

GRADE		EQUITY				SPENDING				
		Wealth-Neutrality Score (2017) ¹	McLoone Index (2017) ¹	Coefficient of Variation (2017) ¹	Restricted Range (2017) ¹	Per-pupil expenditures (PPE), adjusted for regional cost differences (2017)	Percent of students in districts with PPE at or above U.S. average (2017) ¹	Spending Index (2017) ¹	Percent of total taxable resources spent on education (2017)	
Grade	Total Score	Relationship between district funding and local property wealth (negative value indicates higher funding for poorer districts)	Actual spending as a 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 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-	92.4	-0.016	91.7%	0.139	\$5,144	\$18,221	100.0%	100.0	5.2%
NEW JERSEY	A-	89.8	0.067	90.2	0.168	7,494	17,707	99.9	99.9	5.1
NEW YORK	B+	89.3	0.086	90.2	0.146	8,178	20,082	100.0	100.0	4.3
RHODE ISLAND	B+	88.4	0.122	90.9	0.113	5,461	16,267	100.0	100.0	4.4
CONNECTICUT	B+	88.2	0.102	88.0	0.138	8,611	18,668	100.0	100.0	4.3
MARYLAND	B+	86.9	0.140	95.0	0.092	3,420	13,815	100.0	100.0	3.8
PENNSYLVANIA	B	86.4	0.144	91.0	0.160	6,914	16,506	97.6	99.8	4.2
VERMONT	B	86.1	-0.004	80.1	0.229	12,865	22,506	72.0	92.5	5.4
MAINE	B	84.4	0.176	86.8	0.177	7,247	17,464	85.3	93.8	4.5
MASSACHUSETTS	B	84.0	0.167	91.3	0.178	7,815	16,398	99.7	100.0	3.4
DELAWARE	B	83.5	0.402	88.8	0.117	5,238	15,249	97.9	100.0	3.9
NORTH DAKOTA	B	83.2	0.017	93.2	0.164	4,081	14,813	78.5	98.6	3.3
ALASKA	B	82.9	-0.222	88.0	0.446	21,306	18,493	96.7	99.2	4.8
ILLINOIS	B-	82.1	0.222	89.9	0.190	10,372	15,178	88.2	98.6	4.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE	B-	81.2	0.154	80.9	0.223	9,100	17,057	81.1	98.2	3.9
MINNESOTA	C+	78.5	0.094	92.7	0.127	4,739	13,168	46.5	95.5	3.8
WISCONSIN	C+	77.8	0.106	92.8	0.128	4,482	13,107	45.1	95.8	3.6
VIRGINIA	C+	77.7	0.189	87.6	0.134	4,673	11,021	70.3	95.6	3.3
WASHINGTON	C+	77.3	0.083	91.3	0.135	3,512	11,389	56.1	96.7	3.0
CALIFORNIA	C+	76.9	0.039	88.2	0.149	4,037	10,867	55.5	95.1	3.1
WEST VIRGINIA	C	76.1	0.137	93.2	0.103	3,691	13,435	9.9	90.2	4.8
OHIO	C	75.9	0.086	89.6	0.204	6,766	13,559	41.8	93.3	3.8
IOWA	C	74.5	0.170	91.0	0.112	3,134	13,512	18.6	90.8	3.8
NEBRASKA	C	74.3	0.160	90.0	0.205	6,175	14,735	30.3	93.4	3.7
OREGON	C	74.2	0.124	94.1	0.123	3,198	12,281	24.3	91.6	3.4
LOUISIANA	C	73.9	0.328	93.3	0.123	3,949	12,847	32.1	91.4	3.7
ARKANSAS	C	73.5	0.153	91.0	0.144	3,503	12,097	13.8	83.3	4.6
SOUTH CAROLINA	C-	72.4	0.202	89.0	0.148	5,109	11,818	14.3	86.7	4.5
MONTANA	C-	72.4	0.165	90.2	0.255	5,168	14,459	23.6	87.2	3.9
KANSAS	C-	72.4	0.061	87.6	0.180	5,248	12,318	16.3	86.2	3.9
MICHIGAN	C-	72.1	0.179	93.4	0.151	5,130	12,599	15.7	84.8	4.0
MISSOURI	C-	71.3	0.188	91.8	0.139	3,706	12,165	11.4	85.1	3.8
KENTUCKY	C-	71.1	0.113	90.8	0.116	3,027	11,516	1.2	84.5	3.9
NEW MEXICO	C-	70.8	0.103	93.8	0.195	3,862	11,083	8.0	79.4	4.3
GEORGIA	C-	70.2	0.228	91.1	0.135	4,558	10,709	14.3	88.2	3.6
ALABAMA	C-	70.2	0.201	92.4	0.099	2,673	10,769	3.4	83.1	3.8
INDIANA	C-	69.9	0.078	90.4	0.140	3,929	11,613	6.3	80.7	3.4
SOUTH DAKOTA	D+	69.4	0.137	96.1	0.176	3,889	12,613	9.4	80.1	3.2
MISSISSIPPI	D+	68.4	0.154	90.2	0.138	3,672	10,387	0.3	68.8	4.3
TEXAS	D+	68.3	0.154	93.0	0.152	3,601	9,119	6.1	80.9	3.6
FLORIDA	D+	68.1	0.153	94.9	0.070	1,616	10,342	0.4	75.1	2.9
TENNESSEE	D+	67.6	0.126	91.8	0.094	2,231	10,148	0.8	75.6	2.9
COLORADO	D+	67.5	0.208	91.9	0.135	2,892	10,268	3.9	83.2	3.0
NORTH CAROLINA	D+	66.6	0.150	93.7	0.116	2,684	9,609	3.5	77.1	2.7
OKLAHOMA	D	65.8	0.054	90.2	0.180	2,940	9,111	1.7	65.2	3.4
ARIZONA	D	64.5	0.111	94.0	0.199	3,111	8,691	2.5	65.9	3.1
UTAH	D	64.4	0.179	94.1	0.166	2,325	7,932	2.6	61.2	3.4
NEVADA	D	62.6	0.146	NA ²	0.143	3,229	9,436	5.4	77.0	3.1
IDAHO	D-	62.3	0.318	90.4	0.247	3,746	9,233	3.6	63.7	3.5
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	17,437	100.0	100.0	NA ⁴
HAWAII ⁵	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14,533	100.0	100.0	3.2
U.S.⁵	C	75.7	0.136	90.9%	0.158	\$5,161	\$13,301	43.3%	88.2	3.6%

School Finance

Note: States are ordered based on unrounded scores.

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

²The 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.

³The 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.

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

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

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