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

$32 Billion

Total Pennsylvania Public Education Revenue

- U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Common Core of Data (CCD)
- Data last updated 3/2020.

Pennsylvania Public Education Funding Sources

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

School Spending/Costs By Sector

- Avg. Pennsylvania Total Spending Per Pupil (Public): $20,083
- Avg. Pennsylvania Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter): $14,239
- Avg. National Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil: $11,004
- Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program): $2,499
- Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program): $1,990

Pennsylvania Education Spending Out of Total

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Pennsylvania Public School Hiring and Salary Trends

Since 1992

- National Center on Education Statistics
- EdChoice Private School Choice Fiscal Calculations

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 eligible nonpublic school students within the district boundaries; or pay to the nearest public highway for transportation of nonpublic school students outside the district boundaries, or outside the district if the student does not reside within the district boundaries.

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