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Tennessee's K-12 Profile

Average State Rank on NAEP [1]	**43**
High School Graduation Rate [2]	**77%**
# Regular Public School Students [4]	**961,410**
# Charter School Students [4]	**4,645**
# Private School Students [5]	**75,690**
% Regular Public School Students [6]	**92.3%**
% Charter School Students [6]	**0.4%**
% Private School Students [6]	**7.3%**
# School Districts [3]	**140**
# Regular Public Schools [3]	**1,771**
# Charter Schools [3]	**20**
# Private Schools [5]	**451**
Online Learning Climate [7]	**Weak**
% Free and Reduced-Price Lunch [3]	**53%**
% Individualized Education Program (IEP) [3]	**12%**
% English Language Learners (ELL) [3]	**3%**
$ Revenue Per Student [8]	**$8,523**
$ "Total" Per Student Spending [8]	**$8,894**
$ "Current" Per Student Spending [8]	**$7,992**

Tennessee Profile Notes

1. U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Average of four rankings (rounded upward to nearest single digit) based on 2011 state scale scores for 4th grade reading (#41); 4th grade math (#46); 8th grade reading (#41); 8th grade math (#45).

   URL: nationsreportcard.gov/data_tools.asp

2. Reported high school graduation rates, determined by the Average Freshman Graduation Rate (AFGR) on the National Center for Education Statistics section on the U.S. Department of Education website. Data for 2008-2009 school year.

   URL: nces.ed.gov/ccd

3. U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD). Data for the 2009-2010 school year.

   URL: nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states

4. U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD). Data for the 2009-2010 school year.

   URL: nces.ed.gov/ccd/schoolsearch

5. U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Private School Universe Survey (PSS). Data for 2009–2010 school year. Includes schools with K-12 enrollments ≥ 5 students.

   URL: nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/index.asp

6. Percentages are meant for general impressions only. State-level data on home-school students are generally unreliable, and this subpopulation of students could not be included in this table. Due to rounding, percentage totals may be slightly greater or less than 100%.

7. Author rating (Weak, Moderate, or Strong), based on John Watson, Amy Murin, Lauren Vashaw, Butch Gemin, and Chris Rapp, *Keeping Pace with K-12 Online Learning: An Annual Review of State-Level Policy and Practice*, (Evergreen Education Group, 2011), Table 2.

   URL: kpk12.com/cms/wp-content/uploads/KeepingPace2011.pdf

8. Frank Johnson, Lei Zhou, and Nanae Nakamoto, *Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education: School Year 2008–09 (Fiscal Year 2009)* (NCES 2011-329). U.S. Department of Education. Washington, D.C.: National Center for Education Statistics (June 2011).

   URL: nces.ed.gov/pubs2011/2011329.pdf

   "Total Expenditures" data include dollars spent on instruction, instruction-related, support services, and other elementary/secondary current expenditures, plus expenditures on long-term debt service, facilities and construction, and other programs. The latter may include expenditures for community services, adult education, community colleges, private schools, and other programs that are not considered expenditures on public K-12 education.

   "Current Expenditures" data include dollars spent on instruction, instruction-related, support services, and other elementary/secondary current expenditures, but exclude expenditures on long-term debt service, facilities and construction, and other programs.

   For this survey and report, when we generally refer to "per student spending," we refer to the spending definition and subsequent calculations including only "current expenditures."