

Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula

Better Known as “State Subsidy”

The Maine Department of Education produces a document called the ED 279 – This is the *State Calculation for Funding Public Education Report*.

Each year, ED 279s are released which display the calculation of the cost of education per the Essential Programs & Services model.

The Maine Department of Education School Finance team uses information which the school units submit each year to create the ED 279. This information includes student enrollments, staff certifications, and the actual expenditure and revenue data.

The number one piece of data that we are interested in every year is the value of the adjusted state contribution. This is better known as our “state subsidy.” This number is found in section 5 of the ED 279 report.

The ED 279 essentially is calculating the total amount needed for education in Cape Elizabeth. They calculate the expected local contribution to be raised with the expected mill rate, and then the difference between the two numbers is the adjusted state contribution.

For this upcoming fiscal year, we are receiving **\$36,321** more in state subsidy compared to last year. You can see from the graph provided that this increase is hopefully the beginning on an upward trend compared to fiscal year 2015-2016 in which the decrease in subsidy began.