NH SCHOOL Funding Fairness Project

Community Profile: SAU 84

Littleton

SAU 84 serves one town and one school district. The Littleton School District operates three schools, from kindergarten through grade 12. This profile shows where Littleton's school resources come from and how they support students.

DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

Mildred C. Lakeway School	Daisy Bronson Junior High School	Littleton High School
Grades K–6	Grades 7–8	Grades 9–12
309 students	**86** students	**168** students

STUDENTS IN SAU 84 SCHOOLS	TOWN POPULATION
563	**6,085**
	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 K–12 headcount.

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

Littleton	**$2.73M**
Statewide	**$2.30M**

EDUCATION TAX RATE PER $1,000

Local education rate	**$6.54**
SWEPT rate	**$1.06**
Total education rate	**$7.60**
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	
Littleton	**56.1%**	**Littleton**	**21.4%**	**Littleton**	**3.0%**
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.

Littleton 69.0 teacher FTE	**$59,318**
Statewide	**$69,532**

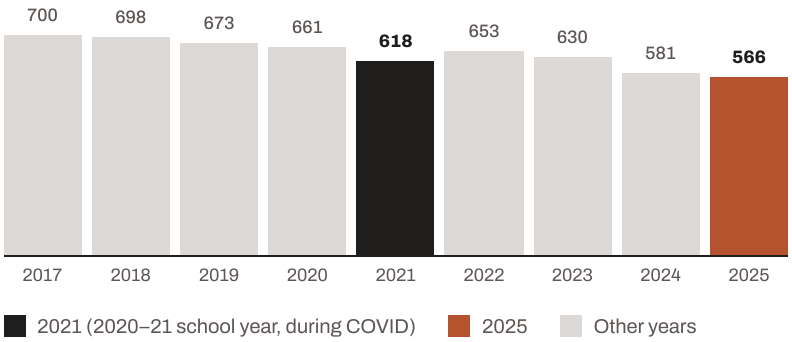
Graduation rates

HIGH SCHOOL	CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION RATE
Littleton High School	**79.1%**
New Hampshire, all public high schools	**87.5%**

Students who entered grade 9 in fall 2021.

Scale and district structure

Enrollment trends in Littleton mirror what is happening statewide: birth rates (and by extension, student enrollment) have gradually declined over the past 20 years. Changes in enrollment impact how fixed costs are spread across remaining students, which means a decrease in students doesn't always translate to a reduction in overall district costs.



CHANGE, 2017 TO 2025

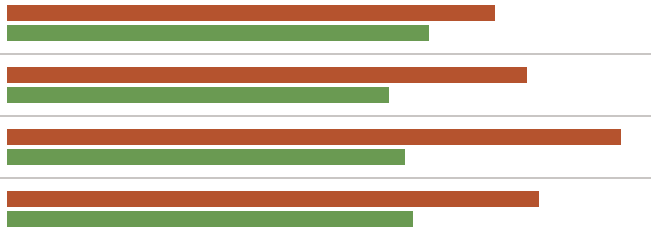
Elementary (K–6)	367 → 314	**–14%**
Middle (7–8)	113 → 83	**–27%**
High (9–12)	219 → 169	**–23%**
District total	**700 → 566**	**–19%**

This chart shows attendance membership (ADM-A), so figures differ from the October headcount in the snapshot.

What does it cost to run the schools?

Littleton spent $18,960,750 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.

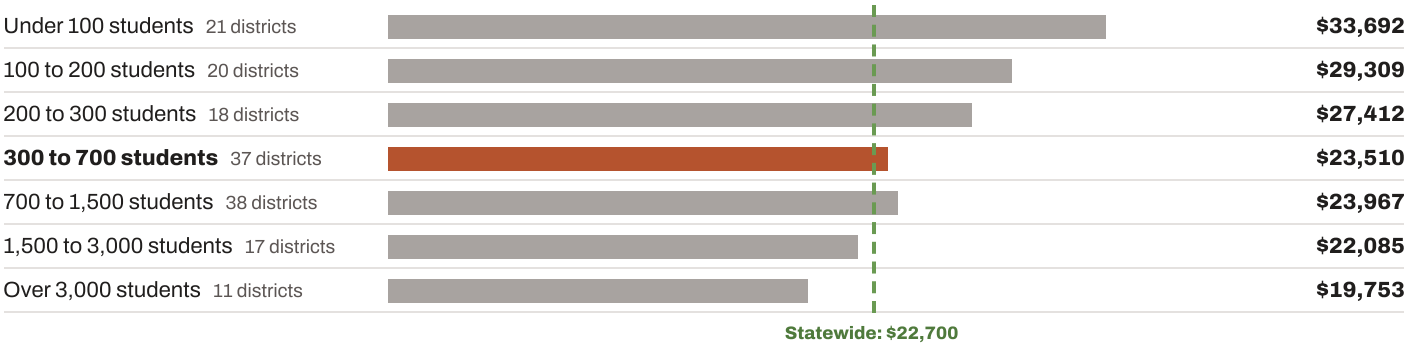
LEVEL	LITTLETON CPP	STATE CPP
Elementary	**$27,230**	**$23,533**
Middle	**$28,986**	**$21,294**
High	**$34,316**	**$22,263**
District overall	**$29,715**	**$22,700**



These calculations are directly from NHED; they exclude transportation and tuition.

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)