Cost Considerations
of Pennsylvania's Public Cyber Charter Schools

498 of 500

PA's Public Cyber Charter Schools serve students in 498 of Pennsylvania's 500 School Districts.

SOURCE: Self Reported Enrollment Data.

49.7%

Percent of PA's Public Cyber Charter Schools' student enrollment who are considered Economically Disadvantaged.

SOURCE: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Future Ready Index. Data Files. School Fast Facts.

21.8%

Percent of PA's Public Cyber Charter Schools' student enrollment who utilize Special Education Support Services versus 15.9% for all other Public Schools.

SOURCE: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Future Ready Index. Data Files. School Fast Facts.

$2,653

Average amount LESS received by PA's Public Cyber Charter Schools per student than traditional public schools.

SOURCE: Pennsylvania Department of Education. AFR Data Files. Detailed AFR Data. Revenues; 2017-2018.

Pennsylvania's 15 Public Cyber Charter Schools provide a high quality, individualized education to over 34,000 students from 498 of Pennsylvania's 500 School Districts.

Pennsylvania's Public Cyber Charter Schools are required to:

- ✓ Utilize technology to provide a significant portion of the curriculum and instruction through the internet or other electronics means.
- ✓ Enroll all school-age children from across Pennsylvania and meet their needs regardless of where the child resides.
- ✓ Provide both regular and special education services including supports to parents and families as necessary to help each child achieve their academic goals.
- ✓ Comply with all state testing mandates and ensure equal access to safe, physical environments for students to attend and complete PSSA and Keystone exams.
- ✓ Comply with all local, state, and federal financial accounting, reporting, and auditing requirements.

Cost Considerations of High Quality Public Cyber Charter Schools

- Building and facility leasing for administrative offices, including registrars, pupil health, special education, enrollment services, technology support, and teacher office space.
- Technology equipment for students, staff and administration including distribution and reclamation.
- Shipping curriculum and educational support materials to and from students.
- Research, development and implementation of innovative teaching design including all materials and resources.
- 24/7 Technical Support statewide.
- Learning Management and Student Information Systems.
- Enrollment Services statewide.
- Internet reimbursement allocation for in home services.
- Travel expenses for teachers and staff to fulfill State testing mandates, field trips, graduation, and other student and family support activities.
- Facility rental to comply with all State testing mandates.
- Family Supports and Services statewide.
- Contracting with various related services providers to meet individual student goals.
- Individual in home therapies including all travel related expenses.
- Coordination with various social services agencies statewide to provide in home support for students and families.
- Travel expenses required to maintain and enforce daily attendance mandates including truancy related court appearances.

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