

Tacoma Public Schools

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

1. **Number of students:** 28,159
2. **Number of schools:** 57
3. **Spending per student:** \$17,100¹
4. **Spending on teacher pay:**

Average teacher gets \$108,500 in pay and benefits.

Teachers can make up to \$134,500 in pay and benefits.

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

Superintendent gets \$334,400 in salary, plus \$26,000 in benefits.

Number of administrators paid over \$100,000 a year: 193.

Only 47 percent of employees are teachers.

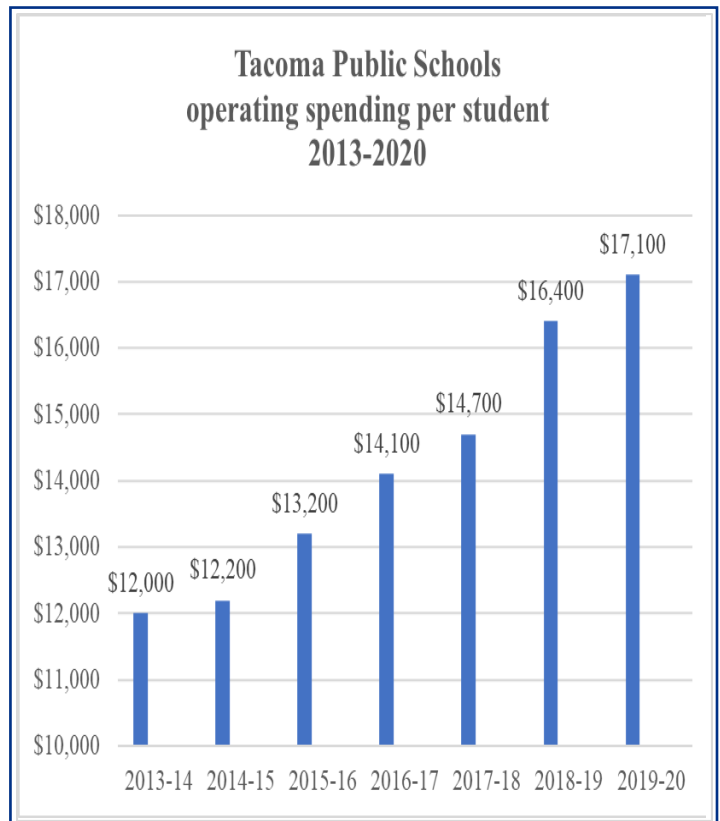
6. **Spending growth:**

Per-student spending has increased by \$5,100, or 43 percent, in six years.

7. **Student learning²**

2018-19:

- 47.8 percent of students fail to meet state standard in English
- 61.5 percent of students fail to meet state standard in math



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