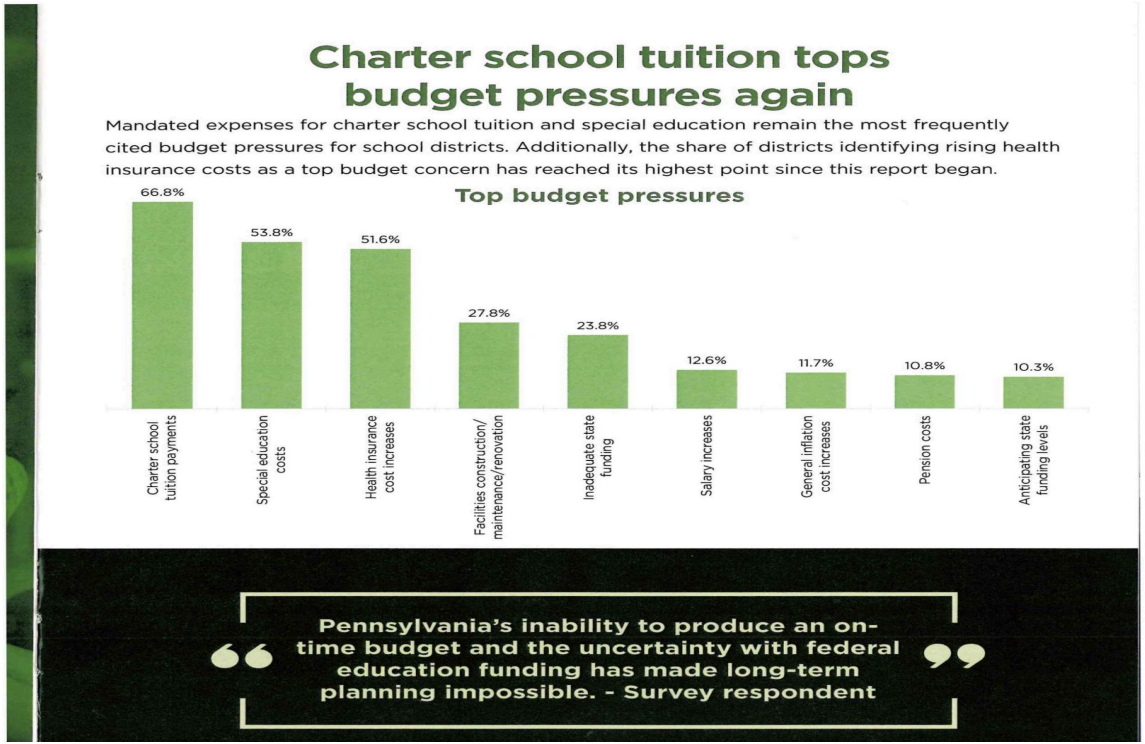
MCA School District

Charter Cyber Costs
July, 2026

Rising costs - *In 2025-2026 our district paid $2,021,052 towards cyber education.*



Source: PSBA “State of Education” 2026.

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

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****** 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 **$11,130.97**

Special education student cost to attend OUTSIDE cyber = Approx **$19,617.20**

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

Different Funding Systems

School Districts

Funding is based on the Special Education Funding Formula that differentiates students into three cost tiers according to their level of educational need.

Charter Schools

Funding is based on a "one-size-fits-all" calculation that assumes 16% each school district's students receive special education services.

In 2014, the Special Education Funding Commission recommended applying the same formula to charters and districts. Charter schools successfully lobbied to be exempted.

Source: Education Voters of Pennsylvania

MCA CYBER BUDGET NUMBERS

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) $50,852 + Outside Cyber (88 students) $1,126,854 = Current *$1,177,706*

2021-2022: TELA (63 Full time, 5 Part time students) + Outside Cyber (75 students) = $1,168,596.76

2022-2023: TELA (74 Full time, 7 Part time students) $152,755 + Outside Cyber (70 students) $951,761 = Total cost $1,104,516

2023-2024: TELA (98 Students) Cost $332,605 + Outside Cyber (82 students) $1,025,242 = Total Cost $1,357,847

2024-2025: TELA (74 Students) Cost $319,075 + Outside Cyber (118 Students) Cost $1,594,552 = Total Cost $1,913,627

2025-2026: TELA (129 Students) Current Cost $243,180 + Outside Cyber (126 Students) Cost $1,777,872 = Total Cost $2,021,052

NOTES:
TELA = Tornado eLearning Academy

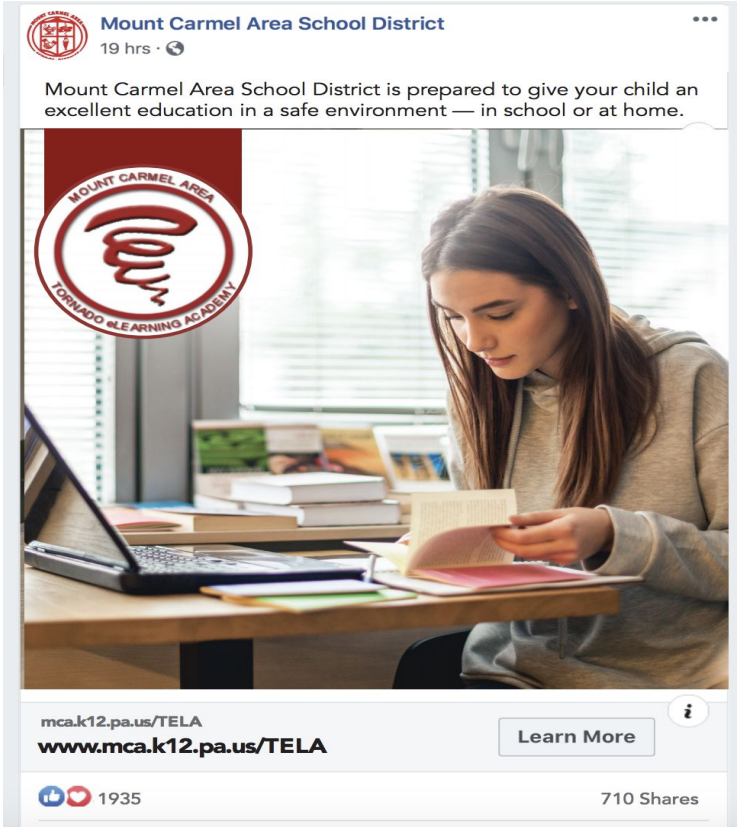
Thinking about Cyber Education for your child?

- 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.
- Educational pamphlet:

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!

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