

The DCD Educational Building Square Foot Cost Analysis

The Building Cost Per Square Foot Analysis is compiled from actual new construction projects published by Design Cost Data™ magazine. This guide will provide

DCD readers a quick comparison of building construction costs on similar size projects.

The cost per square foot reflects common design features throughout the U.S. and *does not include* architectural and engineering fees. All projects were escalated to April 2012 and then to select cities that

are present on each case study data page featured in DCD.

The actual projects used for this comparison are housed in the DCD Archives™ at DCD.COM. The DCD Archives include over 1,400 projects of all types with regional modifiers and cost escalators through 2017 for cost modeling. For more project information login at www.dcdarchives.com.

Square Foot Cost Analysis for Educational Buildings - April 2012

	Historical Base	Atlanta	Pittsburgh	New York City	Dallas	Kansas City	Chicago	Los Angeles	Las Vegas	Seattle
Elementary School										
Unit Masonry/Metal Roof										
1 Floor										
51,000 to 75,000	168.26	154.80	195.18	249.02	149.75	198.54	210.32	200.22	183.40	200.22
76,000 to 100,000	155.31	142.89	180.16	229.86	138.23	183.27	194.14	184.82	169.29	184.82
2 Floor										
Unit Masonry/Metal Roof										
51,000 to 75,000	179.43	165.08	208.14	265.56	159.69	211.73	224.79	213.52	195.58	213.52
76,000 to 100,000	168.40	154.93	195.35	249.23	149.88	198.71	210.50	200.40	183.56	200.40
Middle School										
Unit Masonry/Metal Roof										
1 Floor										
51,000 to 75,000	206.81	184.06	239.90	306.07	184.06	244.03	258.51	246.10	225.42	246.10
101,000 to 150,000	193.75	178.25	224.75	286.75	172.44	228.62	242.19	230.56	211.19	230.56
2 Floor										
101,000 to 150,000	175.27	161.25	203.32	259.41	155.99	206.82	219.09	208.58	191.05	208.58
High School										
Unit Masonry/Metal Roof										
76,000 to 100,000	170.29	156.67	197.54	252.04	151.56	200.95	212.87	202.65	185.62	202.65
176,000 to 200,000	215.26	198.04	249.70	318.58	191.58	254.00	269.07	256.15	234.63	256.15
276,000 to 300,000	213.07	196.03	247.17	315.35	189.64	251.43	266.34	253.56	232.25	253.56

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