



Student Pending

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Although college expenses are the main reason for our empty wallets, high school does not come for free. There are countless activities throughout our high school career that make us open and empty our wallets. Before we know it, we're doubling up on shifts, and begging our parents for more money, just so we can attend school events. Below is a breakdown of the average costs a high school student will endure, and tips on how to possibly defray the costs.

Prom: It all depends on your budget. Cost can vary greatly. It could cost anywhere from \$175 to \$2100.

PROM TICKETS: \$20 to \$250 depending on the location.

PRE-PROM DINNER Dinner could run anywhere from \$25 to \$130 per person. It depends on where you decide to dine.

PROM GOWN/ TUX & ACCESSORIES : The cost of your gown is completely up to you, and your budget.. Most prom dresses cost between \$100 and \$400. For guys, the average cost to rent a tux is about \$100 to \$150. The boy's boutonniere usually costs from \$10 to \$20. It depends on the type of flowers. A girl's corsage is usually about the same.

LIMOUSINE RENTAL: Renting a limo is an extravagant option, but it is very common. They could cost anywhere from \$200 to \$500. The best approach is to get a group and split the cost.

Graduation: The end is near, but the cost is dear.

CAP & GOWN: the average cap and gown per students costs anywhere from \$18 to \$24, these can be included in your class dues.

OUTFIT: For girls, this may be a bit more expensive, but a graduation outfit for underneath your cap and gown can range anywhere from \$20 to \$100, depending on your price range.

CHORDS: For those who are in honor societies or are receiving extra chords, those usually cost about \$6. This cost may be included in your club or honor society fees.

Sports games: come support your team, but at a price.

TICKETS: High school sports game tickets usually range from about \$5 to \$10. This all depends on the type of game. (i.e. districts, states, etc.)

CONCESSION FOOD & DRINKS: Treats from the concession stand at sporting events can range in cost, from \$2 to almost \$10

School Supplies & Dues: the payments start even before the bell rings

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: families can spend anywhere from \$200 to almost \$400 on school supplies each year.

DUES: Junior dues are \$30, and senior dues are \$70. Any extra dues for honor societies or clubs are usually around \$20.

GYM UNIFORMS: Gym uniforms at Oakton are \$15.