

Bellingham School District

Despite recent large increases in spending, public school officials are not providing children with the high-quality education they promised.

1. **Number of students:** 11,575

2. **Number of schools:** 22

3. **Spending per student:** \$16,000¹

4. **Spending on teacher pay:**

Average teacher gets \$117,300 in pay and benefits.

Teachers can make up to \$138,000 in pay and benefits.

5. **Spending on central office staff:**

Superintendent gets \$299,100 in salary, plus \$73,500 in benefits.

Number of administrators paid over \$100,000 a year: 79.

Only 50 percent of employees are teachers.

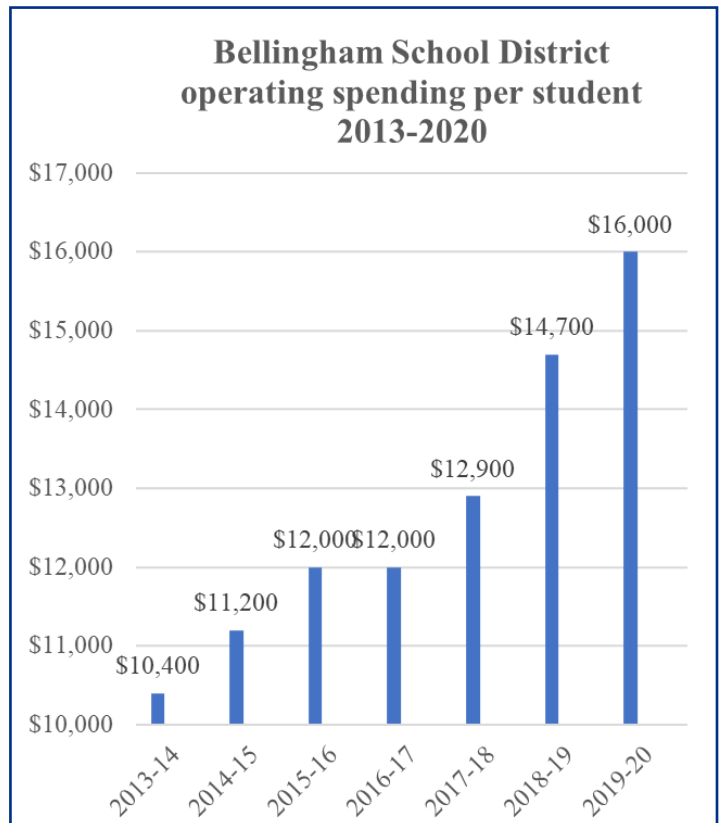
6. **Spending growth:**

Per-student spending has increased by \$5,600, or 54 percent, in six years.

7. **Student learning²**

2018-19:

- 38 percent of students fail to meet state standard in English
- 54 percent of students fail to meet state standard in math



¹ "Workload/Staffing/Finance Reports by District, 2013-19," K-12 School District Finance Data, Office of Financial Management, at www.fiscal.wa.gov/K12Districts.aspx, and School District Budgets, Form F-195, Fiscal Year 2019-20.

² "Assessment Summary, School Report Card, 2018-19," Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, at: <https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>.