

## Key Facts about Edmonds Public Schools

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New research released by the Center for Education Reform at Washington Policy Center, a non-partisan public policy research think tank based in Seattle, provides key facts for the Edmonds School District. Education budgets in Washington state are at historic highs, reaching \$9,452 per pupil in operating spending in Edmonds. Average teacher pay with benefits in Edmonds is \$72,419 for a ten-month work year. Sixty Edmonds public school employees receive more than \$100,000 a year. Slightly more than one million dollars in education funding is paid each year to the Edmonds teachers union in the form of mandatory member dues.

Yet, because of restrictive work rules and multi-layered bureaucracy, only 59 cents of every education dollar reaches the classroom and public school students continue to lag in academic achievement. Fifty-one percent of Edmonds 8th graders fail in math, and 25% of high schoolers fail to graduate. Detailed research and ideas for improving education for all children are available in our study, *Eight Practical Ways to Reverse the Decline of Public Schools*.

### 1. Edmonds Schools and Students

- Number of students: 19,276
- Number of schools: 32

### 2. School Staffing

- Number of employees: 1,925
- Number of classroom teachers: 969
- Number of students per employee: 10
- Number of students per classroom teacher: 20
- Share of employees who are classroom teachers: 50%
- Teacher paid days off: 10 holidays, 12 days of sick leave, three days of personal leave, four days of annual leave, and additional days by permission.
- Layoff rules: Layoffs are based strictly on seniority, with young teachers being let go first. Some limited teacher transfers, not to exceed 3% of all teachers, are allowed to improve a school's educational program.
- Teacher evaluations: teachers evaluations based on classroom effectiveness and ability to improve student learning is not allowed.

### 3. Education Spending

- Total education spending in 2009-10: \$268 million
- Total per student spending: \$13,928
- Operations budget: \$182 million
- Per student spending, operations only: \$9,452
- Average teacher pay for ten-month work year: \$62,804
- Average teacher pay with benefits: \$72,419

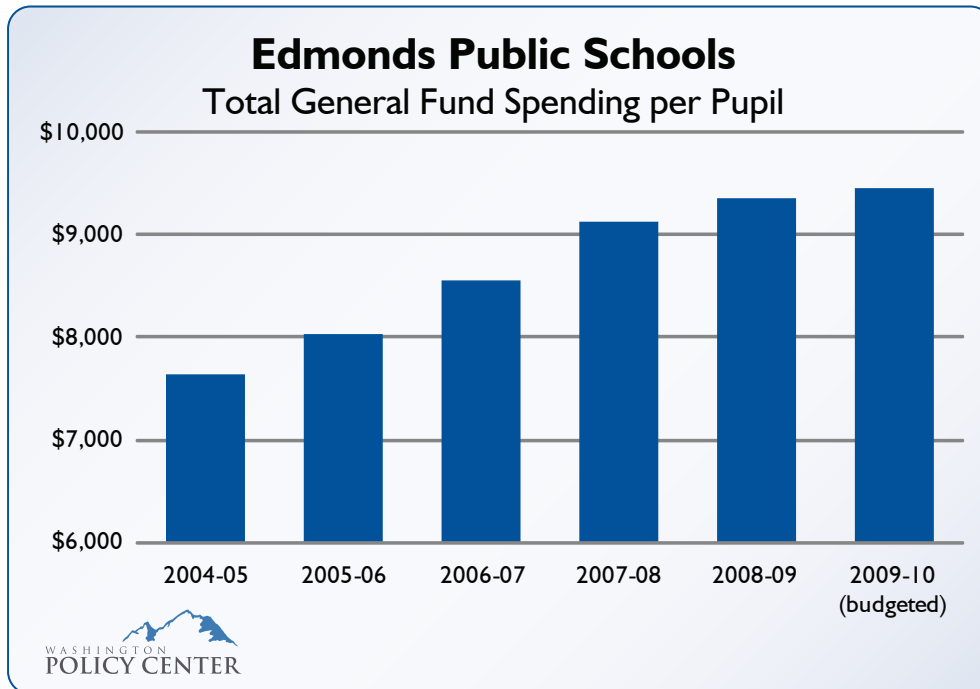
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- Average administrator pay with benefits: \$119,000
- Superintendent’s pay with benefits: \$225,550
- Number of employees paid over \$100,000 a year: 60
- Education funds paid as dues to teachers’ union in 2007-8: \$1,033,000

#### 4. Student Learning

Students in Washington state are entitled to 180 days of class time.

- Number of full class days provided by Edmonds Schools: 167
- High school on-time graduation rate: 77.1%
- 2008-9 WASL results: 51% of eighth graders failed in math; 46% of tenth graders failed in math; 55% of tenth graders failed in science; 28% of third graders failed in reading
- Per student spending chart over five year period:



#### More Information

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