

# SCHOOL BOARD

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## DESCRIPTION

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is an independent system with no governance from the City of Atlanta's Mayor or the City Council. The Atlanta Board of Education (school board) creates policy for the public schools and appoints the superintendent who oversees the system's day-to-day operations.



*School board members serve a 4-year term, and there are no term limits. The school board chooses its own chair and vice-chair every 2 years.*



*The special election on September 17th will fill the unexpired term of the former District 2 member who vacated his seat to run for another office. The next regular election will be held in 2021.*

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must have been a resident of the district for at least the past year
- Must be a registered voter of the city
- Must not be an employee of the State Department of Education or a member of the State Board of Education
- Must pay qualifying fee (\$444) or file a pauper's affidavit showing inability to pay
- Must qualify during qualifying period, or
- Must file notice of intention as a write-in candidate

## SALARY

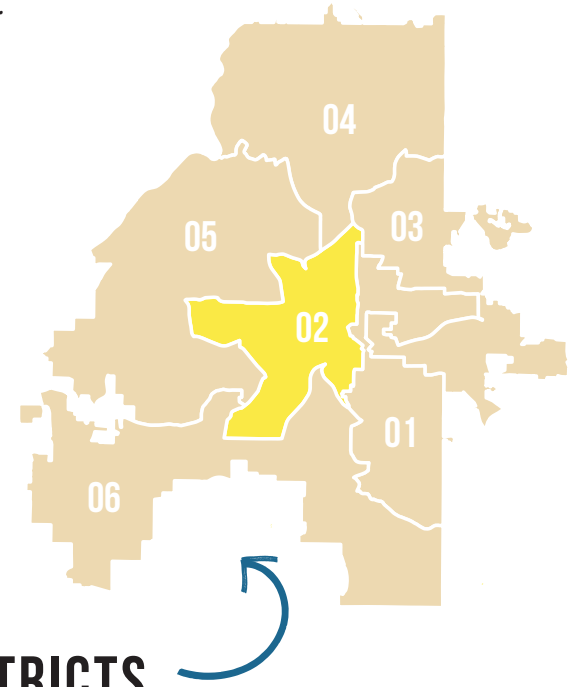
*School board positions are considered part-time with an annual salary of \$14,800.*

## COMMITTEES

**Board members are nominated by the chair and confirmed by board members to serve on the following committees:**

- Accountability
- Audit
- Budget
- Policy Review

*Each school board district is composed of two city council districts. APS's District 2 consists of City Council District 3 (Antonio Brown) & District 4 (Cleta Winslow).*



## DISTRICTS

**6** members are elected by district

**3** members are elected "at-large" to represent the entire city



# APS INSIGHTS

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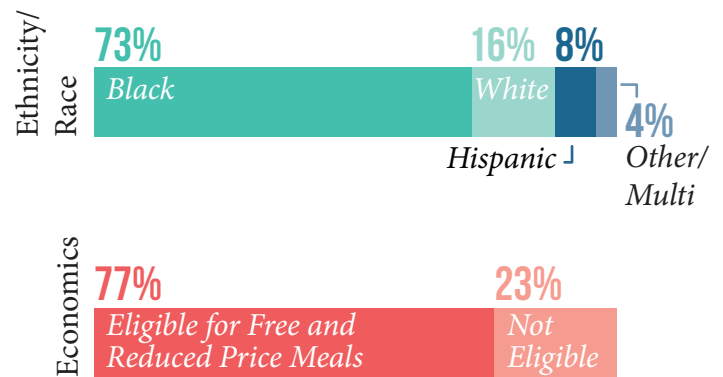
## SPECIAL ELECTION DATES

Voting for Atlanta Board of Education District 3:

- Monday, August 19, 2019:** voter registration deadline
- Monday, August 26 – Friday, September 13:** early voting
- Tuesday, September 17, 2019:** general election
- Tuesday, October 15, 2019:** run-off election

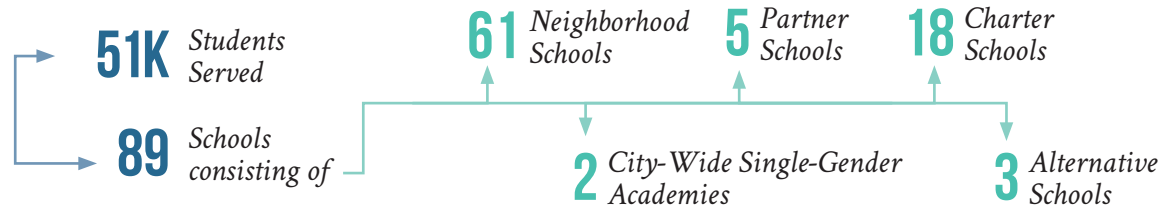
Run-offs occur when no candidate received more than 50% of the vote. With 9 candidates running, a run-off is likely.

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



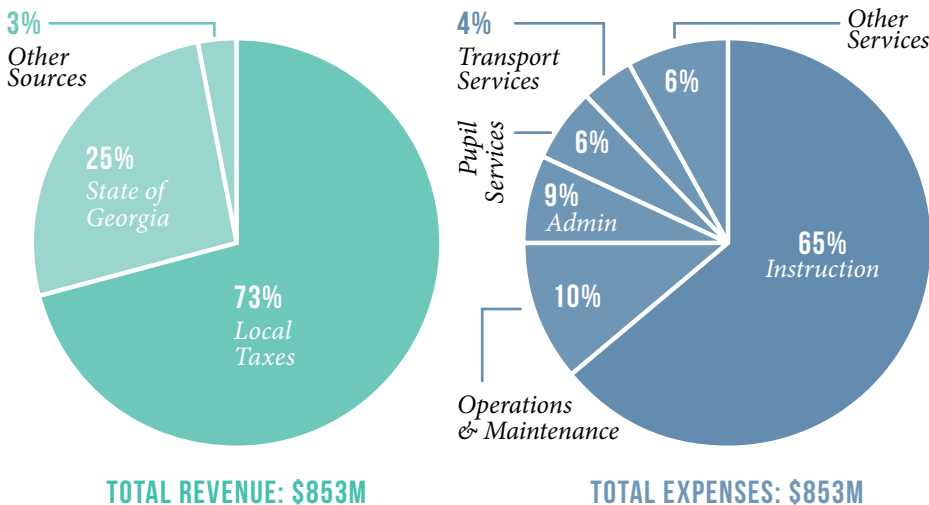
## BY THE NUMBERS

The Atlanta Public School system is one of the largest school districts in the state



## APS BUDGET

A breakdown of the Operating Budget (does not include special funds such as bonds and accounts for major capital projects) shows that:



## FACTS

- APS employs approximately **4,000 teachers**.
- APS's annual operating budget is approximately **\$853 million**.
- Approximately **50% of the property tax** collected in the City of Atlanta goes to APS. (The other 50% goes to the City, County, and State.)
- Approximately **11% of the sales tax** collected in the City of Atlanta goes to APS. (The other 89% goes to the City, County, State, and MARTA.)

Vote September 17th!

Learn more about the



election and the candidates at [voteatl.org](http://voteatl.org).