

School district spending

Washington school districts were grouped into like-sized peer groups, then their spending by category was analyzed against those groups. To read the entire audit, visit www.sao.wa.gov.

DEFINITIONS:

Student support: Guidance counseling, pupil safety, health staff

Instruction support: Leadership of instructional and curriculum programs

Other support: Business office, human resources, public relations

Percentage spending by category

SCHOOL DISTRICT	Teaching (instruction)	Instruction support	Student support	Administration Central	Building	Other support	Operations and maintenance	Transportation	Food services
SPOKANE	62.2%	5%	6.3%	.5%	6.4%	3.3%	9.4%	3%	3.9%
Peer group	61.6%	4.2%	7.7%	.9%	6.2%	3.7%	8.6%	3.9%	3.2%
CENTRAL VALLEY	61.4%	3.9%	7.8%	.7%	6.9%	3.2%	8.9%	3.3%	4%
Peer group	62.7%	4.4%	7.1%	.4%	5.6%	3.6%	8.9%	3.6%	3.6%
MEAD	63%	3.3%	5.8%	.7%	5.7%	3.6%	9.1%	5.1%	3.6%
Peer group	61.7%	3.8%	7.4%	.8%	5.7%	3.5%	9.4%	4.6%	3.1%
EAST VALLEY	58.6%	3.6%	7.7%	1.2%	6.5%	3.9%	9.9%	4.5%	4.1%
Peer group	62.8%	3.8%	6.7%	1%	5.8%	3.6%	9.1%	3.4%	3.9%
WEST VALLEY*	59.3%	4.6%	6.4%	1.7%	7.4%	2.8%	11.7%	2.9%	3.2%
Peer group	61.8%	3.5%	6%	1.6%	6.1%	3.3%	9.5%	4.5%	3.8%

*Indicates a district with more than 10 percent Alternative Learning Experiences enrollment in 2011

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