

# Education Facts

*A Look Into Oklahoma's Public  
Education Classrooms*



*Compiled by the Oklahoma Education Association*

## Average Salary Ranking of Public School Teachers, 2013-14

Oklahoma and Border States



SOURCE: NEA Rankings and Estimates,  
2014-15, Marsh 2015,  
page 19.

### Regional Average Teacher Salaries, 2013-2014:

Texas	- \$49,690
Colorado	- \$49,615
Kansas	- \$48,221
Arkansas	- \$47,319
Missouri	- \$46,750
New Mexico	- \$45,727
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>- \$44,549</b>

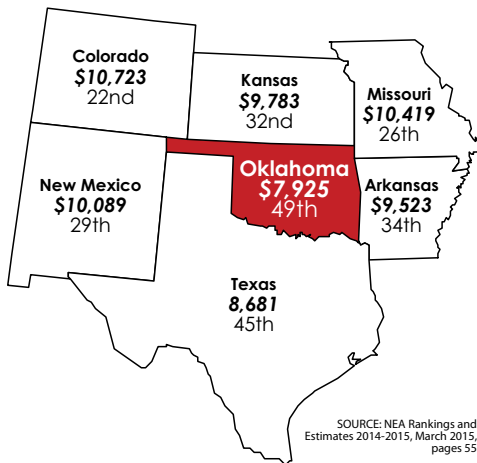
Regional Average - \$47,410  
National Average - \$56,610

Oklahoma teachers have not had a state-paid pay raise since 2008.

A first-year teach with a bachelor's degree earns a minimum salary of \$31,000. A teacher with a doctorate and 25 years experience makes a minimum salary of only \$43,700.

## Per Pupil Expenditures

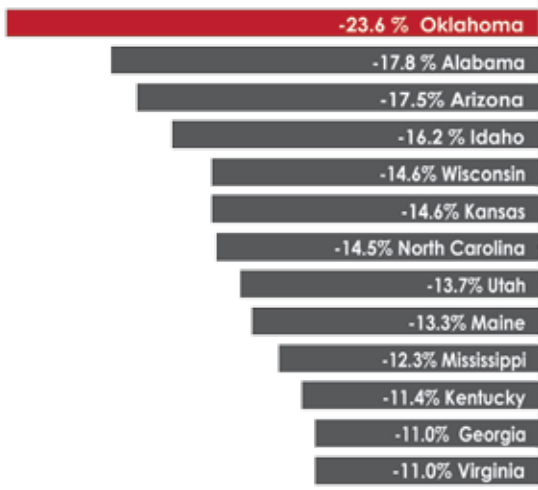
CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC K-12 SCHOOLS  
PER STUDENT IN FALL ENROLLMENT, 2013-14



Regional average: **\$10,997**

National average: **\$12,356**

**Cuts to Per Pupil Spending since 2008**  
*(Percent change in spending per student,  
inflation adjusted, FY 08 to FY15)*



Percent change, adjusted for inflation, from FY09-FY14  
Source: CBPP budget analysis and National Center for Education Statistics  
enrollment estimates, October 2014.

# High-Stakes Testing Facts

*“...stop pretending that testing and learning is the same thing.”*

Donald B. Gratz, *“The Peril and Promise of Performance Pay.”*

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- **U.S. public schools spend \$1.7 billion annually on standardized tests.**  
*(Brown Center on Education Policy, Brookings Institute)*
- **58% of Americans do not support using test scores as part of a teacher's evaluation.**
- **75% believe the increase in testing has hurt instruction.**  
*(2013 PDK/Gallup Poll)*



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