

The Breakdown of the Educational Dollar

\$0.032 Bus Services

The typical student begins the school day long before the first bell with a **bus ride to school**, either because the distance from home is too far to walk or the district has determined that unsafe conditions warrant the provision of a safe ride. The student will also **ride the bus home**.

\$0.072 Custodial/Maintenance

The student arrives to find a building that is **clean and well-maintained**.

\$0.030 Electricity/Heating/AC

The building has **power** to heat classrooms in the winter, cool them in the summer and provide other electrical services.

\$0.014 Safety Services

The student's parents know that the school is made safer through district-supported **security staff**, and that is their child becomes injured or ill, he or she will be cared for by the **school nurse**.

The student arrives in class to find a **teacher, and possibly an instructional assistant**, ready to begin instruction with district-purchased **instructional supplies** to support the curriculum.

The teacher uses a **curriculum** that is aligned with state standards and that builds on information the student learned the year before. The teacher has been **trained** regarding Texas learning standards and effective instructional practices, and has access to staff with instructional expertise who provide support.

\$0.613 Teacher/Supplies

Midway through the day, the student goes to the cafeteria for **lunch** (child nutrition program costs are funded in food service fund, rather than general fund)

After lunch, the student goes to the **library** to gather information for a research paper.

After school, the student stops by to talk with his or her **guidance counselor** about the process of applying for and paying for college. The student is provided with information about student loan programs, preparation for the SAT, and what preparatory courses are needed for postsecondary education.

Throughout the day, the student benefits from services provided by the **campus principal, the assistant principals, and other administrative staff** who set the instructional tone for the school as well as make sure that all the details are attended to so that students and teachers can focus on learning.

\$0.00 Lunch

The student also benefits from the fact that his or her school has access to **district level staff** who ensure that payroll checks to the teachers are written on time, that staff members have access to health insurance, that schools are fully staffed, and that campuses have access to support structures they need. Information is provided to the school board and to the public in a timely manner and someone has ensured that the district is complying with a host of state and federal laws and regulations regarding the operation of public schools.

\$0.037 Curriculum/Training

\$0.012 Library

\$0.042 Counselor

\$0.060 Office Staff

\$0.052 District Staff

At the end of the school day, the student rides the bus back home, unless, he or she stays to participate in an **extracurricular activity**.

\$0.036 Extracurricular