



Census Bureau concludes that DCPS spends over \$29,000 a year to educate a child

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Everyone knew that Washington, D.C. has one of the highest per pupil spending rates for public schools. But it was the [CATO Institute](#)'s Andrew Coulson who has been [arguing for years](#) that the number is much higher than the approximately \$18,000 a student that has been quoted in the press.

Well finally the head of the Center for Educational Freedom has been vindicated. The U.S. Census Bureau now states that [DCPS](#) spend in the 2009 - 2010 school term a staggering total of \$29,409 per student. This represents 2.5 times the amount of money charters receive to educate their pupils and 3 times the cost of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program.

And of course, the other sectors graduate more students from high school, often perform better academically, and have greater parental and student satisfaction. Again, can someone offer a reason for continuance of the traditional school model?