

Education

Although public education is primarily a responsibility of the state, all counties are required to fund a portion of the operating and capital expenses for local public school and community college systems. Most counties, including Guilford County, provide funding above and beyond the legal mandates. This additional funding is used to pay for local enhancements, such as extra teaching positions to reduce class sizes, teacher and staff salary supplements, and other programs and services in response to unique local needs.

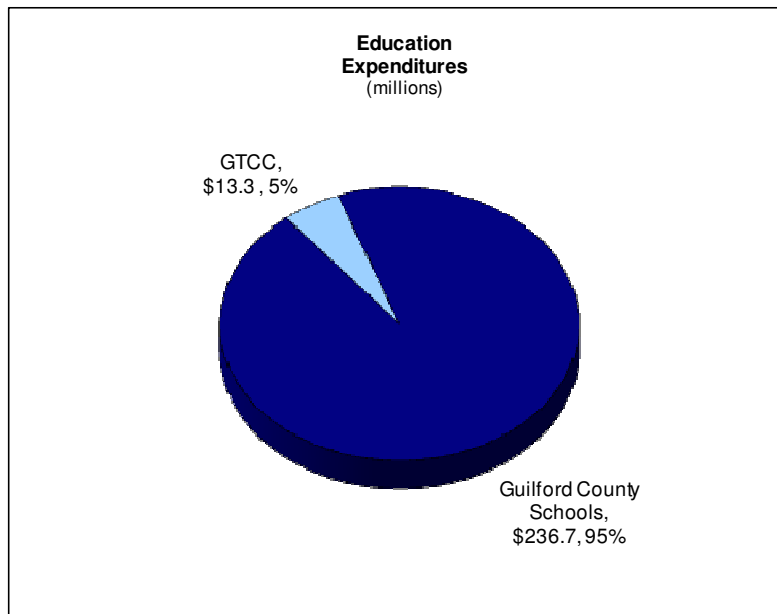
Education expenditures support:

- Guilford County Schools
- Guilford Technical College
- Other capital expenditures
- Debt Service (school facilities)

Expenditures

The FY 2010-11 Adopted Budget includes \$249,929,151 for Education. Education, including school bond debt for the Guilford County Schools, is Guilford County's largest expenditure, accounting for 44% of total General Fund expenditures.

The FY 2011 budget maintains operating funding for both the Guilford County Schools and Guilford Technical Community College at their current levels. School debt service expenditures, however, are 2.7% lower than the FY 2010 budget. The decrease in funding is mostly attributable to issuing less debt than anticipated in FY 10.



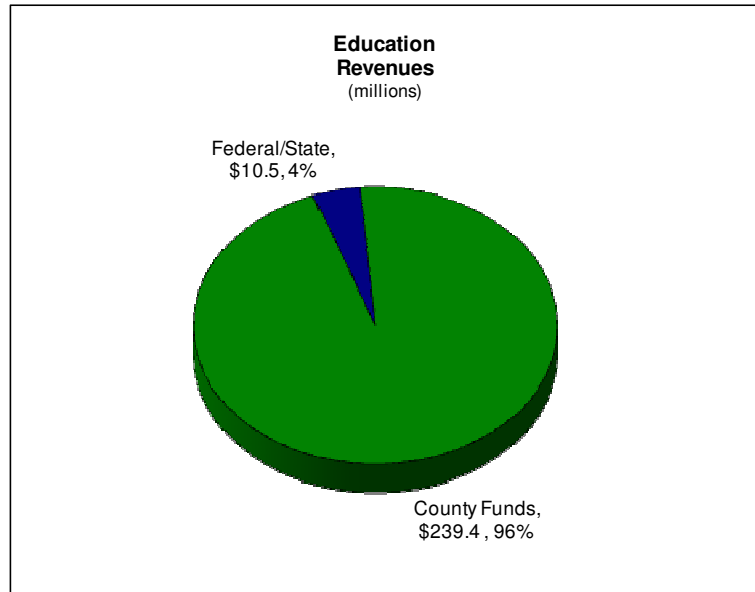
In late Spring, the Board of Commissioners approved an additional \$16,843,000 for school facility maintenance and capital needs, funded from Recovery Act bonds. To pay for the additional debt service associated with these bonds, \$800,000 was transferred from the FY 2011 county's direct capital allocation to the Guilford County Schools to the debt service department.

Revenues

The majority of funding for Education comes from general county revenues.

The County also appropriates funds from lottery sales for capital and debt needs. Revenues from the lottery account for \$9.5 million of federal and state revenues. In addition, the County will appropriate approximately \$1 million of subsidy funds associated with Build America Bonds and Qualified School

Construction Bonds that have been or will soon be sold for school construction. These bonds are new financing instruments authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) that provide for federal payment subsidies of a portion of interest paid on the bonds.



	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Adopted	FY 2010 Amended	FY 2011 Adopted	vs. FY 2011 Adopted \$	%
Department						
Guilford County Schools						
Operating	\$175,165,521	\$175,165,521	\$175,165,521	\$175,165,521	\$0	0.0%
Capital Outlay	\$7,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,200,000	(\$800,000)	-20.0%
Debt Service*	\$34,563,616	\$59,943,430	\$59,943,430	\$58,310,940	(\$1,632,490)	-2.7%
	<u>\$216,729,137</u>	<u>\$239,108,951</u>	<u>\$239,108,951</u>	<u>\$236,676,461</u>	<u>(\$2,432,490)</u>	<u>-1.0%</u>
Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC)						
Operating	\$11,752,690	\$11,752,690	\$11,752,690	\$11,752,690	\$0	0.0%
Capital Outlay	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	0.0%
Debt Service	<i>accounted for in other general county debt</i>					
	<u>\$13,752,690</u>	<u>\$13,252,690</u>	<u>\$13,252,690</u>	<u>\$13,252,690</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	\$230,481,827	\$252,361,641	\$252,361,641	\$249,929,151	(\$2,432,490)	-1.0%
Revenues*						
Federal & State	\$12,500,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$10,499,565	\$2,499,565	31.2%
County Funds	\$217,981,827	\$244,361,641	\$244,361,641	\$239,429,586	(\$4,932,055)	-2.0%
Total	\$230,481,827	\$252,361,641	\$252,361,641	\$249,929,151	(\$2,432,490)	-1.0%

* Excludes bond premium of \$10,529,417 which was allocated in FY 2010 and FY 2011 and included in County Funds.