Pennsylvania Fast Facts

Pennsylvanians Think K–12 Education in Pennsylvania Is Headed...

- **on the wrong track**: 55.0%
- **in the right direction**: 45.0%

2020 Pennsylvania K–12 School Choice Survey

Pennsylvania Parents’ Schooling Preferences

- **Public District School**: 43.0%
- **Charter School**: 9.0%
- **Private School**: 26.0%
- **Home School**: 13.0%
- **Don’t Know/Didn’t Answer**: 9.0%

Where K–12 Pennsylvania Students Attend School Now

- **Public District School**: 78.4%
- **Charter School**: 6.8%
- **Private School Out of Pocket**: 9.6%
- **Private through a School Choice Program**: 2.6%
- **Home School**: 2.6%

Pennsylvania K–12 Education Spending

- **Total Pennsylvania Public Education Revenue**: $32 Billion
- **Total Pennsylvania Public Education Spending**: $20,083 Avg. Pennsylvania Total Spending Per Pupil (Public)
- **Avg. Pennsylvania Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter)**: $14,239
- **Avg. National Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil**: $11,004

Pennsylvania Public Education Funding Sources

- **State**: 38.0%
- **Local**: 55.0%
- **Federal**: 6.0%
- **Other**: 1.0%

School Spending/Costs By Sector

- **Per Student Spending**: $2,499 Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program)
- **Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program)**: $1,990

Pennsylvania Education Spending Out of Total

Charters

- Enrollment: 10%
- Revenue: 11%
- Percentage of students

Private School

- Enrollment: 20%
- Revenue: 30%
- Percentage of students

Public School

- Enrollment: 50%
- Revenue: 40%
- Percentage of students

Other

- Enrollment: 6%
- Revenue: 8%
- Percentage of students

INTERSCHOOL

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 eligible public school students and nonpublic school students within the district boundaries or outside the district boundaries at a distance not exceeding 10 miles by the nearest public highway.