Pennsylvania Fast Facts

33%
Pennsylvanians think K–12 education in Pennsylvania is headed in the right direction

Pennsylvania Parents' Schooling Preferences

Public District School: 42.0%
Charter School: 8.0%
Private School: 37.0%
Home School: 8.0%
Don’t Know/Refused/Skipped: 5.0%

EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker

Where K–12 Pennsylvania Students Attend School Now

Public District School: 78.0%
Charter School: 7.0%
Private School Out of Pocket: 10.0%
Private through a School Choice Program: 3.0%
Home School: 2.0%

Pennsylvania K–12 Education Spending

$34 Billion
Total Pennsylvania Public Education Revenue

Pennsylvania Public Education Funding Sources

State: 38.0%
Local: 55.0%
Federal: 7.0%

School Spending/Costs By Sector

Avg. Pennsylvania Total Spending Per Pupil (Public): $19,653
Avg. Pennsylvania Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter): $15,337
Avg. Pennsylvania Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil: $11,819
Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program): $1,981
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Pennsylvania Education Spending Out of Total

Pennsylvania Public School Hiring and Salary Trends

Since 1992

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Pennsylvania Student Transportation

$1,485
Avg. District Busing Expenditure Per Pupil

INTER-DISTRICT
Pennsylvania does not provide support nor requires districts to pay for the transportation of inter-district transfer students.

CHARTER SCHOOL
Students must be provided free transportation to the charter school by their school district of residence, with some exceptions such as distance; otherwise, Pennsylvania allocates transportation funds to charter schools.

PRIVATE SCHOOL
Local school boards that provide transportation for public school students must provide identical transportation services for nonpublic school students enrolled in nonprofit schools within the district boundaries or outside the district boundaries at a distance not exceeding 10 miles by the nearest public highway.