

Education

Newburyport

- **Total Students:** 2,302 **Student/Teacher Ratio:** 14.5 **Students with IEPs (special education):** 400
- Newburyport, MA, schools spend \$7,229 per student. Average school expenditure in the US: \$6,058
- 274 students per librarian, and 564 children per counselor in Newburyport, MA schools.
- **Graduation Rate:** 2006=84%, 2007 = 90%, 2008 = 90%
- **Liimited English Proficiency:** 2004 = 5, 2005 = 8, 2006 = 8, 2007 = 10, 2008 = 11
- **Children recieving Free School Lunch:** 2006 = 119, 2007 = 139, 1008 = 134
- **Children receiving Reduced School Lunch:** 2006 = 38, 2007 = 27, 2008 = 25
- **Low Income School age children:** 2002-3 = 120 (5%), 2003-4 = 119 (5%), 2004-5 = 127 (5%), 2005-6 = 177 (8%), 2006-7 = 157 (7%), 2007-8 =166 (7%), 2008-9 = 159 (7%),
- **2009-10 students in poverty:** 189 (8.3%)
- **Education for population 25 years and over in Newburyport**
 High school or higher: 90.3% Bachelor's degree or higher: 42.3% Graduate or professional degree: 17.1%
 Poverty rate among high school graduates not in families: 10.4% Poverty rate among people who did not graduate from high school not in families: 18.6%



- According to the UN Poverty Index, the US has 20% of its population without functional literacy skills.
- Education at a Glance, OECD states “Richer nations, especially in Europe, face a growing lack of ambition among their children, fed partly by social inequality that schools have failed to redress”. The report continues: “More than a quarter of 15-year-olds in the United States...performed at or below the lowest levels on math--and students from poor families were 3.5 times more likely to do badly. ...Adults who do not finish high school in the United States earn 65 percent of what people make if they do finish high school. No other country had such a severe income gap..”
- Michael Gorman, President, American Library Association, article Washington Post, 12/25/2005: “Only 31 percent of college graduates can read a complex book and extrapolate from it. That’s not saying much for the remainder”.
- The U.S. government spends more per student from elementary school through college--*U.S.\$12,023*--than all other OECD countries except Switzerland.
- The OECD found that 15-year-olds in this country are below average compared with their peers in Europe and Asia when it comes to applying math skills to real-life situations.
- OECD's report on US education: growing number are not learning basic skills while in school.
- "Disparities in Early Learning and Development: Lessons from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study - Birth Cohort," looked at disparities by family income. Found infants and toddlers from low-income families scored lower on a cognitive assessment than infants and toddlers from higher-income families, were less likely to be in excellent or very good health, and were less likely to receive positive behavior ratings.

