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 Weren’t 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%

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%

Arkansas K–12 Education Spending

$5.5 Billion

Total Arkansas Public Education Revenue

Arkansas Public Education Funding Sources

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

Arkansas Education Spending Out of Total Values

Arkansas Private School Fast Facts

- Estimated open seats in private schools: 4,458
- 84% of parents want schools to serve students with special needs
- 65% provide some form of financial assistance to students

Arkansas Public School Hiring and Salary Trends Since 1992

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

CHARTER SCHOOL
The state does not permit publicly funded transportation of charter school students unless they are zoned to a “failing” district school.

PRIVATE SCHOOL
Arkansas does not allow 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.