Quality Counts
Follow the Money—School Finance And Funding
Sponsored by SAP Concur
Quality Counts:
Follow the Money—School Finance and Funding

Expert Presenters:

Daarel Burnette II
Staff Writer
Education Week

Sterling Lloyd
Assistant Director
Education Week Research Center
An on-demand archive of this webinar will be available at www.edweek.org/go/webinar in less than 24 hrs.
Front-Burner Issue
NEW APPROACH: Data Released in Three 2018 Installments

♦ Installment 1: Overall Grades
  • Deeper analysis of overall grades adds value for the field (January 2018)

♦ Installment 2: School Finance
  • Report provides in-depth analysis of spending and equity indicators (June 2018)

♦ Installment 3: Chance for Success and K-12 Achievement
  • Report focuses on cradle-to-career perspective for success and student achievement
In-Depth Report Card

♦ Economic and political context
  • *Education Week* journalists examine the complex factors impacting school funding

♦ Report card
  • The Education Week Research Center provides grades and indicators, highlights top performers

♦ Behind the numbers
  • Explaining the indicators and patterns in the data
CONTEXT FOR RESULTS

Journalism in *Quality Counts 2018*

♦ Economic and political forces
  • An opportunity to learn about strategies
    – Identify the challenges facing states
    – Highlight approaches of policymakers

♦ Role of courts and advocacy groups
  • Impact of stakeholders on policy debates

♦ Funding formulas and equity
  • Efforts to serve students with the greatest needs
One Automated Integrated Solution
Federal ESSA Mandate Compliance

TRAVEL

EXPENSE

INVOICE
Quality Counts:
A unique marriage between research and journalism

♦ State of the States Report Card
  • This installment highlights eight distinct finance indicators
  • Grades evaluate both overall spending and equity

♦ A closer look at state results
  • What can the data tell us about high-performers, low-performers, and states that have improved?
National and State Overview

♦ Spending
♦ Equity
♦ Challenges and Opportunities Ahead
Quality Counts grades states on eight indicators examining two distinct aspects of school finance:

**Spending:** state investment in education, pegged to relevant benchmarks

**Equity:** how education dollars are distributed within a state

**National Grade**: C

**Top states**
- Wyoming: A- (91.4)
- New York: B+ (89.4)
- New Jersey: B+ (88.5)
- Connecticut: B+ (87.8)
- Rhode Island: B+ (86.6)
- Vermont: B+ (86.5)

**Bottom states**
- Arizona: D- (62.3)
- Utah: D- (61.3)
- Nevada: D- (60.9)
- Idaho: D- (59.7)
Spending Struggles
Grades Paint Bleak Picture

♦ Alaska earns highest spending grade with an A (96.4)
♦ Utah finishes last with an F (37.5)
♦ In all, 26 states receive grades of F
  • That striking result is consistent with findings over past decade
  • Highlights funding hole
Top states tend to be in Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

Spending Score Top 10:

- Alaska: 96.4
- Vermont: 94.9
- Wyoming: 93.1
- New Jersey: 92.0
- New York: 92.0
- District of Columbia: 91.3
- Connecticut: 89.7
- Rhode Island: 86.1
- Maine: 85.2
- Pennsylvania: 84.6
PER-PUPIL SPENDING

Adjusted for Regional Cost Differences
SPENDING ABOVE U.S. AVERAGE

% of students in districts spending above average

Top States

- Connecticut: 100.0%
- District of Columbia: 100.0%
- Hawaii: 100.0%
- Maryland: 100.0%
- New Jersey: 100.0%
- New York: 100.0%
- Rhode Island: 100.0%
- Wyoming: 100.0%

Percent of students in districts spending above U.S. average
More Success on Equity
K-12 EQUITY

Only Wyoming is in top 10 for spending and equity

**Equity Score Top 10**

- Florida: 92.4
- West Virginia: 90.9
- Wisconsin: 90.7
- Indiana: 90.6
- Kentucky: 90.3
- Iowa: 90.0
- Wyoming: 89.7
- Oklahoma: 89.7
- Washington: 89.3
- Oregon: 89.3

Score in Quality Counts Equity Category
Seven states saw gains of a point or more between 2017 and 2018

- North Dakota improved most (6.0 points)
- California followed with solid gain (3.5 points)
- Three states declined by more than a point
  - West Virginia (-2.5)
  - Delaware (-1.6)
  - South Carolina (-1.2)
From *Education Week* and The Education Week Research Center

**Quality Counts 2018**
Interactive state tables and charts
Online grading map

National and State Highlights
Reports
Sterling C. Lloyd
Assistant Director
Education Week Research Center

Daarel Burnette
State Policy Reporter
Education Week

Education Week Research Center
rcinfo@epe.org
or 301-280-3100
SAP Concur

Meeting Federal ESSA Mandate Travel, Expense & Invoice

An Integrated Spend Management Solution

Jennifer Sayre, SAP
Capture spending – wherever and whenever it happens

Aberdeen Report
Expense processing costs by 60% and improve compliance by 44%
Automation
Compliance
Transparency
Efficiency
Budget Control
Audit
Federal ESSA Mandate

Capture
Integrate
Control
Compliance
Transforming travel and expense requires a comprehensive approach

- Gain new insights
- Foster centralized data collection
- Connect and integrate spending with your ERP
Reimagine your Travel and Expense Program

- Inefficiencies exist in the way most businesses manage travel and expenses.

- Automation helps manage part of the process, but won’t provide one unified view of your spending.

- Take advantage of all the ways you can recognize benefits beyond automation—to really optimize your company’s spend management.
www.concur.com
An on-demand archive of this webinar will be available at www.edweek.org/go/webinar in less than 24 hrs.
Quality Counts:
Follow the Money—School Finance and Funding

Suggested Reading from Education Week:

Quality Counts 2018: School Finance Report & Rankings
Education Week puts the nation's K-12 finance performance under the microscope in this second installment of Quality Counts 2018, looking at how much gets spent state by state, and how fairly it's divvied up.

26 States Earn 'F' Grade on School Spending in Education Week Analysis
Education Week's latest analysis points to a funding hole as education competes with other state spending priorities and political obstacles.

States Squeezed by Fiscal, Political Pressures on Funding
Regional economics, tax-averse voters, and other factors complicate the picture for policymakers aiming resources at K-12.