Maine Fast Facts

38%

Maine Residents think K–12 education in Maine is headed in the right direction.

EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker

Maine Parents' Schooling Preferences

Public District School: 39.0%
Charter School: 11.0%
Private School: 38.0%
Home School: 7.0%

Don't Know/Refused/Skipped: 5.0%

EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker

Where K–12 Maine Students Attend School Now

Public District School: 87.0%
Charter School: 1.0%
Private School Out of Pocket: 7.0%
Private through a School Choice Program: 2.0%
Home School: 3.0%

Don't Know/Refused/Skipped: 5.0%

National Center on Education Statistics

Maine K–12 Education Spending

$3.2 Billion
Total Maine Public Education Revenue
U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Common Core of Data (CCD)
Data last updated 6/2022.

Maine Public Education Funding Sources

State: 41.0%
Local: 53.0%
Federal: 6.0%

School Spending/Costs By Sector

Avg. Maine Total Spending Per Pupil (Public): $17,642
Avg. Maine Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter): $11,463
Avg. Maine Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil: $22,898
Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Town Tuitioning Program): $11,272

U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Common Core of Data (CCD)
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Maine Education Spending Out of Total

EdChoice Private School Choice Fiscal Calculations

Percentage Change
Per Student Spending
Avg. Teacher Salaries
Students
All Staff
Teachers
All Other Staff

National Center on Education Statistics

Maine Student Transportation

$1,451
Avg. District Busing Expenditure
Per Pupil
8.38%
Total Spending Per Pupil
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INTER-DISTRICT
If the sending district does not have a school, it is responsible for transportation costs. When school districts have policies allowing transfers between school districts, the policies must address transportation issues. In other cases, the parents are responsible for transportation costs.

CHARTER SCHOOL
Maine provides funding for charter pupil transportation, calculated in a similar manner to traditional public school transportation funding.

PRIVATE SCHOOL
Maine does not require or provide transportation for private school students.

State Student Transportation Statutes

Note: The data may not be comparable for prior time periods due to changes in methodology. The data may not include all costs associated with transportation, including non-transportation expenses.