



THE VALUE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA

Public education is foundational to North Carolina's future—preparing our workforce, strengthening communities, and fueling our economy. **Your vote for public education matters.**

Empowering North Carolinians

- **Building a Skilled Workforce:** Strong public schools equip students with the skills and knowledge needed for high-demand jobs in North Carolina's growing industries.
- **Lifelong Learners & Engaged Citizens:** Public schools foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills that prepare students for college, careers, and civic participation.

Strengthening North Carolina's Future

- **Economic Engine:** An educated population drives economic growth, and higher education levels are associated with higher average wages. Public school systems rank as the **largest employer in 49 counties** and **among the top two employers in 80 counties**.
- **Investing in All Students:** Public education provides equal access to quality education, regardless of ability, learning style, zip code or background. This is crucial for North Carolina's future prosperity and social mobility, with **84% of our students attending public schools**.
- **Vibrant Community Hub:** Public schools bring together students from diverse backgrounds, fostering understanding and a strong sense of community.

North Carolina's Public Education System

- **More than 1.5 million students** attend public schools in North Carolina.
- Public schools graduate more than **120,000 students annually**, preparing them for college, careers, and civic life.
- North Carolina faces challenges including teacher shortages and the need for **increased funding** to ensure all students have access to quality teachers and school resources.

Get Involved in North Carolina's Public Schools!

- **Stay informed** about public education issues and advocate for policies that support strong public schools.
- **Get involved locally:** Attend school events, school board meetings, county commission meetings
- **Contact your elected officials** about funding and other public school issues affecting your community.

Public schools unite us! Public schools do the public good!