

Mount Desert Island's School Governance Model

- One governing board overseeing regional school operations in four MDI towns and three off-shore islands
- One high school for all seven towns with additional students tuitioned from outside the region
- One budget for regional operations assessed by cost-sharing formula based on a ratio of enrollment and municipal valuation
- One K-12 common teachers' contract
- One standard schedule
- One standard template for K-12 policy
- One central office
- One superintendent
- One business manager
- One K-12 curriculum with one director of curriculum
- One director of K-12 special education
- One combined regional budget assembled from *regionally-approved* central office and high school budgets and *locally-approved* K-8 budgets
- One common policy toward authority of local oversight of K-8 schools