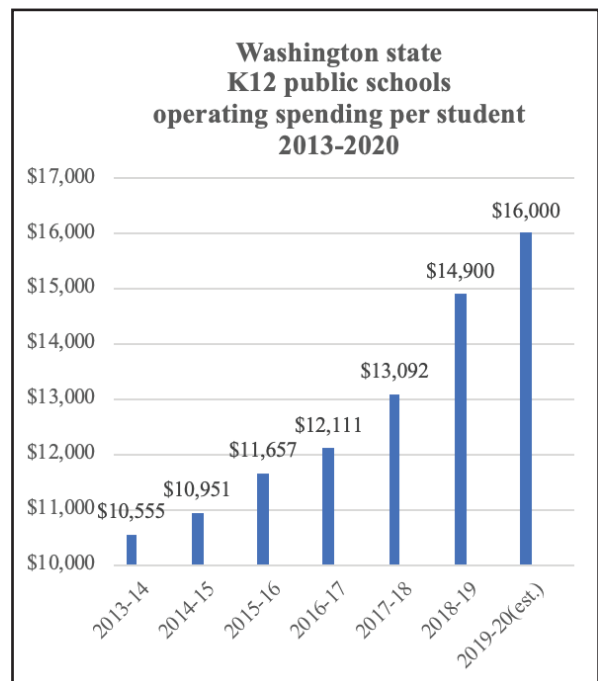


# Washington Schools

Despite recent large increases in spending, public school officials are not providing children with the high-quality education they promised.

1. **Number of students:** 1,149,000
2. **Number of schools:** 2,275
3. **Spending per student:** \$16,000<sup>1</sup>
4. **Spending on teacher pay:**  
Average teacher gets \$113,000 in pay and benefits.  
The highest paid teachers in the state can make up to \$153,500 in pay and benefits. See Everett School District.
5. **Spending on central office staff:**  
Average superintendent gets \$175,200 in salary, plus \$46,300 in benefits.  
Number of administrators paid over \$100,000 a year: 5,030.  
Only 51 percent of employees are teachers.
6. **Spending growth:**  
Per-student spending has increased by \$5,445, or 52 percent, in six years.
7. **Student learning**<sup>2</sup>
  - 2018-19:**
    - 40.4 percent of students fail to meet state standard in English
    - 51.1 percent of students fail to meet state standard in math



<sup>1</sup> “Workload/Staffing/Finance Reports by District, 2013-19,” K-12 School District Finance Data, Office of Financial Management, at [www.fiscal.wa.gov/K12Districts.aspx](http://www.fiscal.wa.gov/K12Districts.aspx), and School District Budgets, Form F-195, Fiscal Year 2019-20.

<sup>2</sup> “Assessment Summary, School Report Card, 2018-19,” Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, at: <https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>.