

EDUCATION FUND



The Education Fund accounts for tax collections allocated for school operations. Taxes are collected and allocated to the Shelby County Board of Education (component unit) and the Board of Education of the Memphis City Schools based on average daily attendance (ADA). The current ADA rate is 69.57% Memphis City Schools and 30.43% Shelby County Schools. The projected FY2009 ADA rate is 68% MCS and 32% SCS. The County reports the Education Fund as a major fund.

Education is clearly the number one priority for the County and its most significant expenditure challenge. Including debt service for the schools, Education receives 59% of all property taxes and is 39% of total countywide expenditures. In addition to property taxes, up to 50% of the wheel tax is given to the schools for their operating costs and the remainder is for schools debt service. The County is required to provide funding to schools at least equal to the amount provided in the prior year.

