School Finance

	GRADE		EQUITY				SPENDING			
			Wealth-Neutrality Score (2008)[1]	McLoone Index (2008)[1]	Coefficient of Variation (2008)[1]	Restricted Range (2008)[1]	Per-pupil expenditures (PPE), adjusted for regional cost differences (2008)	Percent of students in districts with PPE at or above U.S. average (2008)[1]	Spending Index (2008)[1]	Percent of total taxable resources spent on education (2008)
			Relationship between district funding and local property wealth (negative value indicates higher funding for poorer districts)	Actual spending as percent of amount needed to bring all students to median level	Amount of disparity in spending across districts (lower value indicates greater equity)	Difference in per-pupil spending levels at the 95th and 5th percentiles			Per-pupil spending levels weighted by the degree to which districts meet or approach the national average for expenditures (cost and student need adjusted)	
WYOMING	A-	90.3	0.001	91.4%	0.153	$4,666	$17,114	100.0%	100.0	4.2 %
RHODE ISLAND	B+	87.6	0.122	90.1	0.128	4,596	14,310	100.0	100.0	4.3
NEW JERSEY	B+	87.5	-0.002	90.9	0.189	8,657	15,598	100.0	100.0	5.0
NEW YORK	B+	87.3	0.104	97.7	0.144	6,381	15,012	100.0	100.0	4.3
CONNECTICUT	B+	86.9	0.025	90.6	0.135	5,549	13,283	100.0	100.0	4.2
MARYLAND	B+	86.8	0.201	93.0	0.109	3,784	12,239	100.0	100.0	4.5
VERMONT	B	85.9	0.123	83.7	0.223	7,911	17,050	88.9	98.8	5.5
MASSACHUSETTS	B	82.6	0.023	88.6	0.196	7,400	12,559	99.6	100.0	3.8
WISCONSIN	B	82.6	0.060	91.6	0.105	2,854	11,370	64.1	97.4	4.1
MAINE	B-	82.5	0.110	87.3	0.200	5,782	14,087	76.4	97.0	4.8
ALASKA	B-	82.1	-0.229	91.2	0.327	11,498	15,424	96.4	98.9	4.1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	C+	78.8	0.148	87.2	0.197	6,001	12,840	69.1	97.1	4.1
KANSAS	C+	78.3	-0.018	89.4	0.157	3,706	11,680	41.9	91.5	4.1
VIRGINIA	C+	78.3	0.181	89.4	0.134	3,782	9,851	72.6	97.6	3.4
GEORGIA	C+	77.8	0.128	90.1	0.126	3,802	9,897	48.5	95.1	4.3
PENNSYLVANIA	C+	77.7	0.154	89.3	0.166	5,017	12,320	52.8	95.2	4.2
DELAWARE	C+	77.7	0.295	86.5	0.144	4,642	11,949	88.4	99.5	2.5
WEST VIRGINIA	C+	77.5	0.067	94.4	0.079	2,091	11,880	7.0	92.1	4.6
OHIO	C	75.6	0.037	90.7	0.170	4,592	10,795	31.4	90.7	4.5
MICHIGAN	C	75.1	0.162	91.5	0.134	3,643	10,318	24.6	90.5	4.7
NEBRASKA	C	74.6	-0.162	92.9	0.194	4,386	12,491	20.3	84.7	3.6
ALABAMA	C	74.5	0.128	92.3	0.106	3,011	10,496	18.1	90.4	4.1
MINNESOTA	C	74.2	0.043	92.4	0.156	3,850	10,396	30.5	90.5	3.7
CALIFORNIA	C	73.7	0.020	91.1	0.163	3,172	8,852	33.5	92.3	3.5
OREGON	C	73.7	0.070	91.2	0.143	2,950	10,467	27.2	89.2	3.4
INDIANA	C	73.6	0.000	89.8	0.142	3,614	9,983	13.4	84.1	4.5
ARKANSAS	C	73.1	0.076	92.3	0.123	2,943	10,541	10.0	82.7	4.2
IOWA	C	72.7	0.051	91.4	0.121	2,867	11,367	8.5	84.8	3.6
SOUTH CAROLINA	C-	72.0	0.179	91.0	0.131	3,604	10,051	9.9	87.4	4.5
LOUISIANA	C-	72.0	0.212	94.0	0.135	3,827	11,540	28.1	92.1	2.9
FLORIDA	C-	71.9	0.143	95.1	0.100	2,765	9,810	10.7	87.5	3.6
NEW MEXICO	C-	71.7	0.020	92.9	0.213	4,070	10,593	18.1	86.8	4.0
WASHINGTON	C-	71.1	0.065	91.8	0.146	2,501	8,722	19.1	89.7	3.2
ILLINOIS	C-	71.1	0.176	88.2	0.150	5,239	10,030	27.4	90.7	3.7
KENTUCKY	C-	71.0	0.035	85.7	0.132	3,224	9,893	6.9	84.9	3.7
MONTANA	C-	70.5	0.072	91.8	0.286	5,197	13,228	22.2	86.3	3.8
MISSOURI	C-	70.5	0.113	90.0	0.169	4,447	10,538	15.7	85.5	3.8
NORTH DAKOTA	D+	68.7	0.064	91.0	0.228	3,876	11,629	15.6	85.4	2.9
SOUTH DAKOTA	D+	68.0	0.003	90.4	0.188	4,372	11,221	10.3	78.6	2.8
ARIZONA	D+	67.2	0.064	92.0	0.181	2,933	8,435	4.3	74.0	3.7
OKLAHOMA	D+	67.0	0.035	92.6	0.178	2,772	9,137	3.3	71.9	3.3
TEXAS	D+	66.9	0.090	90.3	0.195	3,980	8,439	10.8	83.1	3.4
NORTH CAROLINA	D+	66.6	0.145	92.0	0.127	2,652	8,261	5.2	80.7	2.8
COLORADO	D+	66.5	0.110	93.6	0.223	6,298	9,541	20.6	86.9	3.0
MISSISSIPPI	D	65.7	0.277	88.9	0.162	4,427	9,498	4.3	75.5	4.0
TENNESSEE	D	65.7	0.164	89.8	0.129	3,015	8,507	1.7	78.3	2.9
UTAH	D	65.6	-0.010	94.7	0.162	1,632	6,525	1.0	57.4	3.7
NEVADA	D	65.5	-0.020	NA[2]	0.141	2,781	8,228	10.4	81.5	3.1
IDAHO	D-	62.3	0.317	88.8	0.224	3,256	8,633	4.0	68.8	3.7
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA[3]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	13,311	100.0	100.0	NA[4]
HAWAII[3]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12,457	100.0	100.0	3.5
U.S.[5]	C	75.3	0.085	90.9%	0.163	$4,286	$11,223	40.6%	89.3	3.8%

Note: States are ordered based on unrounded scores.

[1] Figures in this column are adjusted to reflect regional cost differences and weighted for student needs.

[2] The Clark County school district enrolls the majority of students in Nevada, making its per-pupil spending the statewide median. In addition, Clark County is Nevada's lowest-spending district. Because of these two factors, a value for the McLoone Index comparable to other states' cannot be calculated. Nevada's grade is based on all other available indicators.

[3] The District of Columbia and Hawaii are single-district jurisdictions. As a result, it is not possible to calculate measures of financial equity, which capture the distribution of funding across districts within a state. The District of Columbia and Hawaii do not receive grades for school finance.

[4] The District of Columbia does not have a state-level revenue source.

[5] The U.S. row reports the indicator value for the average state.

SOURCE: EPE Research Center, 2011