

# School Funding in Jaffrey

## How Jaffrey's Schools Compare

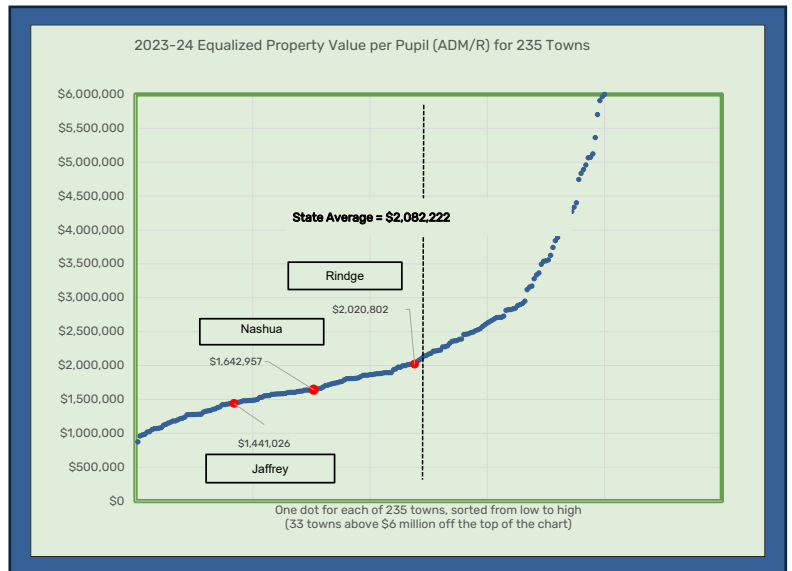
### At a Glance:

- Jaffrey's property-wealth capacity is 69% of the state average.
- Jaffrey- Rindge allocates 32% of its budget to Regular Instruction.
- The average teacher salary in Jaffrey-Rindge is about \$30,000 lower than in Concord.
- Jaffrey Rindge's special education costs are \$9,000 per pupil above the state average of \$29,000.

### Fairness and Capacity

Fair school funding starts with what each town can reasonably raise for each student. Equalized Property Value per Pupil (EQVP) is the measure of that capacity. It shows, per student, the amount of property wealth available for taxation. Towns with higher EQVP can raise the same school dollars with lower tax rates. Towns with lower EQVP must tax more or settle for less.

In 2024, Jaffrey had an EQVP of \$1,441,042<sup>1</sup>. The statewide average was \$2,082,222, so Jaffrey had about 69% of the average capacity. When communities have less capacity, local tax rates rise.



Spending by Type	Percentage	
	Jaffrey-Rindge	NH Average
Regular Instruction	32%	38%
Special Programs	23%	20%
Vocational Programs	2%	1%
Other Instructional Programs	2%	2%
Student Support Services	8%	8%
Instructional Support Staff	2%	4%
Administration	14%	11%
Plant Operations	9%	9%
Pupil Transportation	6%	5%
Food Services	1%	1%
Bond & Note Interest	0%	1%
Other Expenses	0%	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Where the Money Goes

An efficient school budget puts the largest share of dollars where students learn. In 2023-24, New Hampshire's public school districts spent \$3.80 billion. Of that total, 38% supported regular classroom instruction and 20% supported special education. Administration accounted for 11%, building operations for 9%, and the remainder covered transportation, food services, and other functions.

Jaffrey's spending mix directs a higher-than-average share to administration and special programs, while allocating a smaller portion to regular instruction and support for instructional staff. Jaffrey spends less in classrooms than the state average.<sup>2</sup>

### Compensation and Retention

Keeping experienced teachers requires competitive pay. In 2023-24, Jaffrey's average teacher salary was \$61,819<sup>3</sup> was less than the statewide average of \$63,926, and \$30,000 below Concord. In the past 18 years, Jaffrey's average teacher salary rose 18% while the Consumer Price Index rose 42% and Concord's average pay rose 45%.

<sup>1</sup> NH Department of Education, Tax Rates and Equalized Value Per Pupil

<sup>2</sup> NH Department of Education, Revenues, Expenditures of School Districts

<sup>3</sup> NH Department of Education, Teacher Salaries Report

Jaffrey’s starting teacher pay was \$44,350, about 4% more than the state average of \$42,560. Pay that doesn’t keep up with inflation makes it harder to retain mid-career teachers and raises recruitment and onboarding costs.

**Special Education**

Special education funding is part of how schools support every student’s learning. These dollars pay for specialists, paraprofessionals, transportation, and coordination so classrooms can run on schedule, lessons are accessible, and teachers can maintain whole group instruction while individual support is provided as needed.

In 2023–24, Jaffrey spent \$8,121,527<sup>4</sup> on special education. The district served 213 students with IEPs, averaging \$38,129 per student – much more than the state average of \$29,557.

These expenditures are in addition to general education costs and vary by student needs and service intensity from year to year.

Function	Amount
Instruction	\$5,979,438
Instruction Related	\$945,485
Administration	\$535,423
Legal	\$3,620
Transportation	\$657,559
TOTAL	\$8,121,527

**NOTES**

<sup>4</sup> NH Department of Education, DOE-25 Jaffrey Rindge

