

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Overall grade for school climate			Engagement - 15% of grade				School Safety - 20% of grade			
			Percent of 8th graders in schools where a school official reports that the following are not problems or are minor problems (2003)			State surveys teachers, parents, and/or students about school conditions (2004-05)	School report cards include school safety information (2004-05) ¹	State law or regulations include provisions related to school bullying/harassment (2004-05)	State finances a program to reduce school bullying/harassment (2004-05)	State law enforces penalties for incidents of school violence (2004-05)
Absenteeism	Tardiness	Classroom misbehavior								
Delaware	B	85	75	79	55	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Colorado	B	85	86	81	78	✓	✓		✓	
Maine	B	84	88	89	78		✓		✓	
Wisconsin	B	84	86	85	79	✓		✓		
Wyoming	B	83	77	75	79	✓				
Missouri	B	83	85	83	77	✓			✓	
New Hampshire	B-	82	88	84	81	✓	✓			
Kansas	B-	82	88	86	76	✓			✓	
Connecticut	B-	82	89	82	75		✓		✓	
Minnesota	B-	82	81	84	76	✓				
New Jersey	B-	82	93	77	73	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rhode Island	B-	81	89	78	75	✓	✓			
Illinois	B-	80	88	82	75		✓		✓	
Vermont	B-	80	86	85	80		✓	✓		
Washington	C+	79	77	83	74	✓	✓		✓	
South Carolina	C+	79	79	71	60	✓		✓	✓	
Nebraska	C+	79	87	89	81		✓			
North Carolina	C+	79	71	75	60	✓	✓		✓	
Massachusetts	C+	79	92	81	85	✓				
West Virginia	C+	79	79	87	72		✓	✓	✓	
Oklahoma	C+	79	77	74	74	✓	✓			
Idaho	C+	78	82	80	74	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Iowa	C+	78	90	85	78		✓	✓		
Arkansas	C+	78	71	69	73	✓	✓			
Utah	C+	78	75	69	72				✓	
New Mexico	C+	78	53	72	64	✓		✓		
South Dakota	C+	77	79	83	82			✓		
Tennessee	C+	77	81	74	69	✓		✓	✓	
Arizona	C+	77	62	67	74	✓			✓	
Hawaii	C	76	76	73	44	✓	✓		✓	
New York	C	76	82	72	73	✓	✓			
Georgia	C	76	67	72	65	✓	✓		✓	
Pennsylvania	C	76	83	84	75	✓			✓	
Ohio	C	76	75	80	72		✓	✓		
California	C	75	71	70	71	✓ ²	✓		✓	
North Dakota	C	75	88	74	82			✓		
Kentucky	C	75	81	77	66	✓			✓	
Oregon	C	74	68	74	74	✓	✓			
Texas	C	74	86	72	67	✓			✓	
Florida	C	74	64	70	54	✓	✓		✓	
Montana	C	73	68	76	75					
Michigan	C	73	82	72	71		✓		✓	
Indiana	C-	72	84	80	74	✓				
Virginia	C-	71	86	81	65	✓			✓	
Nevada	C-	71	75	70	61	✓	✓		✓	
District of Columbia	C-	70	69	57	56		✓		✓	
Alabama	D+	69	80	75	61	✓		✓	✓	
Alaska	D+	68	58	72	84		✓		✓	
Mississippi	D+	68	68	68	66		✓	✓	✓	
Louisiana	D+	67	61	71	57	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Maryland	D+	67	79	72	66		✓	✓		
U.S.	—	—	79	76	70	17	27	31	17	31

Note: A dash (—) indicates data were not available or, in U.S. row, that a total was not appropriate. States are ranked by number grade to the nearest decimal.
¹Education Week used the most recently available school report cards in each state as of Oct. 22, 2004. Please see the Sources and Notes on Page 105 for report card years by state.

²California requires its School Accountability Report Cards to include school safety data, but not all of the school report cards include the information.

	School Safety - 20% of grade		Additional Information: School Safety				
	Percent of students in schools where a school official reports that physical conflicts are not a problem or are a minor problem (2003)		Number of schools identified as "persistently dangerous" (2003-04)	Percent of high school students who (2003):			
	4th grade	8th grade		Felt too unsafe to go to school during the past 30 days	Carried a weapon on school property during the past 30 days	Were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property in the past year	Were in a physical fight on school property in the past year
Delaware	93	89	0	4.8	5.0	7.7	11.4
Colorado	96	91	0	—	—	—	—
Maine	98	98	0	5.3	6.6	8.5	9.1
Wisconsin	92	92	0	5.8	3.2	5.5	11.6
Wyoming	91	90	0	5.4	10.1	9.7	12.7
Missouri	97	90	0	4.7	5.5	7.5	9.8
New Hampshire	99	100	0	2.8	5.8	7.5	11.6
Kansas	97	89	0	—	—	—	—
Connecticut	92	90	0	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	90	86	0	—	—	—	—
New Jersey	92	92	10	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	93	91	0	5.8	5.9	8.2	11.4
Illinois	91	89	0	—	—	—	—
Vermont	95	94	0	3.9	8.3	7.3	12.2
Washington	97	92	0	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	90	88	0	—	—	—	—
Nebraska	98	95	0	3.1	5.0	8.8	10.6
North Carolina	99	82	0	5.2	6.3	7.2	10.7
Massachusetts	94	92	0	4.6	5.0	6.3	10.2
West Virginia	97	81	0	5.9	6.6	8.5	10.3
Oklahoma	88	87	0	4.1	8.0	7.4	11.4
Idaho	94	99	0	4.1	7.7	9.4	11.7
Iowa	96	88	0	—	—	—	—
Arkansas	91	86	0	—	—	—	—
Utah	93	86	0	5.3	5.6	7.3	11.9
New Mexico	91	74	0	—	—	—	—
South Dakota	93	91	2	4.0	7.1	6.5	9.0
Tennessee	97	85	0	5.9	5.4	8.4	12.2
Arizona	88	80	0	5.0	4.9	9.2	10.8
Hawaii	91	68	0	—	—	—	—
New York	88	87	0	5.9	5.2	7.2	14.6
Georgia	94	83	0	4.6	5.0	8.2	11.1
Pennsylvania	85	88	14	—	—	—	—
Ohio	92	85	0	4.9	3.6	7.7	11.3
California	88	85	0	—	—	—	—
North Dakota	92	90	0	2.8	5.7	5.9	8.6
Kentucky	97	89	0	5.0	7.4	5.2	10.1
Oregon	96	89	0	—	—	—	—
Texas	95	84	0	5.2 ³	5.8 ³	7.7 ³	13.3 ³
Florida	93	76	0	7.3	5.3	8.4	13.3
Montana	87	82	0	3.4	7.2	7.1	10.3
Michigan	90	85	0	5.5	5.1	9.7	12.2
Indiana	89	88	0	3.8	6.2	6.7	10.9
Virginia	97	88	0	—	—	—	—
Nevada	94	73	0	8.7	6.3	6.0	12.6
District of Columbia	75	65	0	—	—	—	—
Alabama	95	74	0	4.6	7.3	7.2	12.9
Alaska	90	79	0	4.1	7.1	8.1	8.6
Mississippi	91	84	0	5.9	5.2	6.6	10.2
Louisiana	81	74	0	—	—	—	—
Maryland	93	84	0	—	—	—	—
U.S.	92	86	26	5.4	6.1	9.2	12.8

³Survey did not include students from one of Texas' large school districts.

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	Parent Involvement - 15% of grade				Choice and Autonomy - 20% of grade				School Size - 10% of grade			
	School report cards include information on parent involvement (2004-05) ¹	Percent of students in schools where a school official reports that (2003):				State has a public school open-enrollment program (2003)	State law allows charter schools (2004)	Strength of charter school law (2004) ⁴	Number of charter schools (2004)	Percent of students in elementary schools with 350 or fewer students (2003)	Percent of students in middle schools with 800 or fewer students (2003)	Percent of students in high schools with 900 or fewer students (2003)
		Lack of parent involvement is not a problem or is a minor problem	More than half of parents participate in parent-teacher conferences									
	4th grade	8th grade	4th grade	8th grade								
Delaware	✓	62	24	90	28	statewide	✓	4.0	13	12	59	12
Colorado		75	69	99	68	statewide	✓	3.0	93	25	63	26
Maine		75	67	100	92	limited				64	96	66
Wisconsin		77	63	99	86	statewide	✓	3.0	147	38	76	39
Wyoming	✓	66	57	98	87	limited	✓	2.0	1	78	76	64
Missouri		74	61	98	76	limited	✓	3.0	27	32	74	44
New Hampshire		80	67	93	70	limited	✓	2.0	0	32	53	41
Kansas		72	70	100	88	limited	✓	1.0	31	51	85	50
Connecticut		70	68	94	82	limited	✓	2.0	16	22	60	29
Minnesota		81	65	100	88	statewide	✓	4.0	95	21	45	41
New Jersey		72	61	86	71	limited	✓	3.0	52	20	57	21
Rhode Island	✓	66	52	85	62	limited	✓	1.0	8	42	55	22
Illinois	✓	63	69	96	85	limited	✓	2.0	30	23	67	25
Vermont		76	62	100	83	limited				62	100	52
Washington		65	46	100	45	statewide				16	58	26
South Carolina	✓	56	44	88	78	limited	✓	2.0	19	9	55	26
Nebraska		71	79	100	92	statewide				59	75	54
North Carolina		68	49	93	56		✓	3.0	94	13	54	22
Massachusetts		79	75	94	62	limited	✓	4.0	50	28	63	33
West Virginia		74	68	64	41	limited				54	87	56
Oklahoma	✓	66	66	91	57	statewide	✓	2.0	12	38	79	58
Idaho		68	62	100	75	limited	✓	2.0	13	27	63	47
Iowa		70	75	99	93	statewide	✓	0.0	0	56	87	61
Arkansas		53	45	96	63	statewide	✓	1.0	11	32	81	75
Utah		71	70	99	76	statewide	✓	2.0	19	7	30	19
New Mexico	✓	54	34	98	61	limited	✓	3.0	37	29	78	30
South Dakota		74	65	99	94	statewide				61	86	65
Tennessee		61	50	54	49	limited	✓	2.0	4	17	60	32
Arizona		56	45	96	50	statewide	✓	4.0	491	12	41	25
Hawaii	✓	52	20	99	37	limited	✓	2.0	26	11	25	11
New York		68	56	94	66	limited	✓	3.0	51	10	37	30
Georgia		53	55	73	57	statewide	✓	2.0	36	5	33	15
Pennsylvania		73	59	92	47	limited	✓	3.0	103	23	54	34
Ohio		64	55	86	55	limited	✓	3.0	142	30	76	46
California		63	65	94	50	limited	✓	3.0	500	7	21	10
North Dakota		82	80	100	98	limited				66	69	65
Kentucky	✓	61	48	79	46					24	70	46
Oregon		64	58	100	82	limited	✓	3.0	43	29	69	31
Texas		69	57	79	46	limited	✓	3.0	241	10	47	23
Florida		60	45	77	57	limited	✓	3.0	258	4	12	5
Montana		77	64	99	75	statewide				64	88	56
Michigan		64	59	94	87	limited	✓	4.0	210	29	68	36
Indiana		63	52	98	69	limited	✓	3.0	17	22	65	40
Virginia		75	67	90	50		✓	1.0	9	14	37	21
Nevada	✓	63	55	95	41	limited	✓	2.0	14	4	14	15
District of Columbia		47	36	76	66		✓	4.0	43	28	84	67
Alabama		54	44	69	39					20	69	54
Alaska	✓	63	50	96	78		✓	1.0	20	28	68	35
Mississippi		59	45	77	52	limited	✓	0.0	1	13	71	55
Louisiana		46	36	67	46	limited	✓	2.0	16	20	79	40
Maryland		65	60	84	44		✓	1.0	0	11	37	10
U.S.	11	66	58	89	61	44	41	—	2,993	18	50	29

⁴The strength of the charter school law, as rated by the Center for Education Reform, is reported by *Education Week* using a standard 4-point scale (i.e., A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, F = 0.0).

	Class Size - 10% of grade				School Facilities - 10% of grade			Character Education/Community Service		
	School report cards include information on class size or pupil-teacher ratio (2004-05) ¹	State has implemented a class-size-reduction program and/or limits class size by statute (2004-05)	Average class size for self-contained classes in elementary schools (2000)	Median pupil-teacher ratio in primary-level schools (2003)	State tracks condition of all school facilities (2004-05)	State provides grants/debt service for capital outlays or construction (2004-05)	State funding dedicated to capital outlays or construction for FY 2005	State law includes provisions related to character education (2004-05)	State finances character education program (2004-05)	State requires students to do community service for graduation (2004-05)
Delaware	✓	✓	20.6	15.8	✓	✓	\$141,800,000			
Colorado	✓	✓	23.2	16.2		✓	\$10,000,000	✓		
Maine		✓	18.0	12.7	✓	✓	\$7,630,000			
Wisconsin		✓	20.8	14.1		✓	\$317,000,000 ⁵	✓		
Wyoming	✓		18.1	12.0	✓	✓	\$84,600,000			
Missouri	✓		20.9	13.8	✓					
New Hampshire	✓		20.0	13.3		✓	\$33,265,000	✓		
Kansas			18.4	14.4		✓	\$49,900,000			
Connecticut	✓		20.0	14.3	✓	✓	\$668,000,000			
Minnesota		✓	22.0	15.5		✓	\$224,600,000			
New Jersey	✓	✓	20.5	14.1	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	
Rhode Island			20.0	—	✓	✓	\$43,900,000			
Illinois	✓		22.3	16.5	✓	✓	\$0	✓		
Vermont	✓		18.1	11.5		✓	\$4,000,000			
Washington	✓	✓	23.9	18.4		✓	\$171,000,000			
South Carolina	✓	✓	17.9	14.9	✓	✓	\$21,400,000	✓	✓	
Nebraska			17.5	12.2				✓		
North Carolina	✓	✓	20.9	14.4	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	
Massachusetts			21.0	—		✓	\$1,900,000,000			
West Virginia	✓	✓	19.4	14.4	✓	✓	\$170,000,000	✓	✓	
Oklahoma		✓	18.6	16.0	✓			✓	✓	
Idaho			22.1	18.3		✓	\$2,000,000	✓		
Iowa		✓	20.1	13.3				✓		
Arkansas		✓	19.8	14.8	✓	✓	\$17,600,000	✓		
Utah	✓	✓	23.7	22.2	✓	✓	\$27,300,000	✓		
New Mexico			19.9	14.4	✓	✓	\$73,800,000			
South Dakota			18.8	12.2				✓		
Tennessee		✓	19.7	—	✓	✓	\$204,800,000	✓		
Arizona		✓	24.5	18.1	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	
Hawaii	✓	✓	23.1	16.7	✓	✓	\$134,101,000	✓		
New York	✓	✓	22.3	—	✓	✓	\$1,399,000,000	✓		
Georgia		✓	19.7	15.8	✓	✓	\$159,875,000	✓		
Pennsylvania		✓	22.2	16.3		✓	\$294,483,000	✓		
Ohio		✓	22.7	16.4	✓	✓	\$644,200,000	✓	✓	
California	✓	✓	22.7	19.7		✓	\$5,870,000,000	✓		
North Dakota			17.8	11.7				✓		
Kentucky	✓	✓	20.8	15.6	✓	✓	\$214,400,000	✓		
Oregon	✓		23.9	20.3				✓		
Texas	✓	✓	18.5	15.0		✓	\$725,000,000	✓		
Florida		✓	23.1	17.0	✓	✓	\$356,700,000	✓		
Montana		✓	18.2	13.0		✓	\$8,400,000			
Michigan		✓	22.0	18.1				✓		
Indiana	✓	✓	21.4	17.3				✓		
Virginia		✓	19.4	12.1		✓	\$101,100,000	✓		
Nevada	✓	✓	20.7	17.5						
District of Columbia			21.7	—	✓	✓	\$280,000,000		✓	
Alabama		✓	18.7	14.6	✓	✓	\$140,000,000	✓		
Alaska			22.0	16.2		✓	\$307,800,000			
Mississippi			20.4	16.9	✓	✓	\$650,302	✓		
Louisiana		✓	18.9	14.6				✓	✓	
Maryland		✓	22.2	15.9	✓	✓	\$136,248,000		✓	✓
U.S.	22	33	21.2	15.9	27	40	—	34	10	1

⁵This figure is for fiscal 2004.