Rhode Island Fast Facts

29%
Rhode Island residents think K–12 education in Rhode Island is headed in the right direction.

Rhode Island Parents’ Schooling Preferences

Public District School: 31.0%
Charter School: 21.0%
Private School: 29.0%
Home School: 14.0%
Don’t Know/Didn’t Answer: 5.0%

Where K–12 Rhode Island Students Attend School Now

Public District School: 82.0%
Charter School: 5.4%
Private School Out of Pocket: 9.8%
Private through a School Choice Program: 0.3%
Home School: 2.5%

Rhode Island K–12 Education Spending

$2.5 Billion
Total Rhode Island Public Education Revenue

Rhode Island Public Education Funding Sources

State: 41.0%
Local: 52.0%
Federal: 7.0%

School Spending/Costs By Sector

Avg. Rhode Island Total Spending Per Pupil (Public): $18,768
Avg. Rhode Island Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter): $18,683
Avg. National Private K-12 Tuition Per Pupil: $11,004
Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Tax Credits for Contributions to Scholarship Organizations): $2,514

Rhode Island Education Spending Out of Total

Private School Choice (all programs combined): 0%
Charter Schools: 10%
Public District Schools: 90%

Rhode Island Public School Hiring and Salary Trends

Percentage Change
Per Student Spending
Avg. Teacher Salaries
Avg. Total Staff Salaries

INTER-DISTRICT
The state provides for transportation of students who attend a school located outside the city or town where they reside, but only within defined transportation regions.

CHARTER SCHOOL
Rhode Island does not provide support nor requires districts to pay for the transportation of charter school students.

PRIVATE SCHOOL
Districts must provide transportation for private school students within the district and within the region if no other similar school operates within the district.