



YOUTH & SCHOOLS FAST FACTS

Biddeford Schools

Biddeford has five public schools:

- John F. Kennedy School (Kindergarten and Pre-K)
- Biddeford Primary School (Grades 1-3)
- Biddeford Intermediate School (Grades 4-5)
- Biddeford Middle School (Grades 6-8)
- Biddeford High School (Grades 9-12)



Students from local high schools may take career and technical education courses at the Biddeford Center of Technology.

Biddeford is also the home of the Alternative Pathways Center, which gives alternative learners an opportunity to obtain a Biddeford High School diploma through coursework that is individualized, project-based and combined with pre-vocational training, work experience and social and emotional learning.

Biddeford Schools by the Numbers



2,464

Total Student Enrollment

\$11,975

Per pupil spending

State average spending is \$13,727



16%

of Biddeford residents are under 18



46%

of Biddeford students qualify for free and reduced lunch



182

Students who speak English as a second language

Programming for Youth

Many nonprofit organizations in Biddeford offer programming that serves youth and teens in our community, including:

Biddeford Rec

• Summer camps, after school care, holiday events, youth sports, Teen Center, etc.

Engine

• Art education and activities to expand creative thinking

McArthur Library

• Reading and educational programs for youth of all ages

Apex Youth Connection

• Connects youth to their community through adventures & hands-on activities

YMCA

• Programs & services to promote a healthy spirit, mind & body

Biddeford Student Survey

About 400 Biddeford middle school and high school students were surveyed in April 2021.
Of these students:



50%

agreed that they have access to resources to address life stress and mental health concerns

50%

agreed that they have sufficient life skills to be able to live independently in Biddeford.



38%

agreed that they have been adequately prepared to enter the adult world.



68%

agreed that there are enough outdoor activities offered for teens in Biddeford



60%

agreed that there are enough indoor activities offered for teens in Biddeford



56%

agreed that there are enough places for teens to hang out outside of school in Biddeford

Youth Wellness

Among high school students in Maine in 2019, according to the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey:



Substance Use

23% drank alcohol at least once in the past 30 days



7% smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days



22% used marijuana in past 30 days



29% use e-cigarettes

Mental Health

23% were bullied at school in past year



32% have felt sad or hopeless for at least 2 weeks in the past year

16% have seriously considered suicide in the past year

1 in 5 have experienced 4 or more adverse childhood experiences