

Rockwood Area School District vs. Pennsylvania Cyber Schools

The following comparison is direct evidence that public tax dollars are being stripped from a high performing public school and given to failing cyber charter schools. The data in this table is taken directly from the Pennsylvania Department of Education website. The graduate data is based upon 2010 4-year cohort data. The subject proficiency data is taken from the 2009-2010 district report card. The schools listed are all cyber charter schools having residents of the Rockwood Area School District enrolled. Notice all cyber schools have been in one form of school improvement in the past two years, while Rockwood has always met Annual Yearly Progress as defined by the federal law “No Child Left Behind”.

	% of students who graduate on time	% of students proficient in Math	% of students proficient in Reading	Level of School Improvement
Rockwood	91.89%	81%	75%	N/A-Meeting AYP
Pennsylvania Cyber Charter	64.35%	52.3%	69%	2009-School Improvement II
Commonwealth Connections	89.78%	51.2%	60.9%	2009-School Improvement II 2010-Corrective Action I
Agora	78.62%	47%	55.4%	2009-Corrective Action I 2010-Corrective Action II
PA Learners Online	46.08%	29.9%	45.5%	2009-Corrective Action II, 2 nd year 2010-Corrective Action II, 3 rd year
PA Leadership Academy	79.43%	50.0%	64.4%	2009- Corrective Action I 2010- Corrective Action I- made AYP for progress

There are currently 38 (34 regular education and 4 special education) students within the borders of the Rockwood Area School District attending one of the above cyber schools. These students cost the district and taxpayers approximately \$333,000/year, at a rate of \$8,200/year for a regular education student, and \$13,600/year for a special education student.