MDR's School Spending Update

2020-2021 school year Data reflects spending during the 2020-2021 school year, representing actual dollars spent (expenditures) rather than estimates of future spending (budgets).

All Instructional Materials (AIM) $ 17,049,040,832 AIM details how much schools spend on all supplies and materials used for instructional purposes. Educational media supplies and software are included. Hardware technology is not included.

Current Expenditures $ 598,950,005,161 Current Expenditures reflect the total operating cost for the district and include the functions of instruction, support services, and food service. Capital outlay, pupil transportation, and debt services are not included.

Per Student AIM Expenditure by District Enrollment

- **48%** Smallest: Under 600 Students
- **24%** Small: 600-2,499 Students
- **17%** Medium: 2,500-9,999 Students
- **13%** Large: 10,000+ Students

Nearly one-half of the smallest districts spend the highest amount on AIM ($400+), and 65% of large districts spend the least on AIM (under $300).

Percentage of Schools by Per Student Current Expenditure Levels

- **19%** High: $15,000+
- **40%** Medium: $10,300-$14,999
- **41%** Low: Under $10,300

$352 per student national average

$12,359 per student national average

Source: MDR Data Cloud, June 2022