

Revenues

The major share of all financial support for the Portsmouth School Department is raised by the municipality taxing property. Most of the financial support of public education in Portsmouth, therefore, is subject to appropriation by vote of the Portsmouth City Council.

It is the responsibility of the Board to explain the objectives and needs of the schools to appropriate community bodies that have a role in school budget adoption by the Portsmouth City Council.

The Board may:

Accept available state funds to which the School Department is entitled by law or through rules of the State Board of Education, and

Accept federal funds which are available providing there is a specific need for them and that matching funds required are available.

The Board may accept revenues on a case-by-case basis consistent with the goals, policies and programs of the School Department, including available outside funding sources that advance the goals of the School Department.

Legal References:

RSA [198:20-b](#), Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds Made Available During