

What is included in the Total Cost of Public Education in Maine?

What does the 55% State Share include?

Item	Statute	FY 2023-2024 Amount	
1) Total Cost for all Public School Administrative Units as calculated using the Essential Programs & Services Funding Formula	Title 20-A, Chapter 606-B	\$ 2,262,054,827.44	State & Local Share
a) These costs include a State and Local Share with the required local contribution capped for each individual town at the current mill rate calculated per the EPS Funding Formula			
2) Total Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement	Title 5, §17154 (6.G)	\$ 65,953,243.00	State & Local Share
a) These costs include a State and Local Share with the required local contribution capped for each individual town at the current mill rate calculated per the EPS Funding Formula			
3) Adjustments to Local Share and State Share for all SAUs that are considered Minimum Receiver units	Title 20-A, §15689	\$ 24,168,648.63	State Share Only
a) These adjustments will reduce the Required Local Contribution and increase the State share so that all SAUs in the State receive some amount of State funding			
b) Included in the "Purple Sheet" which represents the costs of education that are covered off the top of GPA funds using State dollars and no local contribution.			
4) Charter School Funding	Title 20-A, §15683-B	\$ 30,637,939.00	State Share Only
a) These costs are State Share only - no local contribution option			
5) Other Adjustments to State Share for all SAUs receiving adjustments for Audits, Long-Term Drug Centers, Member of Education Service Center, MaineCare Seed, Special Education or Multilingual Learner Hardships	Title 20-A, §15689	\$ 9,286,591.00	State Share Only
a) These adjustments will either increase or reduce the State share only and does not effect the local required contribution			
b) Included in the "Purple Sheet" which represents the costs of education that are covered off the top of GPA funds using State dollars and no local contribution.			
6) Targeted Education Funds paid directly to support each individual program per Statute.	Title 20-A, §15689-A	\$ 83,416,466.26	State Share Only
a) Included in the "Purple Sheet" which represents the costs of education that are covered off the top of GPA funds using State dollars and no local contribution.			
i) Special Education Costs for State Agency Clients & State Wards	\$	33,398,180.00	
ii) Essential Programs & Services Components Review Contract	\$	250,000.00	
iii) Data Managaement and Support for EPS	\$	11,684,776.26	
iv) Post-Secondary course payments (Aspirations Program)	\$	5,500,000.00	
v) Learning Through Technology Program (LTT)	\$	14,000,000.00	
vi) Jobs for Maine Graduates Program (JMG)	\$	3,881,379.00	
vii) Maine School for Science and Mathematics (MSSM) - Magnet School	\$	3,615,347.00	
viii) Maine Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (MECDHH)	\$	8,712,565.00	
ix) Transportation Administration	\$	666,220.00	
x) Special Education & Coordination for Juvenile Offenders	\$	407,999.00	
xi) Instruments in Rural Schools	\$	50,000.00	
xii) Comprehensive Early College Programs Funding (Bridge Year Program)	\$	1,000,000.00	
xiii) Community Schools	\$	250,000.00	
7) Enhancing Student Performance and Opportunity	Title 20A, §15688-A	\$ 69,754,125.67	State Share Only
a) Included in the "Purple Sheet" which represents the costs of education that are covered off the top of GPA funds using State dollars and no local contribution.			
i) College Transitions Program: Adult College Readiness Programs	\$	450,000.00	
ii) National Industry Standards for Career & Technical Education: funds for equipment upgrades, staff training, new student assessments, etc.	\$	2,000,000.00	
iii) Career & Technical Education Funding - Funds both CTE Centers & Regions per formula	\$	66,704,125.67	
iv) Career & Technical Education - Middle Schools	\$	500,000.00	
v) Career & Technical Education - Early Childhood Program Expansion	\$	100,000.00	
Total Cost of Education to Determine State & Local Share:		\$ 2,545,271,841.00	
State Share @ 55%:		\$ 1,400,174,513.00	55%
Local Required Contribution:		\$ 1,145,097,328.00	
Mill Rate (Required Local Contribution Cap):		\$ 6.97	
State Share Only Portion of Total Cost of Education:		\$ 217,263,770.56	15.52%

Total Cost of Education FY 24 EPS Calculation = \$2,545,271,871

Total Cost of Education (EPS Funding Formula)



FY 24 State Appropriation for Education = \$1,400,174,513

FY 24 Local Required Contribution = \$1,145,097,328

State Share Only - FY 24 Total Cost of Education

\$1,400,174,513

