



GSA's costs are right in line with other high schools in Hancock County; in fact, they are the lowest.

Cost per student

The Maine DOE website posts the state's calculation of cost per student for each school's educational program. (You can see [here](#) which costs are included, and which are excluded, in the state number. Taxpayers, of course, must cover **all** costs, not just those in these numbers, so the actual cost to taxpayers is higher.) The numbers below come from this data. The latest numbers on the DOE website are from the 2020-2021 school year. <https://www.maine.gov/doe/dashboard>

Average cost/student for all Maine Schools	\$18,020
Average for local public high schools	\$20,233
Bucksport HS	\$17,216
DISHS	\$25,579
Ellsworth HS	\$16,283
MDI HS	\$21,939
Sumner HS	\$20,147
GSA (data from GSA financial disclosures)	\$13,718
+ \$1003/student SPED costs =	\$14,721

Teaching Salaries

Each school uses a different salary scale, with different parameters; not all end at the same step. For easy comparison, the starting salary scale for teachers with bachelor's degrees is listed. This data comes from publicly available school contracts.

2020-21 Salary scales for BA degree	First step
Av. Union 93	\$36,555
Av. Union 76	\$35,493
Ellsworth H.S.	\$37,667
Bucksport H.S.	\$36,000
MDI H.S.	\$42,300
DISHS	\$34,183
Average for all Maine schools (from MEA)	\$34,700
Town Academies	\$40,550
GSA	\$35,261