Education

In fiscal year (FY) 2026, the Delaware Department of Education's capital expenditures for public education equaled $224.8 million, which included $58.3 million for new construction and land acquisition. New schools are listed below Table B.1.

Table A.1 Public education trends and indicators, fiscal years 2022-2026

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Total Enrollment*	139,799	141,299	141,718	142,495	140,830
Charter School Enrollment	17,201	18,223	18,450	19,032	19,050
State Portion, Public Education Operating Budget (in thousands)	1,710,107	1,832,408	1,985,193	2,157,198	2,389,496
State Portion, Education Bond Bill***	246,018,000	390,209,848	224,781,456	200,405,745	211,225,777
State Portion, New Construction and Land Acquisition**	204,753,000	167,025,500	58,327,901	140,221,195	52,558,000
New Schools Opened<<	1	1	3	2	2

Source: Delaware Office of Management and Budget; Delaware Department of Education

* Total enrollment includes charter school enrollment and does not include Dover Air Force Base.

** New Construction and Land Acquisition is a subset of the Education Bond Bill. The remaining portion of the Education Bond Bill funded other capital projects at school facilities.

<< New schools are public schools that involve the construction of a new building utilizing state capital funds. Building additions and charter schools are not included.

*** Bond Bill figures have been updated to include funding budgeted in the Office of Management and Budget for the City of Wilmington Education Initiative

Table A.2 New education construction and land acquisition, fiscal years 2026

New Construction/Land Acquisition	FY2026
Smyrna, Clayton Intermediate Addition	$6,056,400.00
Appoquinimink, New MS/HS at Summit Campus	$18,438,958.00
Red Clay, Bus Maintenance Building	$600,000.00
NCCVT, Paul M. Hodgson Replacement	$16,777,572.00
Sussex Tech, New Sussex Tech HS	$10,685,070.00
Total	$52,558,000.00