

Useful Internet Links from ELC's Reports about Achievement and Opportunity Gaps

In response to many requests, we have placed all of the Internet links from our reports into a single document. Other sections of the ELC website contain additional links. Please let us know about new links that others may find helpful.

Education Law Center

<http://www.elc-pa.org>

NCLB Websites

Federal No Child Left Behind website:

<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml>

Pennsylvania requirements for state, district, and school report cards:

<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/pas/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=95511>

Pennsylvania Achievement Gap Effort (PAGE 1) (project to reduce gaps in 29 schools):

www.page1inpa.k12.pa.us

Project 720 (high school reform project in over 30 districts)

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/c_and_i/cwp/view.asp?Q=104289&A=3

Tutoring Programs for Struggling Students

(1. Classroom Plus. 2. Education Assistance Program. 3. Supplemental Education Services)

www.pde.state.pa.us/tutoring

Accountability Block Grant Program (\$200 million for districts to raise achievement)

<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/abg>

Distinguished Educator Initiative

(State-assigned expert educators lead local school improvement teams in selected districts)

<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/pas/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=109084&pasNav=|6430|&pasNav=|>

Pennsylvania reading and math assessment anchors (grades 3 through 11):

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/a_and_t/cwp/view.asp?a=108&q=103127

Pennsylvania academic content standards for 13 different subject areas:

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/stateboard_ed/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=76716&stateboard_edNav=|5467|

Pennsylvania Achievement/Assessment Websites

Pennsylvania's official website for PSSA results:

www.paayp.com

Pennsylvania Department of Education PSSA results (click on "PSSA Results" on left):

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/a_and_t/site/default.asp

State-wide and local achievement, funding, and community information:

www.schoolmatters.com

Pennsylvania Department of Information spreadsheets for PSSA data.

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/a_and_t/cwp/browse.asp?a=3&bc=0&c=27525&a_and_tNav=|633|&a_and_tNav=|

Pennsylvania rules for PSSA accommodations:

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/a_and_t/cwp/view.asp?a=108&Q=45132&a_and_tNav=|678|&a_and_tNav=|

PSSA validity study:

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/stateboard_ed/cwp/browse.asp?A=3&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=33156

Pennsylvania NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) data:

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states>

Pennsylvania SAT score data (see link at bottom of page):

<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/pas/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=95497&pasNav=|6150|&pasNav=|>

State regulation for graduation requirements at 22 Pa. Code Section 4.24:

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/022/chapter4/s4.24.html>

Other Achievement Gap Information

"Just for the Kids" (information about state efforts around the country to reduce achievement gaps):

www.just4kids.org

National Center for Educational Accountability (discussion of best practices for reducing the achievement gaps):

www.nc4ea.org

Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth ("What Every School Should Have"):

www.pccy.org/schools.htm

Center on Education Policy (contains good publications on school improvement topics)

<http://www.ctredpol.org/>

National PTA

<http://www.pta.org/homepage.html>

The Education Trust

<http://www2.edtrust.org/edtrust/default>

The Public Education Network

<http://www.publiceducation.org/index.asp>

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights

<http://www.pacer.org/>

School Funding and Financing Websites

Information about Pennsylvania school funding:

www.pde.state.pa.us/k12 (click “Finances” on left side)

Expenditure data terms glossary:

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/k12_finances/cwp/view.asp?A=3&Q=88014

U.S. Census data:

<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html>

Marrero v. Commonwealth – The 1999 ruling by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court interpreting the state constitutional provision requiring the state to provide a “thorough and efficient system of public education.”

www.courts.state.pa.us/OpPosting/Supreme/out/J-260-98mo.pdf.

Costing Out Studies

General information about costing out studies:

www.schoolfunding.info

University of Pennsylvania school funding study:

www.cgp.upenn.edu/ope/fbudget.htm

Ohio costing out studies:

www.schoolfunding.info/states/oh/cofactsheets.php3

Oregon costing out study:

www.schoolfunding.info/states/or/costingout_or.php3

Maryland costing out studies:

www.schoolfunding.info/states/md/lit_md.php3#mdco

Education-Related Organizations -- Pennsylvania

Education Law Center:

<http://www.elc-pa.org>

The Education Policy and Leadership Center:

www.eplc.org

Good Schools Pennsylvania:

www.goodschoolspa.org

Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools:

www.parss.org

Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

www.papartnerships.org

Education-Related Organizations – National

Center for Fair and Open Testing (independent advocacy group):

www.fairtest.org

National Education Association (teacher union)

<http://www.nea.org/accountability/index.html>

Federal Government

- U.S. President and Congress. *Pass the federal budget and federal education laws.*
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/> and <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
- U.S. Department of Education. *Implements the federal laws and distributes federal funding.*
<http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>

State Government

- Governor. *Nominates the Secretary of Education and State Board of Education members. Proposes the budget.* <http://www.governor.state.pa.us/>
- General Assembly. *Approves the budget (proposed by the Governor) and passes education laws.* <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/index.cfm>
- State Board of Education. *Passes regulations affecting public education.*
http://www.pde.state.pa.us/stateboard_ed/site/default.asp?g=0&pde_internetNav=/

- Pennsylvania Department of Education. *Headed by the Secretary of Education. Implements state and federal laws.*
http://www.pde.state.pa.us/pde_internet/site/default.asp

Local Government

- Contact information for school districts and administrators
<http://edna.ed.state.pa.us/>.
- School board of directors. *Passes policies to run the local school district. Elected by local residents. The Pennsylvania School Boards Association is at*
<http://www.psba.org/>.
- Superintendent. *Hired by the local school board. Manages the district. The Pa. Association of School Administrators is at* <http://www.pasa-net.org/>.
- School principal. *Hired by superintendent. Manages the school. The Pa. Assn. of Elementary and Secondary School Principals is at*
<http://www.paessp.org/>.
- Charter schools. *Public schools operating by contract under supervision of a local school district. Information available at*
http://www.pde.state.pa.us/charter_schools/site/default.asp
- Intermediate Units (IUs). *The 29 regional IUs are jointly run by the school districts in each region. IUs provide services for children with disabilities and offer training and consulting to districts. The Pa. Association of Intermediate Units is at*
<http://www.paiu.org/>.