

MCA School District



**Charter Cyber Costs
July, 2021**

Rising costs

In 2020-2021 our district paid \$903,691.00 towards cyber education.

The cost of charter school districts continue to grow. Since 2007-08, cyber charter tuition costs have continued to grow by \$1.4 billion, or 229.5% while charter enrollments have only increased by 112.9%

(Source www.pacharterchange.org)

MCA CYBER BUDGET NUMBERS

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2018-2019: TELA \$104,472 + Outside Cyber (89 students) \$838,522 = **\$942,994**

2019-2020: TELA (45 students) \$109,390 + Outside Cyber (67 students) \$723,313 =
\$833,303

2020-2021: TELA (30 students) \$35,007 + Outside Cyber (88 students) \$868,684 = Current
\$903,691

2021-2022: Budget Projection = **\$1 Million**

NOTES:
TELA = Tornado eLearning Academy

Per student costs to our district for students to attend OUTSIDE cyber school

****** Students can attend TELA at a fraction of the cost to our district and taxpayers vs. students attending outside cyber charter schools.***

Regular education student cost to attend OUTSIDE cyber =
Approx \$10,068

Special education student cost to attend OUTSIDE = Approx
\$23,071

- ***Did you know this is an additional cost to our district?***

Success Rates

When looking at any measure of academic performance, charter schools consistently score lower than traditional school districts. The difference is even more apparent when comparing school districts to cyber charter schools.

- 3rd grade English language proficiency was 22.3% lower in cyber charter schools than traditional school districts.
- 7th grade math proficiency was 25.3% lower in cyber charter schools than traditional school districts.

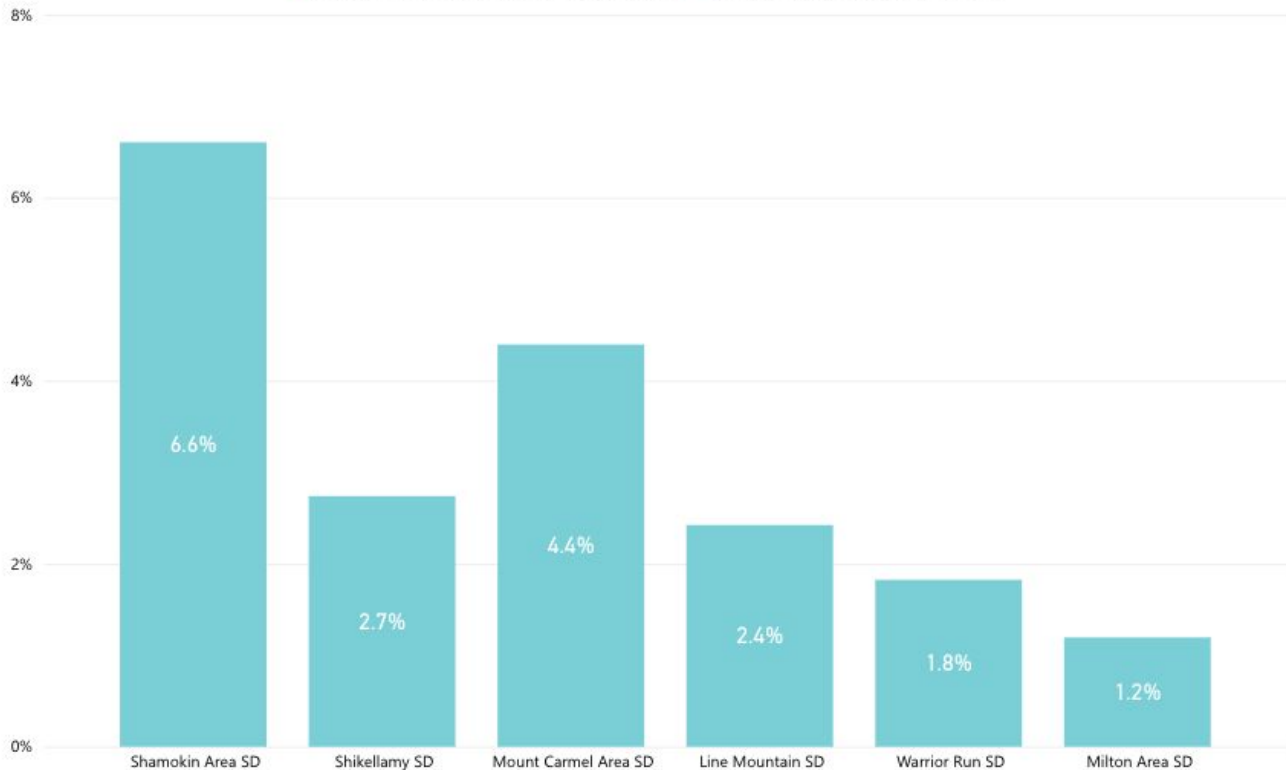
During the five years when the state issued School Performance Profile scores, none of Pennsylvania's cyber schools earned passing grades.

Source: PACYBERCHANGE.ORG

County Cyber Cost Comparison

% of 2019-20 School District Budgets Spent on Charter School Tuition

● % of Budget on Brick & Mortar Tuition ● % of Budget on Cyber Tuition



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School District Listing

Shamokin Area SD

6.6%
Percent Charter Tuition

Mount Carmel Area ...

4.4%
Percent Charter Tuition

Shikellamy SD

2.7%
Percent Charter Tuition

Line Mountain SD

2.4%
Percent Charter Tuition

Warrior Run SD

1.8%
Percent Charter Tuition



Thinking about Cyber Education for your child?

- Tornado eLearning Academy is your best option!
- Why? Will graduate with MCA diploma, will have access to our prom, graduation, activities, athletics, extracurriculars, guidance and support staff, etc.
- ***TELA can provide the same virtual education as any outside cyber school!!***



MORE INFORMATION

- Please contact the elementary or high school main office for more information on our MCA's online cyber school called Tornado eLearning Academy (TELA.)
- We are encouraging all outside cyber school students to return to MCA or TELA.
- New educational pamphlet created:

<http://www.mca.k12.pa.us/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/district-cyber-school-collaterals.pdf>

We can offer a better cyber education with TELA!

- Contact us for more information!
- 570 339 1500



A screenshot of a Facebook post from the Mount Carmel Area School District. The post features a circular logo for the Tornado Learning Academy (TELA) overlaid on a photograph of a young woman with long brown hair sitting at a desk, reading a book. The desk also has a laptop and several books. The background shows a window with blinds.

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