

FY2023-2024 Board of Education Budget Proposal

User Guide

The 2023-2024 budget binders are organized in specific categories, meant to target areas of interest for the reader. The following are general directions to guide the reader through the binder.

Budget Summary and Budget Drivers:

The Budget Summary and Budget Drivers, display high level analysis of the Board of Education Proposed Budget FY23-24, including graphic illustrations. Following the Budget Summary Narrative is a line by line detail report depicting FY20-21 through the FY23-24 budget proposal.

Schools, Departments and Special Revenue Funds:

These sections identify individual schools, departments and major cost categories. Each of the school budgets begins with a summary narrative, incorporating references such as enrollment, staffing and 2023-2024 budget enhancements. Subsequent to the narratives, a budget report will detail relevant account codes, three years of budget data, the dollar increase and percent increase for each line item. These reports will subtotal Program/Function, Object and finally Grand Total by Location. For a more in depth understanding, the reader is encouraged to reference the Appendix for account code structure explanations. Please be aware, due to the account structure implemented in 2012-2013, some accounts may appear in more than one report.

Enrollment:

This section includes district enrollment numbers as of 10/1/22 (State reporting date) for FY22-23 as well as projections for FY23-24.

Appendix:

- *General Fund Proposed Budget Report Overview*
 - A sample report has been marked in red and highlighted to distinguish and define various portions of the document which will assist the reader in familiarizing themselves with the format and content.
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- *Account Structure Reference*
 - The Avon Public Schools chart of accounts is built using four numeric elements, Fund, Location, Program/Function and Object. The Account Structure Reference in the Appendix defines the order in which these elements appear and the length of character of each element.

- *Account Element Definitions – Program/Function Codes*
 - The Program/Function code definitions have been provided in the appendix in their entirety for the readers’ reference. These codes are also based on standards provided by the U.S. Department of Education as detailed in the publication Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems:2009 Edition.

- *Account Element Definitions – Object Codes*
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Definitions:

- *Funds*
 - General Fund – (01)
 - Appropriated funds from Town
 - Majority of funding is tax payer revenue
 - Nutrition Services – (04)
 - Self-funded revenue producing program
 - Provides breakfast and lunch at all schools
 - Facility Use Fund – (07)
 - Special Revenue fund
 - Community rental of school buildings
 - Technology Protection Plan Fund – (34)
 - Special Revenue Fund
 - Used to repair or replace student Chromebooks for participating families

- *Fiscal Years*
 - Each fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th
 - General fund appropriated expenditures must be made by the June 30th each year
- Budget Terms
 - Adopted – the line item budget voted and adopted by the BOE and Town
 - Expended - actual line items expended in the fiscal year