Arkansas Fast Facts

Arkansas Parents’ Beliefs

- 33% of locals think K–12 education in Arkansas is headed in the right direction.
- EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker

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

- $5.8 Billion Total Arkansas Public Education Expenditures
- National Center on Education Statistics

Arkansas Education Spending Out of Total

- U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Common Core of Data (CCD)
  - Data last updated 9/2021.

Arkansas Public School Hiring and Salary Trends Since 1992

- EdChoice Private School Choice Fiscal Calculations

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

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