Budget reductions for 2026-27 school year

Due to the loss of local levy funding, lack of adequate state funding and other factors, BGPS needs to make approximately $20 million in cuts for the 2026-27 school year to balance the budget as required by law. Input from stakeholders prioritized maintaining positions and programs focused on student safety and well-being, core academic instruction, support for vulnerable students, student engagement and college and career preparation. Stakeholders also expressed a preference for making smaller reductions across multiple areas rather than cutting entire programs. BGPS appreciates the input, which informed the district's decision-making . Although these cuts will bring changes to BGPS schools, the district maintains a commitment to students and their learning and safety.

Learn more about the district's budget situation: battlegroundps.org/budget-cuts

137.2 staff positions eliminated

18% of all district administrators

15% of all building administrators

9% of all classified/ support staff

8% of all administrative support

8% of all certificated/ teaching staff

Category	% reduction in categorical expenditures	Projected savings	Reductions	Impact
District-wide support, including central administration	13.7%	$3.80 million	**Affected staff positions** • Central office administration: 3 positions eliminated • Maintenance supervisor: 1 position eliminated • Teachers on special assignment: 2 positions eliminated • Administrative support: 2.5 positions eliminated • Custodial / maintenance / grounds / warehouse: 6 positions eliminated • Technology support: 1 position eliminated • Print shop: 1 position eliminated • Reduction in work year: Security supervisor, custodians, communications specialist, administrative support central office receptionist, grant secretary, student records technician **Other reductions and changes** • Reduction in departmental budgets • Reduction in software subscriptions	• Reduced level of services for parents, guardians, community members, staff and students • Delayed response times and communication • Decreased safety training and preparation • Less flexibility in supporting schools' needs • Increased risk of financial audit findings due to reduced business office staff • Extended timeline for repairs • Reduced maintenance of buildings and grounds • Longer time for supplies and materials to reach schools • Decreased professional development • Decreased access to software that supports job efficiency

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Teaching support	18.7%	$5.18 million	**Affected staff positions** • Assistant principals: 5 positions eliminated • Athletic director/assistant principal: 1 position eliminated • Counseling: 9 positions eliminated • Prevention/intervention: 5 positions eliminated • Social-emotional support room paraprofessionals: 17 positions eliminated • Campus security: 2 positions eliminated • Secretary: 1 position eliminated • Office assistants: 8 positions eliminated • Parent-outreach liaison: 1 position eliminated • Reduction in work year or hours: High school head secretaries, assessment secretaries **Other reductions and changes** • Elimination of Tiger Time and Falcon Support (high school advisory time) • Elimination of one-to-one Chromebooks for middle school students	• Reduced student supervision • Potential for delayed response time in addressing bullying and disciplinary issues • Potential for increased response time for safety issues • Decreased access to school counselors; increased waiting time for services • Reduced mental health and behavioral support • Fewer opportunities for students to seek teacher assistance and support during the school day • Reduced early intervention for student substance abuse, which increases safety and behavior risks • Reduced level of services and delayed response times/ communication due to less staff
Special programs	39.6%	$4.24 million	**Affected staff positions** • Multilingual teachers: 6 positions eliminated • Teacher in the ASPIRE program for highly capable students: 1 position eliminated • Reading intervention specialists: 2 positions eliminated • Instructional support paraprofessionals: 8 positions eliminated **Other reductions and changes** • Elimination of summer school for kindergarten through eighth grade	• Eliminated of primary school magnet highly capable program (ASPIRE). The program will continue with fifth through eighth grades. • Less support for students' reading skill development • Less support for language acquisition in students who are learning English

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Sports and extracurricular activities	34.5%	$551,000	**Affected staff positions** • Coaching positions based on participation and non-district facility use costs: To be determined • Elimination of middle school yearbooks (maintains high school yearbooks) **Other reductions and changes** • Reduction in busing for athletics • Elimination of middle school activities budget • Increase in sports participation fees ($150 per sport regardless of the number of sports a student participates in during the school year)	• Reduce athletic and extracurricular opportunities for students • Increased sports participation fees (waivers still available for some students based on household income)
Basic education/ teaching and learning **Career and Technical Education** **Alternative learning environments**	4.9%	$5 million	**Affected staff positions** • Primary school classroom teachers: 10.5 positions eliminated (does not include ASPIRE) • Transitional Kindergarten paraeducators: 2 positions eliminated • Middle school classroom teaching: 13 positions eliminated • High school classroom teachers: 23.2 positions eliminated, including Career and Technical Education and credit recovery • Library technicians: 6 positions eliminated • Career and Technical Education: Hourly reduction for some teachers • Career and Technical Education: Hourly reduction for some support staff **Other reductions and changes** • Reduction in building budgets • Reduction in hours for clerical and classroom support (base time) • Reductions in CTE staff extended-day contracts • Reduction in CTE program budgets	• Larger class sizes • Reduction in individualized instruction and increase in academic and behavioral challenges • Reduction in kindergarten readiness, which impacts students' academic trajectory • Reduced library time, though students will still have access to and be able to check out books in school libraries • Less support for students who are behind on credits needed to graduate • Reduced student readiness for college and careers • Fewer course offerings to meet student interests and career planning • Reduction in community events • Fewer student organizations/clubs • Potential for fewer student competition opportunities • Reduced maintenance of CASEE campus trails and other nature areas

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Other	Included in above categories	$1.62 million	**Salary reductions** • All central office administrators: 3 unpaid furlough days; no cost-of-living increase (salary freeze) • All administrative support positions: 2 unpaid furlough days; no cost-of-living increase (salary freeze) • All building principals, assistant principals and deans: 2 unpaid furlough days • All classified staff: 5.5 unpaid furlough days (2 days + 3.5 additional days per PSE) • All certificated staff: 2 unpaid work days (start-up days)	• Potential for increased staff turnover

All numbers have been rounded

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Reduction by staff work group

268.3

position reductions over two school years

16%

reduction in all staff since 2024-25 school year

The largest percentage of reductions is focused on district and building administrators and district administrative support roles.

