South Dakota Fast Facts

41% of South Dakota residents think K–12 education in South Dakota is headed in the right direction. (EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker)

South Dakota Parents' Schooling Preferences
- Public District School: 44.0%
- Charter School: 6.0%
- Private School: 37.0%
- Home School: 9.0%
- Don't Know/Refused/Skipped: 4.0%

Where K–12 South Dakota Students Attend School Now
- Public District School: 89.0%
- Charter School: 0.0%
- Private School Out of Pocket: 7.0%
- Private through a School Choice Program: 1.0%
- Home School: 3.0%

South Dakota K–12 Education Spending
- Total South Dakota Public Education Revenue: $1.7 Billion (National Center on Education Statistics)
- Average South Dakota Total Spending Per Pupil (Public): $12,488
- Average South Dakota Private K-12 Tuition Per Pupil: $3,739
- Average Cost Per Pupil (Partners in Education Tax Credit Program): $1,792

South Dakota Public School Hiring and Salary Trends
- Average Teacher Salaries
- Student
- All Staff
- Teachers
- All Other Staff

South Dakota Student Transportation
- Average District Busing Expenditure Per Pupil: $697
- Total Spending Per Pupil: 5.9%

South Dakota and Charter Schools
- South Dakota does not have charter schools.

South Dakota and Private Schools
- South Dakota does not provide support nor require districts to pay for the transportation of private school students.

South Dakota has no inter-district or charter school agreements to provide transportation to private school students.