

EDUCATION IN AMERICA: STATE-BY-STATE SCORECARD

State-by-state	Inputs and Outputs			Education Reform Action		
	Per Pupil Spending ¹ Lowest (1) to Highest (51)	Achievement ² Rank	Graduation Rate Rank ³ (Graduation Rate %)	Charter School ⁴ Law CER Grade	School Choice ⁵	Accountability Policy ⁶ post NCLB (point change pre-NCLB)
Alabama	4 (\$6,843)	47	43 (62%)	No Law	none	4.0 (+0.7)
Alaska	47 (\$11,382)	27	38 (67%)	34 (D)	public	n/a
Arizona	9 (\$7,120)	30	47 (59%)	4 (A)	public, tax credits	3.4 (+1.1)
Arkansas	8 (\$7,005)	42	29 (72%)	30 (C)	public	3.4 (+1.1)
California	25 (\$8,556)	41	37 (68%)	7 (A)	public*	n/a
Colorado	21 (\$8,336)	21	36 (68%)	8 (B)	public	3.8 (+0.7)
Connecticut	48 (\$12,104)	12	22 (75%)	31 (C)	public	n/a
Delaware	46 (\$10,834)	32	27 (73%)	3 (A)	public	n/a
District of Columbia	51 (\$15,489)	51	48 (59%)	1 (A)	public-private	3.7 (+0.8)
Florida	12 (\$7,588)	44	49 (59%)	9 (B)	public, public-private, tax credits	n/a
Georgia	28 (\$8,623)	45	51 (54%)	16 (B)	public	4.1 (+1.2)
Hawaii	16 (\$7,787)	46	34 (69%)	35 (D)	public	3.3 (+1.7)
Idaho	5 (\$6,851)	25	14 (78%)	23 (C)	public*	3.4 (+1.2)
Illinois	35 (\$9,573)	29	15 (78%)	28 (C)	public, tax credits	3.8 (+0.6)
Indiana	33 (\$9,257)	23	26 (74%)	6 (A)	public	n/a
Iowa	24 (\$8,405)	6	1 (93%)	40 (F)	public, tax credits	n/a
Kansas	17 (\$8,143)	11	17 (76%)	37 (D)	public	n/a
Kentucky	6 (\$6,900)	34	30 (71%)	No Law	public	3.8 (+0.5)
Louisiana	10 (\$7,317)	48	35 (69%)	26 (C)	public	n/a
Maine	36 (\$9,692)	19	13 (78%)	No Law	public-secular	3.3 (+1.5)
Maryland	39 (\$9,903)	26	19 (75%)	36 (D)	none	n/a
Massachusetts	45 (\$10,813)	2	20 (75%)	10 (B)	public*	3.8 (+0.7)
Michigan	43 (\$10,431)	28	21 (75%)	5 (A)	public	3.9 (+1.0)
Minnesota	37 (\$9,697)	1	7 (82%)	2 (A)	public, tax credits	3.8 (+1.0)
Mississippi	1 (\$5,890)	50	44 (62%)	41 (F)	public	n/a
Missouri	20 (\$8,283)	20	23 (75%)	14 (B)	public	n/a
Montana	14 (\$7,625)	4	6 (83%)	No Law	public	3.3 (+1.4)
Nebraska	32 (\$9,148)	13	4 (85%)	No Law	public	n/a
Nevada	18 (\$8,162)	37	50 (58%)	27 (C)	public	n/a
New Hampshire	31 (\$9,007)	3	31 (71%)	29 (C)	public	3.4 (+1.0)
New Jersey	50 (\$12,959)	18	18 (75%)	20 (B)	public*	n/a
New Mexico	19 (\$8,170)	49	41 (65%)	17 (B)	public	3.9 (+0.8)
New York	49 (\$12,498)	24	32 (70%)	13 (B)	public	4.1 (+0.5)
North Carolina	13 (\$7,610)	33	42 (63%)	15 (B)	none	4.5 (+0.2)
North Dakota	11 (\$7,319)	9	2 (88%)	No Law	public*	3.3 (+1.7)
Ohio	34 (\$9,423)	14	16 (77%)	12 (B)	public-private (Cleveland), public*	4.1 (+0.9)
Oklahoma	3 (\$6,779)	36	25 (74%)	21 (B)	public	n/a
Oregon	30 (\$8,951)	17	39 (67%)	18 (B)	public	n/a
Pennsylvania	41 (\$10,024)	31	9 (82%)	11 (B)	public, tax credits	4.0 (+0.8)
Rhode Island	42 (\$10,049)	35	28 (72%)	39 (D)	public	3.4 (+1.1)
South Carolina	29 (\$8,627)	43	45 (62%)	24 (C)	public	n/a
South Dakota	15 (\$7,769)	7	12 (80%)	No Law	public	3.4 (+1.7)
Tennessee	7 (\$6,973)	40	46 (60%)	32 (C)	public*	n/a
Texas	23 (\$8,404)	39	40 (67%)	22 (C)	public	4.3 (+0.5)
Utah	2 (\$5,942)	22	10 (81%)	25 (C)	public-private, public	n/a
Vermont	44 (\$10,603)	5	5 (84%)	No Law	public-secular, public	3.5 (+1.4)
Virginia	27 (\$8,612)	15	24 (74%)	38 (D)	none	4.1 (+1.0)
Washington	22 (\$8,374)	16	33 (70%)	No Law	public*	3.4 (+1.0)
West Virginia	26 (\$8,585)	38	8 (82%)	No Law	public	3.4 (+0.9)
Wisconsin	40 (\$9,919)	8	3 (85%)	19 (B)	public-private (Milwaukee), public	3.6 (+1.0)
Wyoming	38 (\$9,784)	10	11 (81%)	33 (D)	public	n/a

¹ National Center for Education Statistics, http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d04/tables/d04_1_65.asp;

² American Legislative Exchange Council Report Card on Education 2004 by Andrew T. LeFevre, page 5. Ranking based on 2003 test scores on the SAT, the ACT Assessment, and the NAEP 8th grade mathematics and reading tests. http://alec.org/meSWFiles/pdf/Report_Card_on_American_Education.pdf;

³ High School Graduation Rates in the United States by Jay P. Greene, Ph.D., The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Revised April 2002, http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/cr_baeo.htm;

⁴ The Center for Education Reform, www.edreform.com, Raising the Bar on Charter School Laws: 2006 Ranking and Scorecard.

⁵ School Choice Key: public = states that have enacted open enrollment laws, *indicates states that offer open enrollment but districts are not required to participate; public-private = publically funded voucher law including public, private, and parochial schools; public-secular = publically-funded voucher law that does not include parochial schools. (reference: The Heritage Foundation; Choices in Education <http://www.heritage.org/research/education/schoolchoice/schoolchoice.cfm>, Education Commission of the States: School Choice State Laws <http://mb2.ecs.org/reports/Report.aspx?id=207>)

⁶ The Guide To State Standards, Tests, And Accountability Policies, published by Thomas B. Fordham Foundation and AccountabilityWorks. Evaluated accountability systems across 30 states, looking at six broad measures for each state's K-12 accountability system, including accountability policies both before and after No Child Left Behind, included here. Ratings were assigned on a 1-5 scale, with 5 as "outstanding," 4 as "solid," 3 as "fair," 2 as "poor," and 1 as "very poor." The authors note, "Prior to the passage of the No Child Left Behind act, [the 30 evaluated] state accountability policies on average were only fair, bordering on poor; NCLB, if properly implemented, would increase the average accountability ranking significantly."