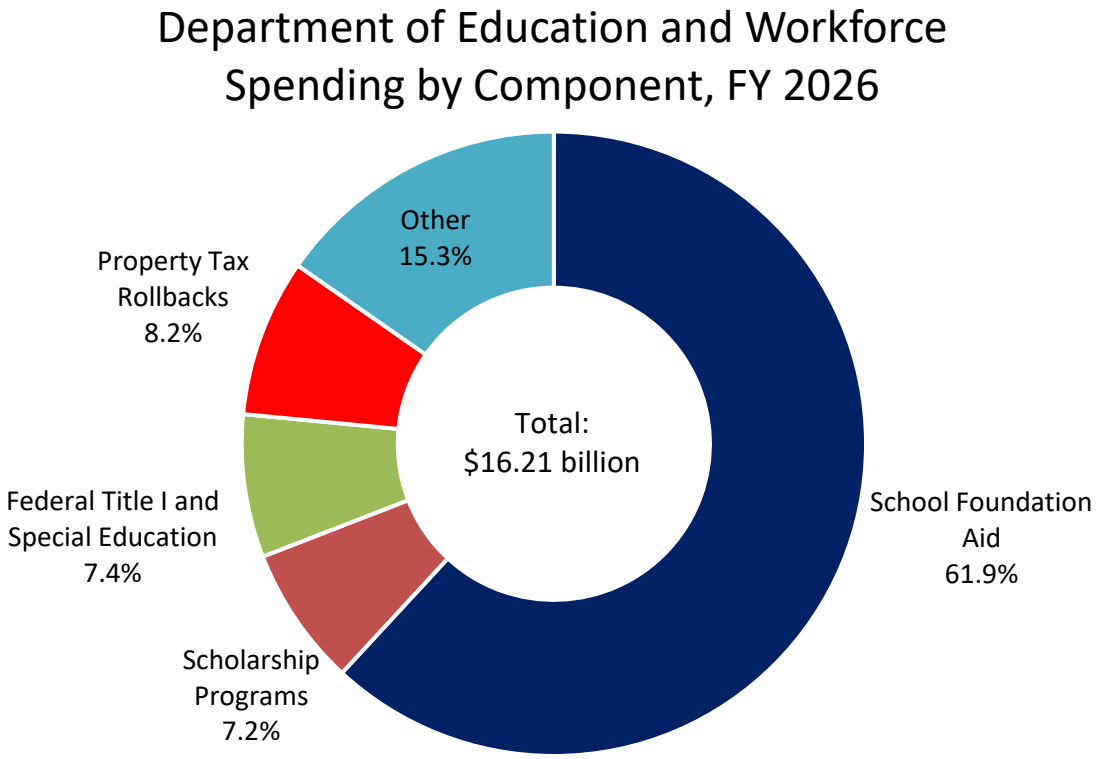
School foundation aid made up over 60% of DEW's spending in FY 2026



- School foundation aid: $10.03 billion (61.9%)
  - Largest source of state support for public school operations
  - Funded by the GRF ($8.42 billion) and lottery and sports gaming profits ($1.61 billion)
- Scholarship programs: $1.17 billion (7.2%)
  - Provides state scholarships for students to attend private schools
- Federal Title I and special education: $1.20 billion (7.4%)
  - Supports students who are disadvantaged or have disabilities
- Property tax rollbacks: $1.32 billion (8.2%)
  - Reimburses school districts for property tax relief under the 10% and 2.5% property tax rollback programs and homestead exemption program
- The GRF accounts for most of DEW's spending
  - GRF: $11.97 billion (73.8%)
  - Federal: $2.39 billion (14.7%)
  - Lottery and sports gaming profits: $1.83 billion (11.3%)
- Nearly all of DEW's budget goes to outside entities
  - Subsidies to schools and other entities: $15.95 billion (98.4%)
  - Operating expenses: $188.4 million (1.2%), excluding spending on contracts for (a) state testing, (b) oversight and delivery of federal coronavirus relief funds for private schools and tutoring, and (c) ACE education savings accounts

Sources: Ohio Administrative Knowledge System; Department of Education and Workforce