NH SCHOOL Funding Fairness Project

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Community Profile: SAU 75

Grantham

SAU 75 serves one town and one school district. The Grantham School District operates one school, Grantham Village School, from preschool through grade 6. Students in grades 7–12 attend Lebanon schools on a tuition basis. This profile shows where Grantham's school resources come from and how they support students.

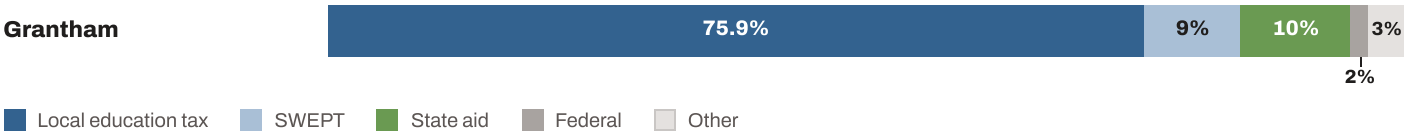
DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

Grantham Village School	**Lebanon Middle and High Schools**
Grades P–6	Grades 7–12 · tuitioned resident students
233 students	**180** resident students
STUDENTS IN SAU 75 SCHOOLS	TOWN POPULATION
233	**3,432**
	2025 town estimate

Table shows data for 2024-2025 school year; all figures in this profile are FY 2025 unless otherwise noted. School counts are October 1, 2024 headcount. Tuition students are resident membership (ADM-R) and are not in the total.

Where does the money come from?

SWEPT is the Statewide Education Property Tax; it is shown separately from the local education tax, but is raised, retained, and spent locally.



Property wealth and local tax effort

Equalized value per pupil (EVPP), per resident pupil, measures the property value available to support each student. Education tax rates use the NHED's equalized rates, allowing comparisons between different communities with different assessment schedules across the state.

EQUALIZED VALUE PER PUPIL

Grantham	**$2.49M**
Statewide	**$2.30M**

EDUCATION TAX RATE PER $1,000

Local education rate	**$8.37**
SWEPT rate	**$0.99**
Total education rate	**$9.36**
Statewide average total	**$8.23**

Students and schools

STUDENTS COUNTED FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH, SPECIAL EDUCATION AND ENGLISH LEARNER AID

FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH		SPECIAL EDUCATION		ENGLISH LEARNERS	
Grantham	4.0%	Grantham	12.0%	Grantham	1.0%
Statewide	25.3%	Statewide	19.7%	Statewide	3.7%

These are funding counts by town of residence, not district enrollment. All three columns share one scale, running to 60%.

TEACHERS AND AVERAGE SALARY

Full-time-equivalent (FTE) teachers include preschool and special education. Salary is the district average, not a starting salary or a salary-schedule measure.

Grantham 20.6 teacher FTE		**$75,164**
Statewide		**$69,532**

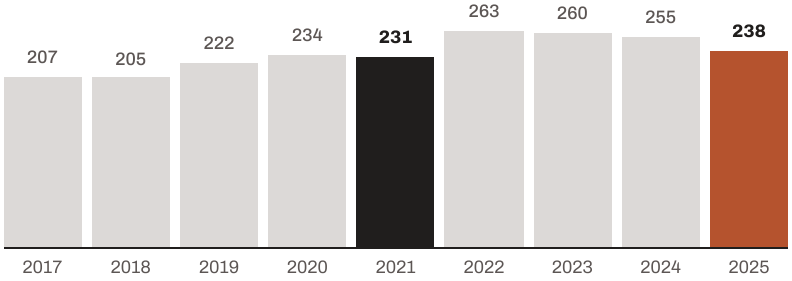
Graduation rates

HIGH SCHOOL	CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION RATE
Lebanon High School · where Grantham students attend	**89.4%**
New Hampshire, all public high schools	**87.5%**

Students who entered grade 9 in fall 2021.

Scale and district structure

Statewide, birth rates (and by extension, student enrollment) have gradually declined over the past 20 years. Grantham Village School has gone the other way, growing 15% since 2017. Changes in enrollment impact how fixed costs are spread across students, which means a change in students doesn't always translate to a matching change in overall district costs.



CHANGE, 2017 TO 2025

District total (P–6)	207 → 238	**+15%**

This chart shows attendance membership (ADM-A), so figures differ from the October headcount in the snapshot. Students tuitioned to Lebanon are not included.

What does it cost to run the schools?

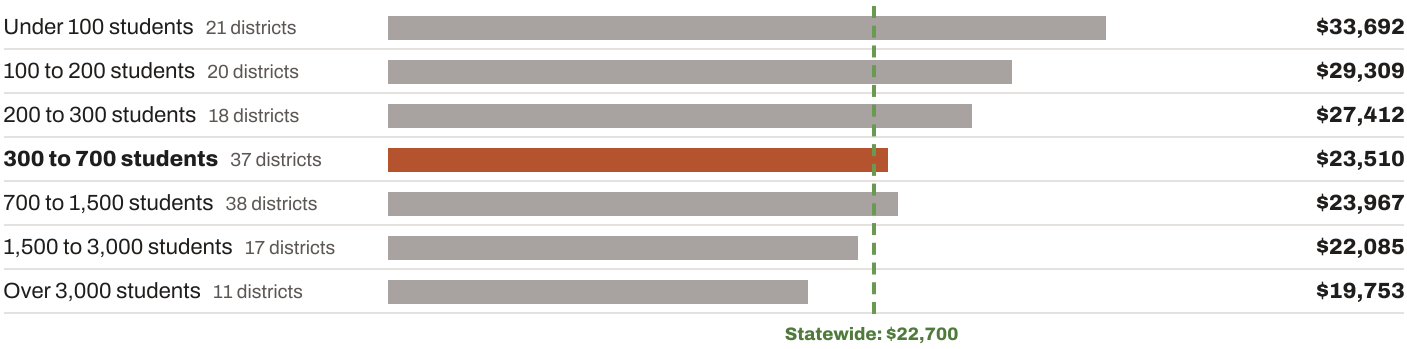
Grantham spent $10,585,235 in recurring expenditures in FY 2025. Cost per pupil (CPP) is the state's official figure: it makes adjustments, including for tuition paid to other schools, and uses attendance membership.

LEVEL	GRANTHAM CPP	STATE CPP
Elementary (P–6)	**$25,959**	**$23,533**
District overall	**$25,959**	**$22,700**

These calculations are directly from NHED; they exclude transportation and tuition. Tuition paid to Lebanon for grades 7–12 is not in Grantham's CPP.

How cost per pupil compares by district size

Cost per pupil is highest in New Hampshire's smallest districts, where fixed costs such as buildings, principals, and bus routes are spread across fewer students.



Median cost per pupil (CPP) of all New Hampshire school districts in each enrollment size group.

Getting involved

Two places shape school funding in your community: the local school budget process and the State House, which sets the state funding formula.

FOLLOW LOCAL SCHOOL DECISIONS

Attend or watch school board meetings to understand local spending decisions. Most meetings include public comment, giving residents a chance to ask questions and be heard.

TALK WITH YOUR STATE LAWMAKERS

State policy decisions have an outsized impact on how schools are funded and how much our communities must rely on property taxes. Your lawmakers are accessible, and hearing directly from local residents matters.

STAY INFORMED

We track school funding legislation, court cases, and policy changes. Join our newsletter for timely updates and opportunities to learn more and get involved.

SOURCES

New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED); United States Census Bureau (Census); American Community Survey (ACS)