



OVERVIEW OF EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA

By The Numbers

1.5 Million

students attend public schools in North Carolina, which accounts for 84.4% of school aged children in our state. Of those, 10.1%, or 153,480, attend public charter schools.

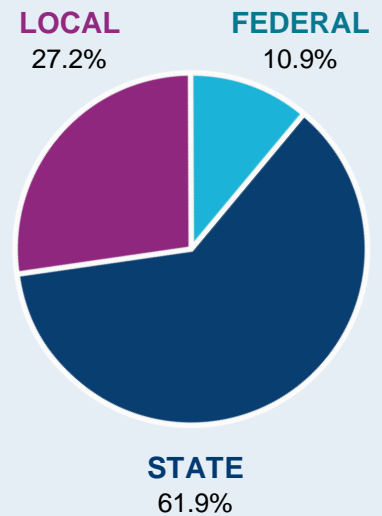
2,758 Public Schools

2,537 traditional public schools
213 public charter schools
8 regional and lab schools

189,714 People

are employed full time by a public school or district.
130,823 certified employees
58,891 non-certified employees

Sources of K-12 Funding in North Carolina



24,243

National Board Certified Teachers - the most of any US state.

\$12,558

is the amount that North Carolina spent per public school student in 2024.

\$61,449

is the average amount a North Carolina public school teacher earns in the 2024-25 academic year.

Special Populations

- Approximately 14.3% of North Carolina's public school students receive special education services.
- Approximately 11.7% of students are identified as English Language Learners.
- Approximately 62% of North Carolina public schools receive money through the federal Title I program based on their number of students from low-income families.

Mo's Vision for Public Schools

Maurice "Mo" Green began his term as state superintendent on January 1, 2025. His vision for North Carolina public schools can be summed up in three words: Achieving Educational Excellence. The son of a special education teacher, Green is a lifelong champion of public education and has seen first-hand its ability to transform both lives and communities. He has six main priorities:

- **Prepare** each student for their next phase of life.
- **Invest** fully in public education.
- **Revere** public school educators.
- **Enhance** parent and community support.
- **Ensure** safe, secure learning environments.
- **Celebrate** the good in public education.