

Chronology of Microsoft License Purchases

Microsoft 365 A5 is a comprehensive subscription plan designed specifically for educational institutions. It includes advanced features in productivity, security, compliance, and analytics, making it ideal for schools looking to enhance their digital infrastructure.

Benefits for Schools:

- **Enhanced Security:** Protects student and staff data with advanced security features.
- **Improved Collaboration:** Facilitates communication and collaboration among students and staff.
- **Data-Driven Decisions:** Provides insights to help educators make informed decisions.
- **Cost-Effective:** Offers a comprehensive solution that can reduce the need for multiple separate tools.

This plan is ideal for schools that need robust security, compliance, analytics capabilities, and the standard productivity tools.

Year	BOE Approval	Amount Spent
2021 – 2022		
2022 - 2023	\$1,425,446.64	\$1,425,446.64
2023 - 2024	\$1,547,903.72	\$1,547,903.72
2024 - 2025	\$1,499,360.44	

The past three-year average spend with each vendor is as follows:

Vendor	Spend Amount
Dell EMC2023	\$1,425,446.64
Dell EMC 2024	\$1,547,903.72
Dell EMC 2025	\$1,499,360.44

Purchasing Microsoft 365 Education A5 licenses can be highly beneficial for a large school district for several reasons:

1. **Enhanced Security and Compliance:** A5 licenses include advanced security features that help protect against cyber threats, ensuring the safety of student and staff data. [This includes tools for threat protection, identity management, and information protection¹.](#)

2. **Cost Savings:** By consolidating multiple security and productivity tools into a single platform, school districts can reduce overall licensing costs. [For example, moving to A5 can cut security license costs by up to 25%¹.](#)
3. **Improved Learning and Teaching Tools:** A5 licenses provide access to a wide range of educational tools, such as Learning Accelerators, Education Insights, and Unified Communications. [These tools enhance the teaching and learning experience, making it easier for educators to manage classrooms and for students to engage with their studies¹.](#)
4. **Comprehensive Management Solutions:** The A5 plan includes Intune for Education, which simplifies device management and ensures that all devices are secure and up-to-date. [This is particularly useful for large districts with many devices to manage².](#)
5. **Advanced Analytics and Reporting:** With A5, schools gain access to advanced analytics and reporting tools that help track student progress and identify areas for improvement. [This data-driven approach can lead to better educational outcomes².](#)

Overall, the A5 licenses offer a robust, cost-effective solution that addresses the diverse needs of a large school district, from security and compliance to teaching and learning enhancements.