

Project Graduation

Ashland Community School, Ashland

We do have a Project grad sponsored by a parent committee. We do not have a stipend to support them through the school although we allow them to use the building and events for fundraising and meetings.

Cony Middle/High School, Augusta

Cony has a Project Graduation but it is totally run by a parent group that is an independent 503c organization. They typically have it at Cony so we provide the space for free. We also provide a custodian and sound and light person for the evening that we pay for. They raise about \$20-30,000 each year for the event. We help with information for the seniors and families as well.

Morse High School, Bath

We (Morse High School in Bath Maine) have a Project Graduation that is fully run by parents. We only give them space to talk to students (for example if we are having a senior meeting we invite them to share info) and help hand out paperwork but we have no role in Project Grad. Fully organized by senior parents. There are no stipends associated with project grad.

Telstar High School, Bethel

Telstar High School does have a Project Graduation. It is a parent run committee with their own bank account. They work in conjunction with the school and principal in their planning of events.

Boothbay Region High School, Boothbay Harbor

Boothbay Region High School has a Parent Committee - completely separate from the school - Project Graduation. The event is not sponsored by the school and the fundraising is organized by the Senior Class parents 100%.

Brewer High School, Brewer

At Brewer High School, Project Graduation is not a school-sponsored activity and is run and funded by a parent group. The school does 'support' the group with making information available to our students.

Cape Elizabeth High School, Cape Elizabeth

CEHS does do project graduation. It is run by a parent committee and vetted through administration. Funds are raised by the parent committee. Administration and SRO attend the project graduation event.

Central High School, Corinth

We do have a parent group that does this every year, but we do not sponsor it in any way through the school at Central High School

Greely High School, Cumberland

Greely High School has had a Project Graduation for many years. Parents organize and facilitate fundraising and the event. School Administration reviews contracts and holds funds in our school activity account. School Administration acts as a liaison for safety and logistics (no specific staff member involved or stipend).

Dirigo High School, Dixfield

Dirigo High School does project grad. It is paid for by the senior class. We do not have a project grad coordinator; however, the class advisor helps organize project grad.

Fort Fairfield Middle/High School, Fort Fairfield

Fort Fairfield Middle/High School seniors have a project graduation event, but it is solely run by parents of seniors and not affiliated with the school at all.

Freeport High School, Freeport

We have Project Grad but it is completely run by the parents. Students do fundraise for it throughout the school year but the parents organize and plan everything. This is the first year that parents wanted to use our district buses (our Superintendent said no as we do not rent our buses out to any other agencies, though I know some districts do that) and there were questions about insurance as it's a non-school sponsored event. That was a tricky part and in talking to other principals, it's different how it's handled (insurance for Project Grad) district to district.

Hampden Academy, Hampden

At Hampden Academy we have project graduation. No staff members were involved unless they volunteered to chaperone. It was run solely by parents, therefore no stipend was paid. Our main office admin assistant communicated with them to partner on students behalf for t shirt handout, collection of dues, etc but it was owned 100% by parents. We did support the event with bus transportation to and from their destinations.

Hermon High School, Hermon

Hermon High School does have Project Graduation. It is sponsored by a senior parent committee - usually the group comes from moms involved in middle school PTA.

We do not offer a stipend Project Grad coordinator as no faculty / staff are involved. We do allow the group to use the school / faculty at no charge.

Hodgdon Middle/High School, Hodgdon

MSAD #70 does have project grad but it is not run by the school only by parents. In fact no school employee attends unless specifically invited by the students.

Lisbon High School, Lisbon

Lisbon does have project graduation. The students use their class funds to pay for it. The class advisor receives a stipend for the 4 years they are with the class (the stipends gets progressively larger each year). Project graduation is coordinated by the class advisor but carried out by chaperones (senior parents) and the class advisor typically goes. The school provides transportation. Although there is a school connection (transportation/follow school rules/etc...), we state it is not a school event.

Madawaska Middle/High School, Madawaska

Completely parent driven, no stipend

Old Town High School, Old Town

At Old Town High School, we do Project Graduation - but it is a committee made up of senior parents. They work in conjunction with the school, but it is not sponsored by the school and there is no stipend.

Casco Bay High School, Portland

At CBHS, Proj Grad is run by senior parents. There is no faculty stipend.

Deering High School, Portland

At Deering High School, we do pay a staff member a stipend to organize Project Grad, but the event itself is funded by parent fundraising. We still do Project Graduation, but there is some talk of maybe moving the event to an after-prom event, since anecdotally we are hearing about more risk-taking behavior there.

Portland High School, Portland

PHS DOES have Project Grad. There is a staff stipend to help coordinate PG however it is 99% parent run. The district pays for transportation to the event. PHS helps some with fundraising, but I see this as something that parents will need to do more of - depending on what they want to have for a PG event.

Oceanside High School, Rockland

We do have a project grad and it is organized by a staff member who gets a stipend and they have parent support to pull it off.

South Portland High School, South Portland

Yes, we have project graduation. It is entirely planned, run, and paid for by parents through community donations. The only involvement the school has Administration searches bags before graduates get onto the buses.

Bonny Eagle High School, Standish

It is fully funded by the senior parent committee and there is no stipend. It is fully volunteer basis and our goal is to raise approximately 30,000 to pull off the event.

Sumner Learning Campus, Sullivan

At Sumner our students participate in Project Graduation. It is sponsored by our district/school. Our senior class advisor(s) (who does get a stipend for being advisor) are in charge of planning it each school year. Each individual class raises money to help support the cost of Project Grad.

Mt. Ararat High School, Topsham

We do have Project Grad in MSAD 75 (Mt. Ararat High School). It is sponsored by a parent committee, though our senior class advisor also has a hand in planning. We also send staff members every year as chaperones, in addition to all of the parent volunteers. There is a stipend for the senior class advisor already, so this is just one of the events that they get paid for throughout the year.

Leavitt Area High School, Turner

We do have Project Graduation at Leavitt. It is not a school sponsored event. There is a parent committee that manages the event.

Medomak Valley High School, Waldoboro

RSU 40 Medomak Valley High School, Project Grad is run by parents, thus, there is no stipend. All permission forms state clearly, "This is NOT a school sponsored activity." We allow them to use our buses. We give them time as part of class meetings to discuss the event. Staff are sometimes invited by students to attend - but we are not in charge.

Oak Hill High School, Wales

Oak Hill High School participates in a project graduation. It is sponsored and run by a parent group. We offer to collect money raised and keep record of participants but that is the extent of the school's official involvement.

Waterville High School, Waterville

At Waterville we have a Project Grad but it is sponsored by a senior parent committee.

Winslow High School, Winslow

Winslow High School does have Project Grad and it is organized by parent volunteers. The school does not sponsor it (although the principal does tend to meet with parents each year to discuss what has typically been done).

Yarmouth High School, Yarmouth

Ours was planned and run by parents, but as principal I tried to attend their planning meetings to help them out. No other staff members participated in any other way. We tried very hard to keep it separate from the school since the graduates are no longer under the school's supervision. I usually attended the event for the first 2-3 hours to thank the volunteers and to congratulate the graduates. We did NOT have any staff be chaperones unless their own sons and daughters were in the class and they participated as parents.