PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION

Prairie Spirit Budget 2026/27

Investing in students

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education is committed to providing high-quality education and effective supports for Prairie Spirit students.

This commitment is at the heart of Prairie Spirit's 2026/27 budget, which the Board approved at the June 15 Board meeting, the last meeting of the 2025/26 school year.

The budget for 2026/27 was designed to invest in student and adult learning. The budget aligns with the Board's strategic plan and reflects the Board's strong commitment to achieving key priorities and outcomes.

Instruction accounts for 70.6% of all Division expenses, with Division facilities at 13.3% and student transportation at 7.1%.

Teacher staffing and classroom supports

Key stakeholders were consulted to provide their perspectives and voice during the budget development process. Prairie Spirit teachers strongly advocated for additional Educational Associates (EAs) in schools. As a result, 10.4 FTE EAs will be added to school staffing this fall to provide additional classroom supports.

To provide additional support for math instruction in Prairie Spirit classrooms, a second Strategic Facilitator for Numeracy will be added this fall.

The Ministry of Education has provided designated funding for three more Specialized Support Classrooms - for a total of four classrooms - designed to meet the complex needs of diverse learners in Prairie Spirit. The four Specialized Support Classrooms in the Division will use an itinerant model of support targeted to meet the complexities of each school community.

Some schools will see teaching staff reductions due to declining enrolment while others will have an increase in teaching staff due to increased enrolment.

Prairie Spirit's funding

More than 93% of the school division's funding comes from the Ministry of Education and is based on projected enrolment. Prairie Spirit is projecting a small decrease in student enrolment for 2026/27. The Division's total estimated revenue for 2026/27 is $147.66 million.

As a result of decreasing enrolment and increasing operational costs, budget reductions were made across the school division in a variety of areas, including instruction, facilities, and technology.

The 2026/27 budget was balanced with the use of designated reserve funds strategically set aside by the Board to fund the renovation of Practical and Applied Arts labs in schools.

This is the second year in a row that the budget has been balanced without dipping into the Division's limited general savings.