Arkansas Fast Facts

34%
Locals think K–12 education in Arkansas is headed in the right direction.

Arkansas Parents’ Schooling Preferences if Cost and Transportation Were Not Factors

Public District School: 56.0%
Charter School: 1.0%
Private School: 18.0%
Home School: 19.0%

Don’t Know/Didn’t Answer: 6.0%

EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker

Where K–12 Arkansas Students Attend School Now

Public District School: 86.1%
Charter School: 5.8%
Private School Out of Pocket: 4.5%
Private through a School Choice Program: 0.0%
Home School: 3.6%

People Arkansas Parents Trust Most to Make Good Decisions About Education

1. Teachers
2. School Parents
3. School Principals

Arkansas Private School Fast Facts

4,458 estimated open seats in private schools
84% of private schools serve students with special needs
65% provide some form of financial assistance to students

Arkansas K–12 Education Spending
$5.5 Billion Total Arkansas Public Education Revenue

Arkansas Education Spending Out of Total

Values

Public District Schools
Charter Schools
Private School Choice (all programs combined)

Arkansas Public School Hiring and Salary Trends Since 1992

Average Annual Per Pupil Spending/ Fees/Costs

Avg. Arkansas Total Spending Per Pupil (Public)
Avg. Arkansas Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter)
Avg. National Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil
Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Succeed Scholarship Program)

Arkansas Education Spending/Costs By Sector

$11,589
Avg. Arkansas Total Spending Per Pupil (Public)

$9,274
Avg. Arkansas Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter)

$11,004
Avg. National Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil

$6,325
Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Succeed Scholarship Program)

State: 56.0%
Local: 35.0%
Federal: 9.0%

School Spending/Costs By Sector

Avg. Teacher Salaries

Students
All Staff
Teachers
All Other Staff

INTER-DISTRICT
Arkansas mandates inter-district transportation funding only for open enrollment students who are assigned to a “failing” district school.

PRIVATE SCHOOL
Arkansas does not allow for publicly funded transportation to private schools with the exception of students with special needs. Districts can transport students to private schools at their own discretion.

INTER-DISTRICT
Schools

PRIVATE SCHOOL
Charter Schools

The state does not permit publicly funded transportation of charter school students unless there is a “failing” district school.