Tennessee Fast Facts

37% of Tennessee residents think K–12 education in Tennessee is headed in the right direction. 

Parents' Schooling Preferences If Cost & Transportation Weren't Factors

- Public District School: 43.0%
- Charter School: 6.0%
- Private School: 34.0%
- Home School: 10.0%
- Don't Know/Refused/Skipped: 7.0%

Where K–12 Tennessee Students Attend School Now

- Public District School: 85.0%
- Charter School: 3.0%
- Private School Out of Pocket: 9.0%
- Private through a School Choice Program: 0.1%
- Home School: 2.9%

Tennessee K–12 Education Spending

- Total Tennessee Public Education Revenue: $11.1 Billion
- Average Tennessee Total Spending Per Pupil (Public): $10,952
- Average Tennessee Private K-12 Tuition Per Pupil: $10,343
- Average Cost Per Pupil Individualized Education Account Program: $7,068

Tennessee Public School Hiring and Salary Trends

- Average Teacher Salaries have increased by 20% since 1992
- Average Non-Teacher Salaries have increased by 20% since 1992

Tennessee Student Transportation

- Average District Busing Expenditure Per Pupil: $695
- 6.3% of Total Spending Per Pupil is spent on transportation

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

A charter school may make transportation arrangements with the local education agency in which the school is located. If a charter school decides to provide its own transportation, it will receive all funds that would have been spent by the local district on transportation.

Tennessee does not provide support nor requires districts to pay for the transportation of private school students.