The annual State of Education report surveyed chief school administrators from school districts, career and technical centers and intermediate units, as well as pulling data from public sources. It is intended to be a barometer of not only the key indicators of public school performance but also the challenges schools face and how they are coping with them.
Education investments HAVE POSITIVE RESULTS

Critics say Pennsylvania spends more per student than the national average.

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Critics overlook impact investments make to Pennsylvania’s national assessment rankings.

- **Tie 7th** PA Rank 4th grade reading
- **Tie 6th** PA Rank 8th grade reading
- **Tie 9th** PA Rank 4th grade math
- **Tie 13th** PA Rank 8th grade math

Critics fail to mention the state’s contribution is among the lowest in the United States, leaving local taxpayers to fill the void.

- **46th** PA Rank State share of education revenue
- **4th** PA Rank Local share of education revenue

Public education is the best investment that Pennsylvania can make in its future. While it is the belief of each group involved in this project that the state of Pennsylvania’s public education system is strong, the challenges being faced by our public schools are serious. Together, we can make public education even stronger. The full report, available at [www.psba.org](http://www.psba.org), contains more detail on these issues as well as information on numerous other issues affecting public education.