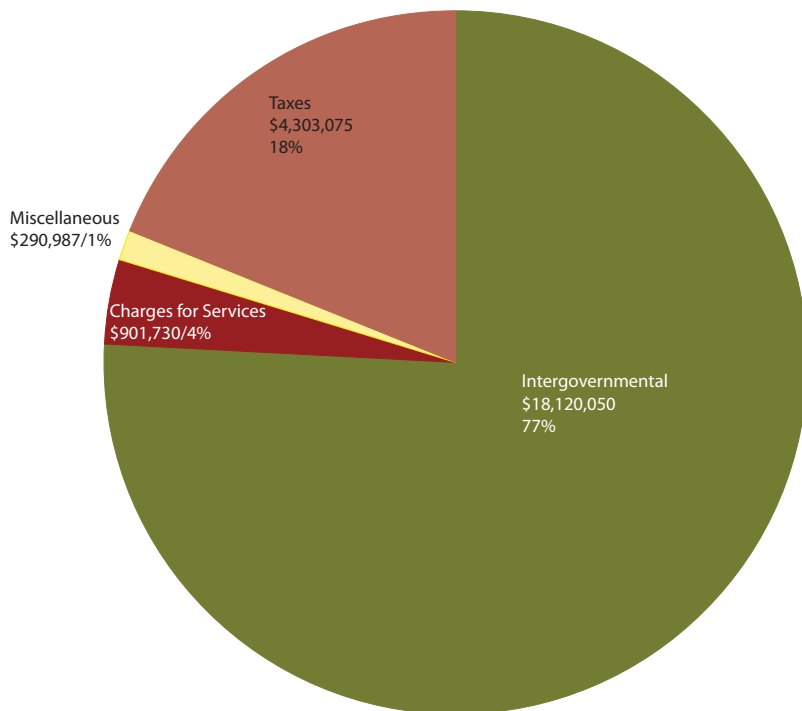


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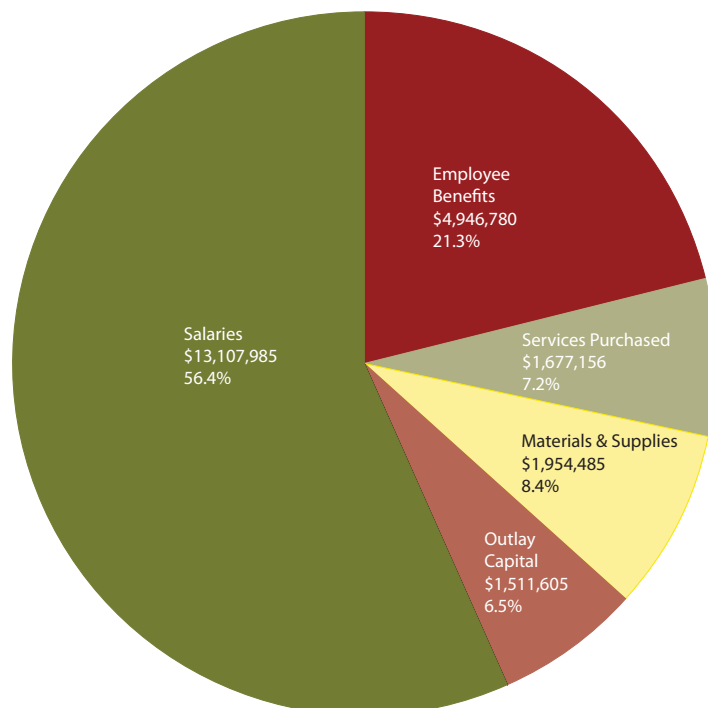
2008-2009 Budget

The 2008-2009 budget for Fremont County School District 1 totals \$25.5 million. Of that amount, 77 percent is directed to salaries and benefits. Local taxes contribute \$6 million to the current total budget, with \$17.7 million coming from the state school funding model. By comparison, the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget was \$22.2 million.

Under the school funding model adopted by the Wyoming State Legislature, school districts are funded on the basis of their Average Daily Membership, or ADM. This funding has increased from \$8,959 per ADM in FY 2005 to \$13,844 per ADM for FY 2009, a 54.5 percent increase in funding. The current year funding is based on an ADM of 1,746 students.



2008 General Fund Revenues



2008 General Fund Expenditures



The foster grandparent program at the elementary schools helps create a caring environment.

SALARIES

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Avg WY Teacher Base Salary	\$29,306	\$36,666	\$38,609	\$40,647
% of 2005-06	100%	124%	132%	139%
FCSD1 Teacher Base Salary	\$29,950	\$34,300	\$40,000	\$42,000
% of 2005-06	100%	115%	134%	140%
Average Comparable Districts' Base Salaries	\$29,689	\$38,006	\$39,240	\$41,449
% of 2005-06	100%	128%	132%	140%

FCSD1 starting salaries among the state's best

Fremont County School District 1 offers starting teacher compensation that is now 50 percent greater than it was five years ago. For the upcoming 2009-10 school year, the base teacher salary is \$42,650. By comparison, in the 2003-04 school year, the district was offering starting salaries of only \$24,950.

There are several reasons for the jump in teacher compensation. Wyoming is blessed with mineral revenues that have greatly increased funding and resulted in a state surplus. The Wyoming State Legislature has directed additional revenues derived

from the state's mineral wealth to its School Foundation's funding program. The Foundation distributes money to the local school districts in the form of a block grant, and local school boards can then determine how the money is to be spent. In FCSD1, the school board decided to increase staff salaries to make the district more competitive in the region to attract the best available educators.

In addition to teachers, all staff in the district received raises. About 60 percent of all salaries in the district are devoted to classroom teachers.

All-State Music Festival

Eight Lander Valley High School students represented the school at the Wyoming All-State Band, Orchestra and Choir Clinic in Casper in January.

All-State band members were Sarah Trembly, bass clarinet; Amber Craft, French horn; Claire Buchanan, bassoon; and Rebecca Eggli, piccolo.

Playing in the All-State orchestra were cellists Jake Klinkenborg and Beryl Coulter.

All-State choir members were Katie Dawson, soprano; and Nichole Neil, alto.

About 450 Wyoming high school students constituted the All-State groups. Students rehearsed at Natrona County High School for two days before performing in concert January 20 at the Casper Events Center.

The LVHS students said they enjoy participating in an event where all the participants "want to be there and work hard."

The All-State clinics were held in conjunction with the Wyoming Music Educators Association conference, which, along with the Wyoming High School Activities Association, sponsored the clinics.

Lander choral music teacher Dennis Cone, and his wife Lucy, who is also his accompanist, received awards at the conference.

Dennis Cone had earlier been named Wyoming's music educator of the year by the National Federation of Interscholastic Music Teachers. Lucy Cone received a meritorious service award for Wyoming from the Wyoming Music Educators Association.

Below: Claire Buchanan, Rebecca Eggli, Amber Craft, Katie Dawson, Sarah Trembly and Jake Klinkenborg. Not pictured are Beryl Coulter and Nichole Neil.

