



IOWA ALLIANCE
FOR CHOICE IN EDUCATION

Iowa K-12 Education Funding

Iowa K-12 public education is funded through local, state and federal sources.

In Fiscal Year 2020, the following amounts went to Iowa K-12 public education, which served 487,652 students:



\$1.5 billion
in property
taxes.



\$3.228 billion
in funding provided
from the state
General Fund.



\$617.6 million
in federal
funding.

\$5.7 BILLION
TOTAL SPENDING
ON K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

The following is the average spent from local and state sources on each public school student, per year:



\$3,204
in property
tax per pupil.



\$6,620
in state funding
per pupil.

\$9,824
TOTAL SPENDING PER STUDENT

When federal funding is added in, an average of \$11,844 is spent on each student in K-12 public schools each year.

Property tax funding is not solely based on the number of students enrolled, and most federal funding is not based on student enrollment numbers. If a student transfers out of a public school, there is limited impact on the amount of property tax and federal funds flowing to that school.

How much does the state of Iowa spend on nonpublic school students?

In Fiscal Year 2020, the state spent \$265 per nonpublic school student for textbook services and transportation of students.

There were 33,365 students enrolled in Iowa's accredited, nonpublic schools during Fiscal Year 2020. **What if we spent \$11,844 on each of those students instead of \$265? That would amount to over \$395 million per year.**

**IOWA'S ACCREDITED
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS SAVE
TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS EACH YEAR.**

Sources: Iowa Legislative Services Agency

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/EPPC/1133729.pdf>

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