



Pennsylvania School

PSBA
Pennsylvania School Boards Association



FACTS & FIGURES 2018

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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 2016-17

Number of Teachers	119,763
Gender: Male	27%
Female	73%
Profile of the Typical Teacher:	
Salary	\$66,265
Average Increase in	
Salary from 2015-16 to 2016-17	1.6%
Average Years of Service	13.5
Average Level of Education	4.6

Support Employees 2016-17

Number of Support Staff:	
(full and part-time)	99,870
School Administrative Support Staff.....	9,427
<i>(Includes clerical and secretarial support of principal and department chairpersons)</i>	
Instructional Aides	31,759
All Other Support Services Staff	49,769
LEA Administrative Support Staff.....	7,401
Library/Media Support Staff	1,514

Enrollment

Public Elementary School	
Enrollment (Pre-K-6).....	913,433
Pre K to K	129,221
Grade 1.....	126,196
Grade 2.....	126,349
Grade 3.....	129,576
Grade 4.....	133,830
Grade 5.....	134,728
Grade 6.....	133,533
Public Secondary School	
Enrollment (7-12).....	805,903
Grade 7.....	133,078
Grade 8.....	134,708
Grade 9.....	140,265
Grade 10.....	135,104
Grade 11.....	131,830
Grade 12.....	130,918
Total Enrollment.....	1,719,336
Projected K-12 Total by the	
Year 2020-21	1,702,537

Pupils

Class of 2018:		PA	U.S.
Average SAT Score Evidence-Based			
Reading & Writing	547	.....	536
Average SAT Score Math	539	.....	531
SAT Participation Rate	70%	.....	67%
Number of 2017 Pennsylvania			
Public High School Graduates	125,505		
Activities of High School Graduates:			
Attending College.....	66.2%	.....	83,027
Attending Non-degree			
Postsecondary School.....	2.0%	.....	2,546

NOTE: All figures are for the 2017-18 school year unless otherwise indicated.

School Directors

School Directors' Average

Length of Service **6.8 years**

Years of Service:

4 years or less	47%
5-10 years	31%
11-20 years	17%
21 years or more.....	5%

Gender:

Male	61%
Female	39%

School Districts

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

Urban (28); Suburban (227); Rural (245)

Number of PSBA-Member Districts..... **499**

Number of School Directors

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

School Director Method of Election 2018

At large	58%
Three-region plan	30%
Nine-region plan	5%
Combined at-large/regional plan	7%

Size of Districts by Number of Pupils:

Largest (Philadelphia).....	204,060 pupils
2nd Largest (Pittsburgh)	27,227 pupils
10,000-21,000 pupils.....	15 districts
5,000-9,999 pupils.....	57 districts
2,000-4,999 pupils.....	193 districts
1,000-1,999 pupils.....	154 districts
1-999 pupils.....	79 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 2015-16

Public Elementary and

Secondary Schools	3,019
Elementary Schools	2,126
Secondary Schools	782
Combined Elem./Sec Schools	111

Sources

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

Finances

2016-17 percent for classroom instruction (Actual Instructional Expense):

Local Government	68.82%
State Government	31.18%
Total Expenditure per Pupil (ADM) 2016-17	\$17,736
State Personal Income per WADM 2017-18.....	\$176,295
State Market Value per WADM 2017-18.....	\$415,391

Average Salaries in Pennsylvania 2016-17

Elementary Principal.....	\$104,915
Assistant Elementary Principal	\$85,539
Secondary Principal	\$106,848
Assistant Secondary Principal.....	\$94,001
Middle School Principal.....	\$105,712
Assistant Middle School Principal.....	\$93,429
Director of Career and Technical Education	\$111,319
Intermediate Unit Executive Director.....	\$161,877
Superintendent	\$141,492
Assistant Superintendent	\$134,076
Business Manager	\$102,360
Guidance, Secondary.....	\$72,315
Guidance, Elementary	\$69,878
Classroom Teacher	\$66,265
School Nurse	\$66,120
School Psychologist	\$72,017

Career and Technical Education Programs 2015-16

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	62,915
Career and technical education school enrollment.....	55,994
Participating school district enrollment.....	6,921
Number of Approved Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs	1,480

Intermediate Units

Number of Intermediate Units.....	29
Special Education enrollment (2016-17).....	311,435
By Eligible School Age Exceptionality:	
Specific Learning Disability.....	38.15%
Other Health Impairment.....	13.53
Speech or Language Impairment	13.44
Autism	9.72
Preschool.....	8.76
Emotional Disturbance.....	7.77
Intellectual Disability.....	5.92
Multiple Disabilities.....	1.00
Deafness or Hearing Impairment	0.88
Blind or Visual Impairment	0.37
Orthopedic Impairment	0.23
Traumatic Brain Injury	0.21
Deaf-Blind.....	0.02