

# FACTS & FIGURES 2019



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## What is PSBA?

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association is a nonprofit statewide association of public school boards, pledged to the highest ideals of local lay leadership for the public schools of the commonwealth.

Formed on the fundamental concept of local control of public education, PSBA is a strong advocate of the proposition that the local school board – where elected citizens make decisions that affect, influence and direct the education of the community’s youth – is the cornerstone of a free society.

PSBA, founded in 1895, was the first school boards association established in the United States.

Membership in the association is voluntary and open to public school districts, intermediate units, career and technical schools, community colleges and other eligible local education agencies.

PSBA’s membership services, designed to assist school directors as a board and as individuals, are delivered through the staff departments of government affairs, member services, legal services, insurance services and communications.

## Teachers 2017-18

Number of Teachers .....	<b>119,369</b>
Gender: Male .....	<b>27%</b>
Female .....	<b>73%</b>
Profile of the Typical Teacher:	
Salary .....	<b>\$67,535</b>
Average Increase in	
Salary from 2016-17 to 2017-18 .....	<b>1.9%</b>
Average Years of Service .....	<b>13.9</b>
Average Level of Education .....	<b>4.6</b>

## Support Employees 2017-18

Number of Support Staff:	
(full and part-time) .....	<b>99,956</b>
School Administrative Support Staff.....	<b>9,503</b>
<i>(Includes clerical and secretarial support of principal and department chairpersons)</i>	
Instructional Aides .....	<b>32,223</b>
All Other Support Services Staff .....	<b>49,321</b>
LEA Administrative Support Staff.....	<b>7,441</b>
Library/Media Support Staff .....	<b>1,468</b>

## Enrollment

Public Elementary School	
Enrollment (Pre-K-6).....	<b>912,775</b>
Pre K to K .....	129,961
Grade 1.....	125,633
Grade 2.....	127,110
Grade 3.....	127,833
Grade 4.....	130,938
Grade 5.....	135,328
Grade 6.....	135,972
Public Secondary School	
Enrollment (7-12).....	<b>809,686</b>
Grade 7.....	135,320
Grade 8.....	133,771
Grade 9.....	141,803
Grade 10.....	136,956
Grade 11.....	130,311
Grade 12.....	131,525
Total Enrollment.....	<b>1,722,461</b>
Projected K-12 Total by the	
Year 2021-22 .....	<b>1,718,928</b>

## Pupils

Class of 2019:		<b>PA</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Average SAT Score Evidence-Based			
Reading & Writing .....	<b>545</b>	.....	<b>531</b>
Average SAT Score Math .....	<b>537</b>	.....	<b>528</b>
SAT Participation Rate .....	<b>70%</b>	.....	<b>69%</b>
Number of 2018 Pennsylvania			
Public High School Graduates .....	<b>125,746</b>		
Activities of High School Graduates:			
Attending College.....	<b>69.6%</b>	.....	<b>87,507</b>
Attending Non-degree			
Postsecondary School.....	<b>2.1%</b>	.....	<b>2,672</b>

**NOTE:** All figures are for the 2018-19 school year unless otherwise indicated.

## School Directors

School Directors' Average

Length of Service **7.6 years**

Years of Service:

4 years or less ..... **45%**  
5-10 years ..... **33%**  
11-20 years ..... **17%**  
21 years or more..... **5%**

Gender:

Male ..... **61%**  
Female ..... **39%**

## School Districts

Number of School Districts..... **500**

*Urban (28); Suburban (226); Rural (246)*

Number of PSBA-Member Districts..... **495**

Number of School Directors

in Pennsylvania ..... **4,500**

School Director Method of Election 2019

At large ..... **61%**  
Three-region plan ..... **31%**  
Nine-region plan ..... **5%**  
Combined at-large/regional plan ..... **3%**

Size of Districts by Number of Pupils:

Largest (Philadelphia)..... **203,687 pupils**  
2nd Largest (Pittsburgh) ..... **26,583 pupils**  
10,000-21,000 pupils ..... **15 districts**  
5,000-9,999 pupils ..... **56 districts**  
2,000-4,999 pupils ..... **191 districts**  
1,000-1,999 pupils ..... **155 districts**  
1-999 pupils..... **81 districts**

School District Class:

Class 1-Population of 250,000 or more.....**2**  
Class 2-Population of 30,000-249,999... **108**  
Class 3-Population of 5,000-29,999..... **367**  
Class 4-Population of less than 5,000.....**23**

## Buildings 2016-17

Public Elementary and

Secondary Schools .....**3,004**  
Elementary Schools .....**2,124**  
Secondary Schools .....**785**  
Combined Elem./Sec Schools .....**95**

## Sources

- The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Digest of Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education
- Pennsylvania School Boards Association

## Finances

2017-18 percent for classroom instruction (Actual Instructional Expense):

Local Government ..... **69.36%**  
State Government ..... **30.64%**

**Total Expenditure** per Pupil (ADM) 2017-18 ..... **\$17,582**

**State Personal Income** per WADM 2018-19..... **\$175,527**

**State Market Value** per WADM 2018-19..... **\$429,069**

## Average Salaries in Pennsylvania 2017-18

Elementary Principal..... **\$106,362**  
Assistant Elementary Principal ..... **\$87,565**  
Secondary Principal ..... **\$108,229**  
Assistant Secondary Principal..... **\$95,426**  
Middle School Principal..... **\$107,040**  
Assistant Middle School Principal..... **\$94,793**  
Director of Career and Technical Education ..... **\$110,715**  
Intermediate Unit Executive Director ..... **\$165,316**  
Superintendent ..... **\$144,102**  
Assistant Superintendent ..... **\$137,330**  
Business Manager ..... **\$104,698**  
Guidance, Secondary ..... **\$73,547**  
Guidance, Elementary ..... **\$70,984**  
Classroom Teacher ..... **\$67,535**  
School Nurse ..... **\$66,905**  
School Psychologist ..... **\$73,553**

## Career and Technical Education Programs 2016-17

Number of Career and Technical Schools..... **86**  
Comprehensive Schools ..... **17**  
Occupational Schools ..... **69**

Enrollment in Career and Technical Education School Programs

and participating school district programs ..... **62,687**

Career and technical education school enrollment ..... **55,940**

Participating school district enrollment ..... **6,747**

Number of Approved Secondary Career and

Technical Education Programs ..... **1,453**

## Intermediate Units

Number of Intermediate Units..... **29**

Special Education enrollment (2017-18) ..... **320,817**

By Eligible School Age Exceptionality:

Specific Learning Disability ..... **37.25%** ..... **119,502**  
Other Health Impairment..... **14.27** ..... **45,785**  
Speech or Language Impairment ..... **13.26** ..... **42,556**  
Autism ..... **9.99** ..... **32,062**  
Preschool..... **9.01** ..... **28,906**  
Emotional Disturbance..... **7.76** ..... **24,914**  
Intellectual Disability ..... **5.83** ..... **18,691**  
Multiple Disabilities ..... **0.99** ..... **3,171**  
Deafness or Hearing Impairment ..... **0.85** ..... **2,720**  
Blind or Visual Impairment ..... **0.34** ..... **1,079**  
Orthopedic Impairment ..... **0.22** ..... **710**  
Traumatic Brain Injury ..... **0.21** ..... **662**  
Deaf-Blind..... **0.02** ..... **59**