

Table 2 –Expenditure in Education per Student and in % of GDP

Academic Year	1999/2000				2008/2009			
	Italy	OECD Average	G7	Countries comparable to Italy	Italy	OECD Average	G7	Countries comparable to Italy
<i>Yearly Total Expenditure on Education per Student, in US\$, PPP</i>								
Pre-primary school	5.771	4.137	5.060	3.812	7.948	6.670	6.998	6.607
Primary school	5.973	4.381	5.173	4.316	8.669	7.719	8.264	7.449
Secondary school	7.218	5.957	6.212	5.707	9.112	9.312	9.279	9.046
<i>Yearly Public Expenditure on Education</i>								
In % of GDP	4,5%	5,2%	4,7%	5,2%	4,7%	5,8%	5,1%	5,8%
In % of public spending	9,8%	12,6%	11,3%	11,9%	9,0%	13,0%	10,8%	12,3%

Source: OECD, *Education at a Glance* 2003 and 2012.

Note: PPP means Purchase Power Parity, i.e. data are converted in order to take into account the difference in living costs across countries. "Countries comparable to Italy" are the 26 OECD members presenting a 2009's GDP per capita figure within the range of Italy's 2009 GDP per capita plus and minus one standard deviation (calculated with respect to all OECD countries). Data for GDP per head, PPP converted, are from the OECD Database. Unfortunately we do not have access to government expenditure per student in order to make the top and bottom panels of this table consistent. But in Italy private expenditure in primary and secondary education is only 2.2% in year 2000 and 3.4% in year 2010 of total expenditure for the same instruction levels and the number of students enrolled in public schools is approximately 90% of the total (see Table 3). Therefore, government expenditure per student cannot be too different than total expenditure per student.