



SCHOOL FINANCE

GRADE	EQUITY						SPENDING			
	Wealth-Neutrality Score (2011) ¹	McLoone Index (2011) ¹	Coefficient of Variation (2011) ¹	Restricted Range (2011) ¹	Per-pupil expenditures (PPE), adjusted for regional cost differences (2011)	Percent of students in districts with PPE at or above U.S. average (2011) ¹	Spending Index (2011) ¹		Percent of total taxable resources spent on education (2011)	
	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	-0.032	91.4%	0.156	\$5,563	\$19,534	100.0%	100.0	3.9%
WEST VIRGINIA	B+	89.0	-0.053	93.0	0.113	4,304	14,147	91.1	98.0	4.5
NEW YORK	B+	87.2	0.086	90.7	0.155	7,849	16,835	100.0	100.0	4.5
CONNECTICUT	B+	86.8	0.084	91.4	0.136	5,647	14,751	100.0	100.0	4.1
RHODE ISLAND	B	86.5	0.145	87.7	0.133	4,865	14,794	100.0	100.0	4.1
VERMONT	B	86.0	0.097	83.9	0.194	10,891	17,388	94.6	99.5	5.5
WISCONSIN	B	85.6	0.082	92.2	0.109	3,360	12,587	85.3	99.3	4.1
MARYLAND	B	85.2	0.253	92.2	0.111	3,985	13,060	100.0	100.0	4.0
NEW JERSEY	B	84.5	0.063	91.3	0.218	9,600	14,920	98.9	99.9	4.8
MAINE	B	83.9	0.116	87.7	0.194	6,504	15,063	90.4	99.1	4.4
MASSACHUSETTS	B	83.5	0.080	91.1	0.178	6,113	13,127	99.8	100.0	3.6
PENNSYLVANIA	B-	82.0	0.188	91.5	0.153	4,824	13,741	75.8	99.0	4.1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	B-	81.4	0.144	85.6	0.208	7,457	14,556	87.4	99.1	4.2
ALASKA	B-	80.2	-0.091	87.5	0.344	13,023	17,554	96.0	98.8	4.0
DELAWARE	B-	80.0	0.105	85.8	0.158	4,180	12,258	91.7	99.7	2.4
OHIO	C+	77.2	0.087	89.8	0.176	5,205	11,897	48.8	94.8	4.1
NEBRASKA	C+	77.0	-0.219	94.0	0.209	5,190	13,643	31.7	92.0	3.4
NORTH DAKOTA	C+	76.8	0.078	90.6	0.201	4,741	13,592	63.1	96.7	2.7
ILLINOIS	C+	76.8	0.169	86.9	0.170	7,108	11,375	67.8	96.2	3.9
VIRGINIA	C	76.1	0.221	89.9	0.129	3,366	9,573	65.2	96.4	3.0
MICHIGAN	C	74.9	0.160	90.8	0.143	3,545	10,833	27.8	91.3	4.4
LOUISIANA	C	74.9	0.211	89.7	0.164	4,278	12,454	54.8	95.9	2.8
MINNESOTA	C	74.6	0.092	90.7	0.152	3,881	11,043	33.8	92.7	3.6
KANSAS	C	74.2	-0.003	88.3	0.158	3,824	11,584	22.6	89.4	3.7
ARKANSAS	C	74.1	0.093	90.5	0.147	3,726	11,536	21.4	87.3	4.1
IOWA	C	73.8	0.040	92.6	0.117	3,036	11,696	12.1	87.5	3.6
MONTANA	C	73.0	0.104	91.5	0.285	5,090	14,489	39.3	90.9	3.5
KENTUCKY	C-	71.7	0.074	85.9	0.142	3,476	10,446	17.1	88.6	3.5
WASHINGTON	C-	71.6	0.103	92.4	0.155	2,954	9,262	29.2	91.2	2.9
INDIANA	C-	71.6	0.030	88.9	0.156	4,157	10,415	14.8	85.0	3.8
GEORGIA	C-	71.6	0.143	91.9	0.146	4,160	9,430	21.7	89.6	3.8
ALABAMA	C-	71.1	0.125	92.7	0.099	2,364	9,959	5.5	86.2	3.4
OREGON	C-	71.0	0.098	90.4	0.152	3,015	10,413	24.1	88.1	2.8
MISSOURI	C-	70.5	0.122	91.9	0.161	3,831	10,459	15.6	86.1	3.5
NEW MEXICO	C-	70.5	0.038	91.7	0.225	4,056	10,547	17.0	85.1	3.8
FLORIDA	C-	70.0	0.130	95.3	0.086	2,062	9,752	4.1	84.4	2.9
CALIFORNIA	D+	69.2	0.039	90.7	0.181	3,416	8,341	19.5	85.9	3.1
SOUTH CAROLINA	D+	68.7	0.273	88.9	0.154	3,787	9,877	10.1	84.1	4.0
COLORADO	D+	68.6	0.128	92.9	0.139	2,590	9,160	7.6	85.7	3.0
SOUTH DAKOTA	D+	68.2	0.038	90.2	0.186	4,374	11,742	13.9	81.4	2.5
TEXAS	D+	67.3	0.095	90.1	0.203	4,539	8,778	15.1	84.5	3.2
NORTH CAROLINA	D+	67.0	0.067	90.4	0.139	2,949	8,758	7.1	80.7	2.5
ARIZONA	D+	66.8	0.095	94.2	0.141	2,749	8,495	3.5	72.1	3.2
OKLAHOMA	D	66.5	0.044	89.9	0.166	2,892	9,075	2.5	71.9	3.1
UTAH	D	65.2	-0.012	92.7	0.165	1,997	6,905	2.0	61.1	3.2
MISSISSIPPI	D	64.9	0.231	87.9	0.164	4,368	9,542	1.1	74.2	3.6
TENNESSEE	D	64.5	0.100	92.0	0.254	2,514	9,230	2.4	79.0	2.9
NEVADA	D	64.5	-0.003	NA ²	0.153	2,740	8,454	9.9	81.3	2.9
IDAHO	D-	60.0	0.348	89.6	0.255	3,587	8,471	3.7	66.1	3.3
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16,925	100.0	100.0	NA ⁴
HAWAII ⁵	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12,588	100.0	100.0	3.0
U.S.⁵	C	75.5	0.094	90.4%	0.168	\$4,566	\$11,864	46.0%	90.1	3.6%

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: Education Week Research Center, 2014