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### Comparing State Spending Growth, Cost Per Student & School Spending Growth

Schools are often accused of spending too much by leaders at the state level. However, if you examine average growth in total school spending versus the growth in the state budget since 2011, you will see the growth in school spending is on par to the growth in the state budget. In fact, schools are spending slightly less than the state since 2011. Collectively, schools are managing their budgets very efficiently. Local school board leaders know their communities and have been very responsible.

Spending here is illustrated as an examination of spending since 2011:

#### AVERAGE GROWTH SINCE 2011

State Spending Growth: 3.17%    Cost Per Student: 2.11%    Schools Spending Growth: 3.00%



\*Source: NDE

State Budget Office: <https://budget.nebraska.gov/>

## DID YOU KNOW

### Per Pupil Investment

Nebraska ranks 21<sup>st</sup> highest in the Nation at \$12,491

Nebraska ranks 8<sup>th</sup> smallest in population density

Nebraska ranks 14<sup>th</sup> smallest in population

Nebraska ranks 16<sup>th</sup> largest in geographic area.

### Nebraska is 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in percent of funding invested in the classroom

New York – 69.31%

**Nebraska – 65.78%**

Minnesota – 64.91%

Utah – 63.3%

North Carolina – 62.88%

*Nebraska is 36<sup>th</sup> highest in percent of investment in “school administration”*

*Nebraska ranks 12<sup>th</sup> highest in “general administration”*

### State Support for Public Education, bottom 10

50 – New Hampshire – 31.3% (No Income Tax)

**49 – Nebraska – 32.8%**

48 – Texas – 33.7% (No Income Tax)

47 – South Dakota – 34.3% (No Income Tax)

46 – Connecticut – 37.8%

45 – Massachusetts – 38%

44 – Pennsylvania – 38.3%

43 – Maine – 38.6%

42 – Florida – 39.2% (No Income Tax)

41 – New York – 39.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: <https://www.census.gov/>

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