

MADISON CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT UPDATES



Dear MCS Parents,

Just days from now we will be holding a groundbreaking on a new school - our eighth elementary and 15th school overall counting our PreK and The Academy.

Your support over the years built these schools and have helped make this great school system a state, national and global leader.

Today I hope this newsletter will educate you on where we rank in per pupil expenditures (state, local and federal), our continued growth trend, unfunded and underfunded mandates, a little about our demographics, and more. The Board and I remain committed to be transparent and good stewards of the resources you give us to educate our children.

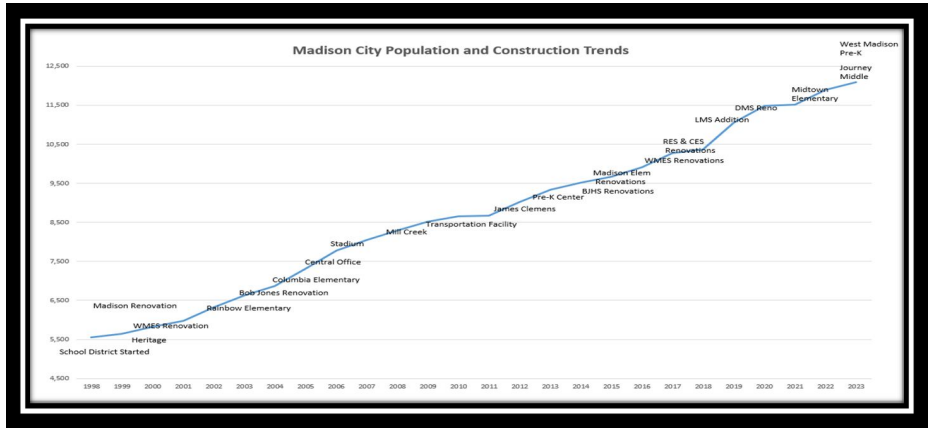
Ed Nichols

Superintendent

UPCOMING DATES AND REMINDERS

- Parent reminder to complete Impact Aid forms that were sent Oct. 17th.
- Groundbreaking for new MCS elementary School Oct. 29
- Celebrate Madison - Oct 24 at Toyota Field in Madison.
- Nov. 11th - Veterans Day MCS salutes all who serve our country! Schools closed.
- Nov. 14th, 5-7 p.m. at JCHS. That's the date of our next Mental Health Fair including a session on technology's impact on mental health.

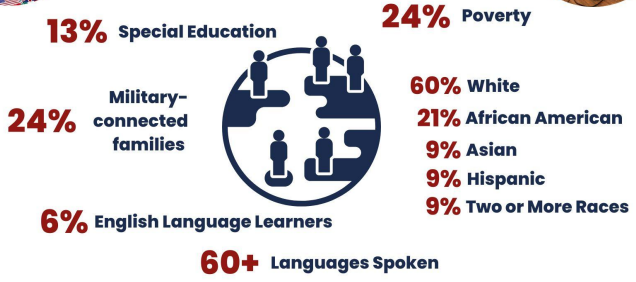
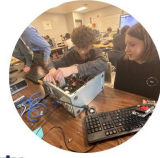
Madison City Schools hit a milestone this week with enrollment surpassing 13,000. There were just 5,638 students when MCS was created in 1998. We have grown the equivalent of a new elementary school every three years. Last year's opening of Journey Middle gives us a little breathing room for our middle school population, and the new elementary under construction in Limestone County - targeted to open in 2026 - will help relieve our growing K-5 population. Expansion of our two high schools will be needed within a couple of years. The Board and District Leadership remain committed to providing the best teachers, facilities and learning resources to prepare our students for excellence.



District Growth



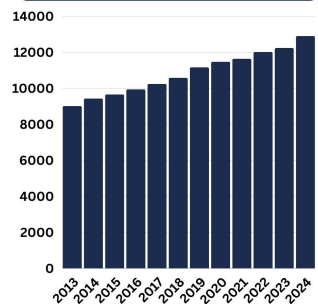
Student Population 12,916 Students



One thing that may surprise many in our community is the diversity of Madison City Schools. Our students come from a variety of cultures, socioeconomic levels, academic capabilities, etc. Diversity can make us stronger and is more reflective of the world our students will enter upon graduation. It is our mission to empower all of our students for global success.

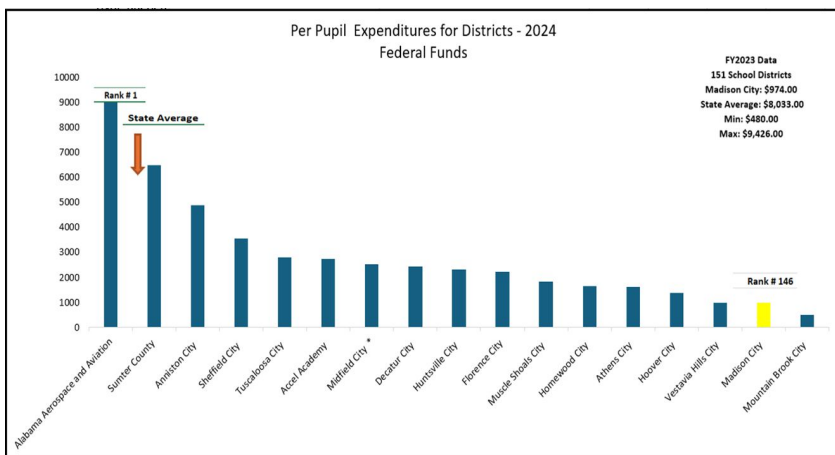
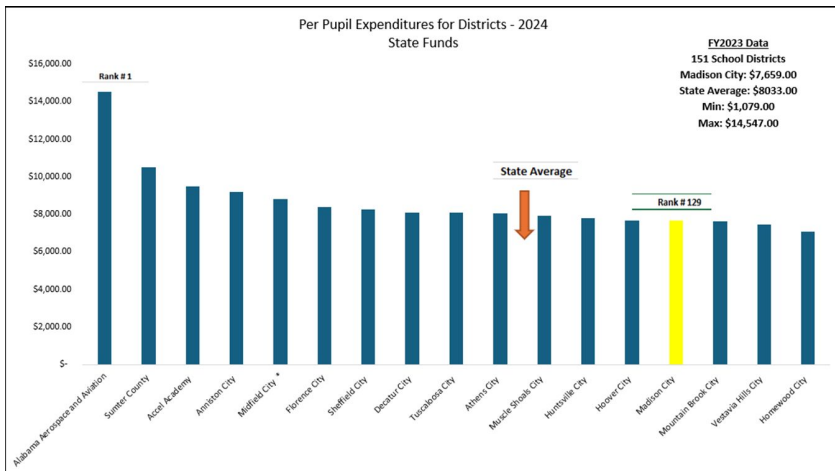
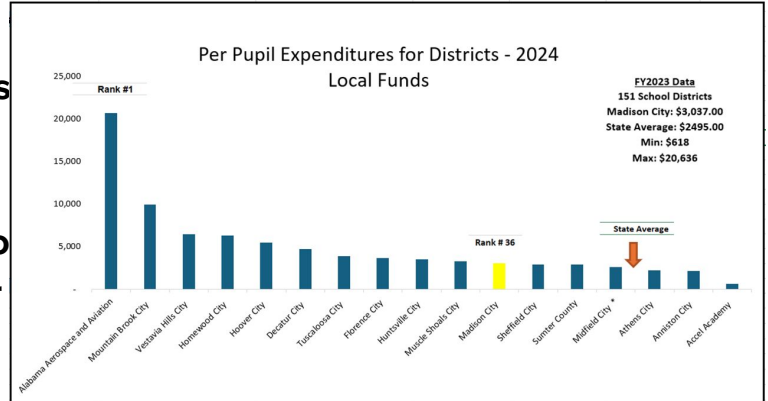
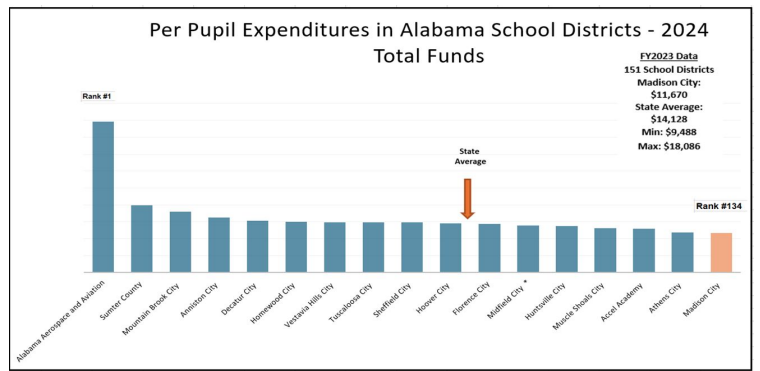
While consistent growth poses challenges, it also provides us opportunities. I've often said that it is much better to be in a growing school district than one that is in decline facing school closings, layoffs, and cuts to academic, athletic and elective offerings. MCS continues to be a state and national leader in education, thanks to strong support from parents, teachers, admins, PTAs, businesses and others.

District Growth



Avg Yearly Growth:
353 Students

Madison City Schools tops a lot of lists in school performance: No. 2 Best District in Alabama (Niche), most national merit scholars, most AP courses, consistent straight-A state report cards, award winning theater and athletic programs. But when it comes to funding rankings, MCS doesn't fare so well compared to other Alabama districts. There are 151 public school systems and charter districts in Alabama. MCS ranks 134th in overall per pupil spending: \$11,670 vs. the \$14,128 state average: Breaking it down to funding sources, MCS ranked 129th in per pupil state funds, 36th in local funds and near last in federal funds.



The 36th out of 151 in per pupil spending (\$3,037) in local funds is due in large part to local sales and property taxes fueled by a solid local economy. Local funding is more protected from complicated state and federal tax redistributions. So we are grateful and fortunate to have this support. Still, MCS overall performs admirably with less per-pupil resources than most other Alabama school districts. As you can see by the chart, Madison City Schools trails other school districts significantly in federal funding. Our staff does a great job securing millions of dollars in grant funding for various programs

Under-funded Mandates

Special Ed Program

Teachers: \$600,000
 Contracted Services: \$725,350
 Bus Aides: \$440,000
 Total: \$1,765,350

Literacy and Numeracy Act:
 \$500,000

Transportation: \$750,000

School Safety: \$650,000

Preschool: \$1,000,000

ESL Teachers: \$700,000

Counselors: \$687,000

Growth: \$650,000

Total: \$6,480,350

Madison City Landscape



December 2020:

- 20,230 Houses
- 4,229 Apartments
- 1,137 Houses in Triana

Enrollment: December 2020

- Madison City
 - 10,893
- Triana
 - 580



August 2024:

- Est. 23,000 Houses
- 6,432 Apartments
- 2,900 House in Triana

Current Enrollment

- Madison City
 - 11,851
- Triana
 - 1,058

High growth hits MCS disproportionately harder than stagnant or slower growing districts. Because schools are funded in arrears (calculated on previous year enrollment), MCS must absorb \$1 million this year until state-funding catches up next year. Additionally, there are underfunded mandates each year that are never made up: transportation, \$750K short; school safety, \$650K short; Preschool, \$1 million short; ESL teachers, \$700K short; counselors, \$687K short; Special Ed, \$1.76 million short; state-mandated Literacy and Numeracy Act, \$500K short.

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Projected Growth



Student Enrollment: 2030

Elementary: 6,463
 Middle: 3,457
 High School: 5,110

Total: 15,030



Schools Current Capacity

*Elementary: 5,115/*6,215
 Middle: 4,200
 High School: 4,400

Capital Projects 2024-2029

\$58M

Bob Jones

- Athletic Facilities
- Career Tech
- Tennis Courts and Bathrooms
- Turf fields
- Band upgrades

\$25M

Discovery

- Clean up
- HVAC
- New Athletic Building

\$43M

James Clemens

- Athletic Facilities
- Classroom Building
- Turf fields/Practice fields
- Band upgrades

\$10M

Horizon Expansion

\$7M

Liberty Renovations

\$6M

Stadium and Field Upgrades

\$3M

CO and Transportation

Total Cost: \$154,100,000

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