

PAUSD Spending Compared to Other Top Nationwide School Districts

PAUSD spends significantly less money per student than many other leading public school districts in the United States. The differences are even more pronounced after adjusting for the high cost of living in the Silicon Valley. Adjusted for cost of living differences, PAUSD:

- Spends 50 percent fewer dollars per student than the districts listed below
- Employs 15 percent fewer teachers per student
- Pays its teachers 27 percent less

Student Funding, Teacher Ratio and Compensation Comparisons (2004-2005 Figures)
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School District	Spending per Student (unadjusted)	Cost of Living Multiplier	Spending per Student (adjusted for COL)	Student/Teacher Ratio	Average Teacher Salary (unadjusted)	Average Teacher Salary (adjusted for COL)
Palo Alto- 10,428 students : K-12	\$10,768	1.00	\$10,768	13	\$ 73,789	\$ 73,789
Average of Districts Below	\$13,815		\$ 21,773	11		\$ 101,320
New Trier, IL 4,025 students : 9-12	\$ 15,800	1.43	\$ 22,594	11	\$ 74,651	\$ 106,751
Shawnee Mission, KS 27,899 students : K-12	\$ 6,863	2.31	\$ 15,854	13	\$ 49,240	\$ 113,744
Weston, MA 2,319 students : PK-12	\$ 10,592	1.22	\$ 12,922	10	\$ 57,935	\$ 70,681
Edina, MN 7,355 students : PK-12	\$ 8,158	2.18	\$ 17,784	15	\$ 54,000	\$ 117,720
Princeton, NJ 3,275 students : PK-12	\$ 19,031	1.57	\$ 29,879	9	\$ 56,761	\$ 89,115
Chappaqua, NY 4,171 students : K-12	\$ 19,811	1.51	\$ 29,915	10	\$ 79,675*	\$120,308
Scarsdale, NY 4,593 students : K-12	\$ 21,599	1.24	\$ 26,783	11	\$ 77,737	\$ 96,394
Chapel Hill, NC 10,986 students : PK-12	\$ 8,664	2.13	\$ 18,454	< 10	\$ 45,000	\$ 95,850

Note: Figures above are based on each school district's 2004-05 projected expenditures collected in a telephone survey conducted in February and March 2005. Different school districts may calculate their expenditures differently, and so these numbers may not be directly comparable. Teacher salaries listed above do not include benefits. Cost of living figures derived from www.homefair.com/homefair/calc/salcalc.html.

* Mid-range (value halfway between highest and lowest paid teachers).