

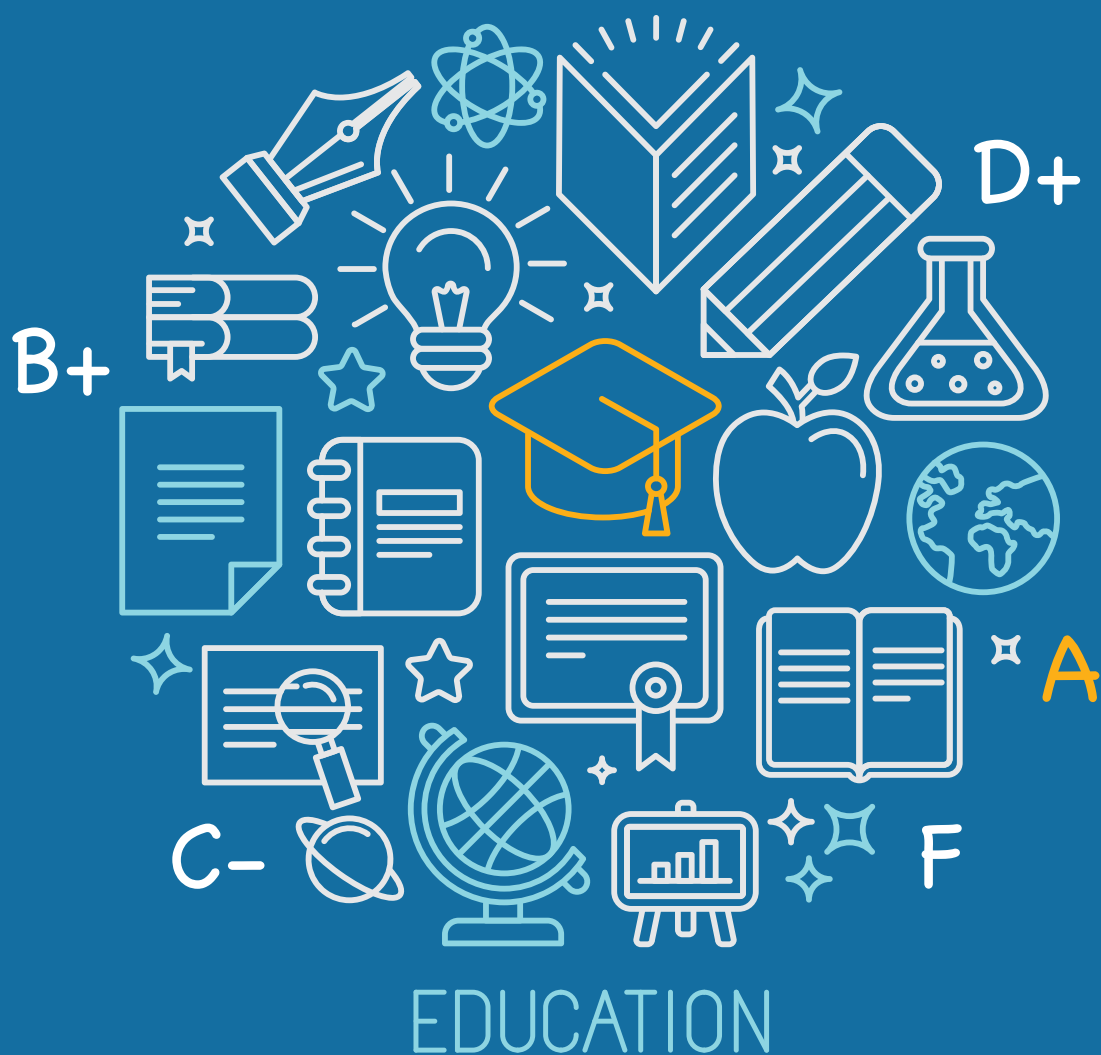
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RANKING STATE K-12 PERFORMANCE, PROGRESS AND REFORM

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Introduction

Dear Reader,

The future of the American education system has the potential to be bright. In forward-thinking states like Arizona, the state that took the top spot on this year's ranking, parents are already assembling customized education plans for their children. A student enrolled in Arizona's education savings account program is able to take math with an award-winning teacher at the local charter school, learn about English literature at home, and purchase access to a professional biology lab to do dissections. He or she can take community college history classes online with the help of a professional tutor twice a week, or take advantage of one-on-one reading therapy on weekends, assuring that challenges are addressed in the sort of individualized way that is impossible in the public school setting.

American students in coming years will not be assessed by how many hours they spend in the classroom, but by how well they have mastered each skill and concept. Learning will take place as quickly or slowly as a student can progress, and being behind in one subject will not jeopardize advancement in another. Graduation will be competency-based, not merely a marker of occupying a classroom seat for 13 years.

This exciting future requires bold state reform that empowers parents, not bureaucrats, and returns control over state dollars to families who know their children best, rather than politicians who have never met them. The states, not the federal government, will be where those much-needed reforms flourish.

The status quo is not working. Whether by international comparisons, state and national proficiency measures, civic literacy rates, or career preparedness, American students are falling behind. Greater and greater numbers of voters – 55 percent in the latest Gallup tracking poll – are dissatisfied with the American education system. And the worn-out response of the entrenched education establishment – “we need more money” – rings hollow after four decades of increased spending with nothing to show in return.

So while the new edition of the Education Report Card grades states across six categories – academic standards, charter schools, homeschool regulation burden, private school choice, teacher quality, and digital learning – two of the factors composing the new education policy grade, charter schools and private school choice, were weighted more heavily because they represent the parent-centered, choice-driven future of education in the 21st century. Our new GPA-based grading and ranking system compares the states based on how their education policies measure up to the demands of that bright future.

While some states have risen to the top of the heap, no state earned higher than a B+ in 2016. There is room to grow; to trust more families instead of regulators, and to ensure that every student has an equal opportunity at the quality, individualized education that 21st-century success requires.

Onward!

Inez Feltscher Stepman

Education Policy Grades & School Choice Ranking Methodology

Education Policy Grade

The education policy grade on each state's Report Card is based on six factors: state academic standards, charter schools, home-school regulation burden, private school choice, teacher quality, and digital learning. Because the Education and Workforce Task Force at ALEC focuses the most on private school choice and charter schools, those factors were given double weight in the calculation over overall rank and grade. The weighted grades were converted into a GPA average and an individual rank.

Ties were broken by states' private school choice grades, followed by grades in charter schools and finally, grades in digital learning. States with school choice or charter laws that earned Fs still benefited from having them in ties with states that do not have any programs on the books.

Some reports have not been updated in the last year, and some states did not report data in some of the categories. In these cases, the previous year's grade was used.

State Academic Standards

Without rigorous standards, high "proficiency" levels can mean little in terms of academic achievement. A state's academic standards grade comes from an Education Next report,¹ which measured the difference in the percentage of students considered proficient by the state exam and the percentage of students in that state who scored as proficient on NAEP.

Charter Schools

The charter school grade on the Report Card is based on a publication of the Center for Education Reform,² which grades charter school laws across a series of factors. The Charter School Law Ranking and Scorecard takes into account features of a state's charter law that influence how well charters are able to flourish, such as availability of independent authorizers, lack of growth caps, autonomous operation free from legal or regulatory red tape, and funding equity. The handful of states that have not yet passed a charter school law received Fs on their Report Cards.

Homeschool Regulation Burden

Almost two million students each year are homeschooled in the United States. ALEC supports homeschooling freedom and the right of parents to take direct control of their children's educations.³ The policy grades in this category correspond to the Home School Legal Defense Association's analysis of state laws,⁴ which categorizes the burdens states place on parents who wish to homeschool, from relatively-innocuous notice requirements, to high-regulatory environments that may make it difficult for parents who choose this form of education for their families.

Footnotes:

1. *Rigor of State Proficiency Standards, 2015*, Education Next, available at <http://educationnext.org/state-standards-map-2016/>.
2. *Charter School Law Ranking and Scorecard*, Center for Education Reform, available at <https://www.edreform.com/2015/03/charter-school-laws-across-the-states-2015-rankings-scorecard/>.
3. *Resolution Supporting Homeschooling Freedom*, American Legislative Exchange Council, available at <https://www.alec.org/model-policy/resolution-supporting-homeschooling-freedom/>.
4. *Homeschool Laws in Your State*, Home School Legal Defense Association, available at <https://www.hslda.org/laws/>.

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Teacher Quality and Policies

No one who has felt or seen the power of a good teacher to change a child's life can doubt the importance of teacher quality to the overall performance of our education system. The National Council on Teacher Quality analyzes state policies across a number of crucial factors, including teacher preparation, licensing, evaluation, compensation structure, professional development, and dismissal procedures.⁵

Digital Learning

In 2016, integration of technology into the classroom is widespread and necessary, but some states have done a more efficient and effective job utilizing new technology than others. The Foundation for Excellence in Education puts out an annual Digital Learning Report Card,⁶ grading states on factors such as student eligibility and access, personalized learning, and quality choices.

School Choice Ranking Methodology

The school choice ranking was compiled by the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Any ranking purporting to compare the varied types of educational choice programs across the country, from education savings accounts, to vouchers, to tax credit scholarships, must necessarily examine the programs from the 10,000-foot level. ALEC has chosen to address three main policy decisions that impact

the success of any choice program: a program's size and scope, purchasing power in the educational marketplace, and flexibility and freedom. Some states with long-standing school choice programs may be surprised to discover their lower scores, but after more than two decades, it is time for the educational choice movement to set its sights higher, and to aim for broad-based, useful, and successful programs.

Size and Scope

The most important aspect of any educational choice program is, of course, the number of students who are ultimately able to utilize it. The most heavily-weighted category of the school choice grade assigned by ALEC includes the number of students as a percentage of the state's public school population, percentage of students eligible, and points for the breadth of a program. States lost points for restricting their choice programs to families with limited income, families within a certain geographical region, or families of children with special needs. All families deserve to be empowered to choose the best education for their children.

Purchasing Power

The financial awards parents receive when they participate in educational choice programs can determine the options they have to choose from. A too-low award may help middle-class families move a child to a private school, but will not provide those opportunities to a wider group of parents, especially in states that do not allow parents to "top up" tuition payments beyond the award amount. Funding too low to cover tuition costs is among the most-cited complaints from private schools that receive

Footnotes:

5. *2015 State Teacher Policy Yearbook: National Summary*, National Council on Teacher Quality (December 2015), available at http://www.nctq.org/dms-stage/2015_State_Teacher_Policy_Yearbook_National_Summary_NCTQ_Report.
6. *Digital Learning Now Report Card*, Foundation for Excellence in Education, available at <http://www.digitallearningnow.com/report-card/>.
Homeschool Laws in Your State, Home School Legal Defense Association, available at <https://www.hsllda.org/laws/>.

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school choice students. While higher per-pupil spending has not produced better academic performance, a child should not receive lower funding merely because his or her parents chose to opt in to an educational choice program. Awards are measured as a percentage of public school per-pupil spending in the state to take into account differing costs of living and relative public education spending levels, as well as appropriately adjusted in programs that exclusively serve special-needs students, for whose education the state pays public schools two, three, or more times the average public expenditure.

Flexibility and Freedom

Regulatory burdens differ from program type to program type; it is difficult to compare regulations on scholarship-granting organizations in Florida's tax credit program with regulations on Louisiana's vouchers or Arizona's education savings accounts. However, two factors serve as reasonable proxies: private school participation, which provides a rough measure of private-sector enthusiasm, presumably tied to regulatory barriers to entry, and state testing mandates, which rank among private schools' top concerns regarding school choice program participation.

Finally, states with ESA programs were given extra points, partially to offset the inappropriateness of the school participation metric to evaluate programs that are supposed to move beyond school choice to educational choice, offering parents the ability to completely customize their children's educations beyond the classroom environment. Research has shown that ESAs generally impose the lowest regulatory burden on participating providers, followed by tax credit scholarship programs, with vouchers bringing up the rear.

Notes

States with brand-new educational choice programs that have not begun enrollment yet can expect to see their numbers jump substantially in the ranking as they are able to post student enrollment and private sector participation numbers. A few states do not report particular data points, and estimates or zero scores were awarded as necessary.

Additional Information

The theme of this edition is the "underfunding myth," exposing the lack of connection between funding increases and student performance. Each Report Card includes the change in per-pupil spending amounts from 2013 to 2015, and the corresponding years of NAEP results.

States that made large increases in spending and actually went backwards in academic performance assessments were awarded a "breaking the bank" icon. States that improved their NAEP performances while decreasing or holding steady their per-pupil spending were awarded gold stars for their stewardship of hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

Additionally, a funding breakdown, graduation rate and class size were included on the Report Card. None of this information factored into a state's education policy grade, rank, or GPA, which were based only on that state's education policies.

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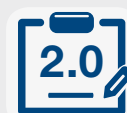
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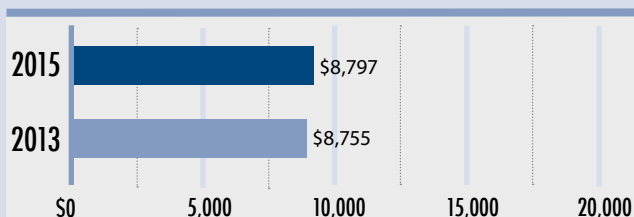
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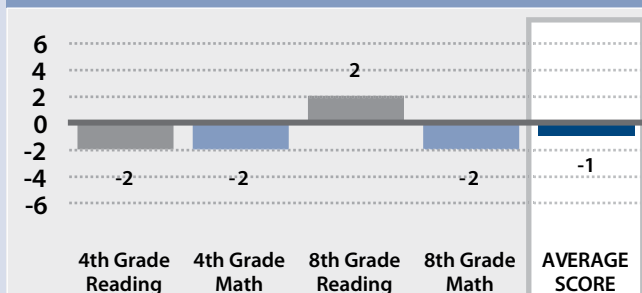
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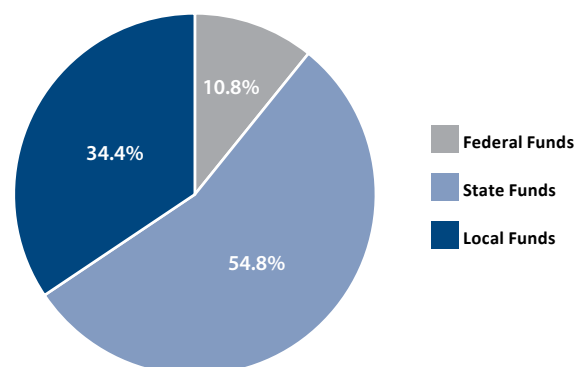
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$8,797
4th Grade Reading	217	
4th Grade Math	231	
8th Grade Reading	259	
8th Grade Math	267	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	C
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
Digital Learning	C

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

(The following is provided solely for informative reasons. It does not influence the above grade or ranking.)

Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
87%	15.8



Alaska

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Rank

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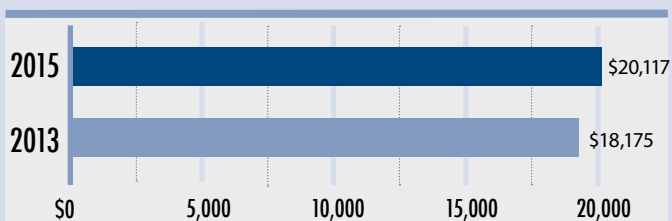
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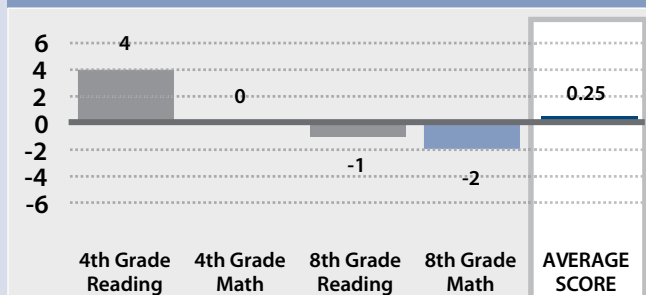
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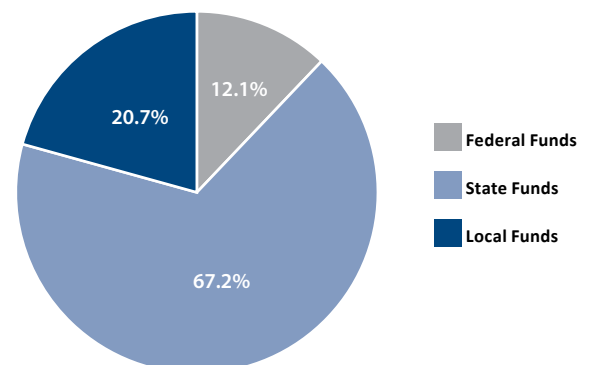
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$20,117
4th Grade Reading	213	
4th Grade Math	236	
8th Grade Reading	260	
8th Grade Math	280	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D-
Digital Learning	D+

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
58%	16.3



Arizona

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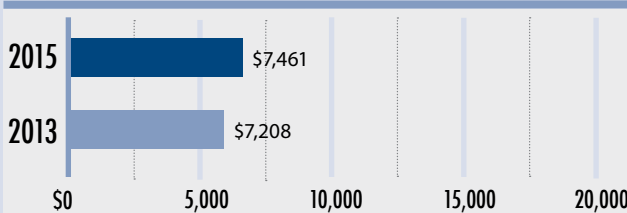
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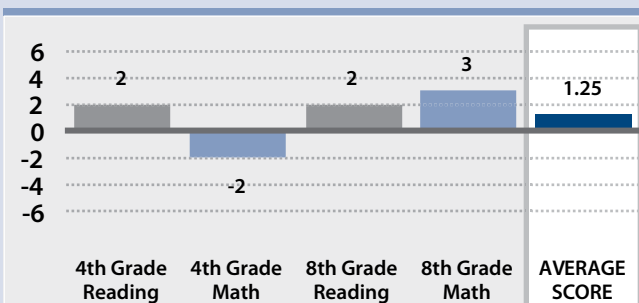
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



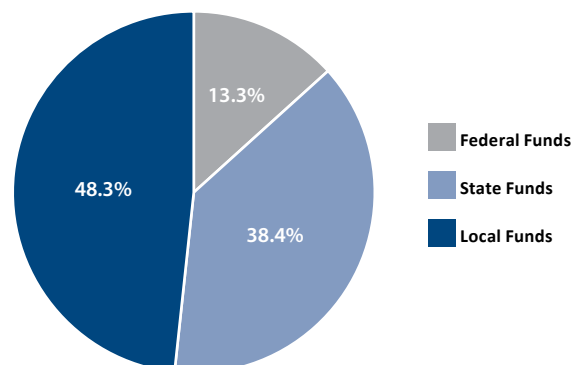
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$7,461
4th Grade Reading	215	
4th Grade Math	238	
8th Grade Reading	215	
8th Grade Math	283	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	A
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	A
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
Digital Learning	C+

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
63%	20.8



Arkansas

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Rank

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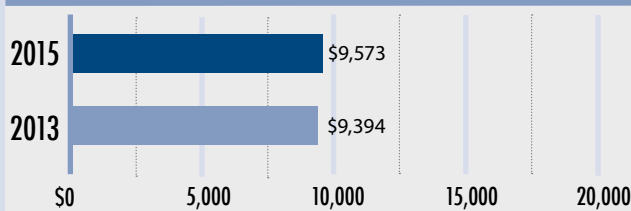
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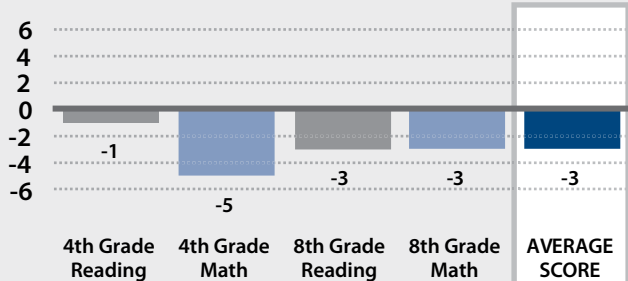
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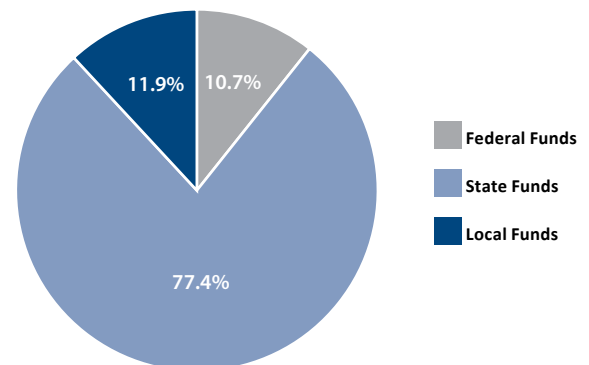
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$9,573
4th Grade Reading	218	
4th Grade Math	235	
8th Grade Reading	259	
8th Grade Math	275	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	F

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
88%	12.9



California

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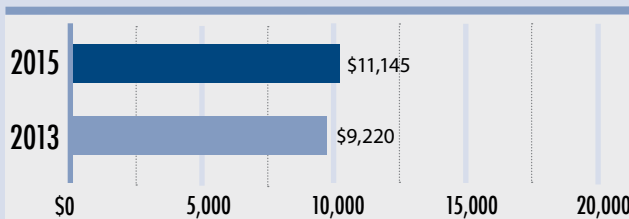
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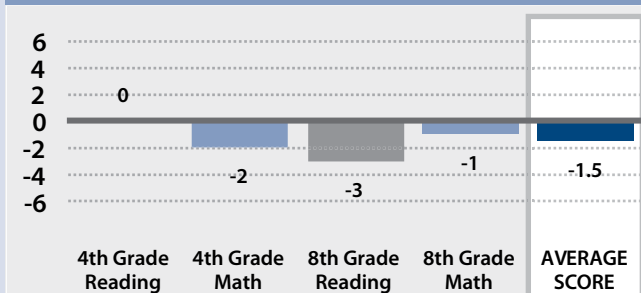
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PER-PUPIL SPENDING



CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$11,145
4th Grade Reading	213	
4th Grade Math	232	
8th Grade Reading	259	
8th Grade Math	275	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	B
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Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
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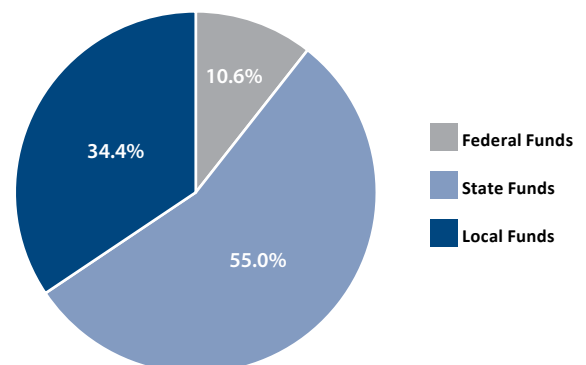
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
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Digital Learning	D-
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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
82%	22.7



Colorado

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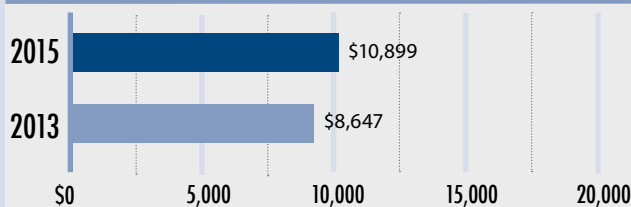
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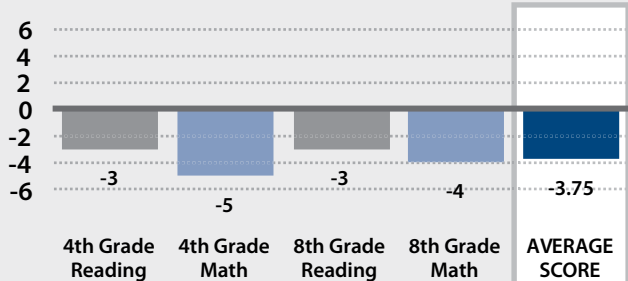
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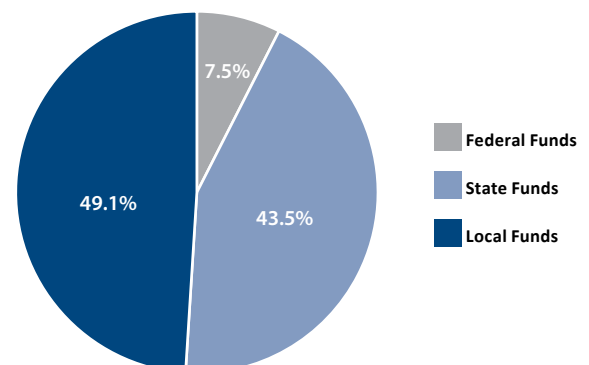
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$10,899
4th Grade Reading	224	
4th Grade Math	242	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	286	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
Digital Learning	C

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
71%	17.0



Connecticut

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Rank

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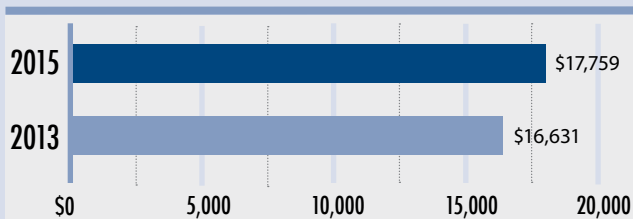
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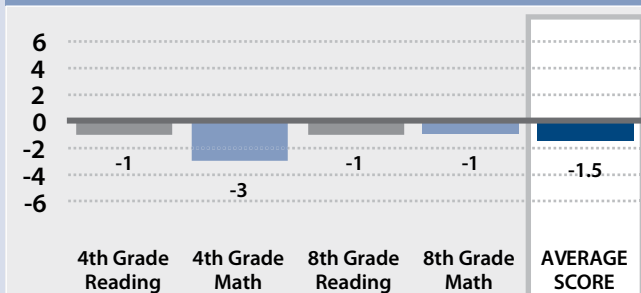
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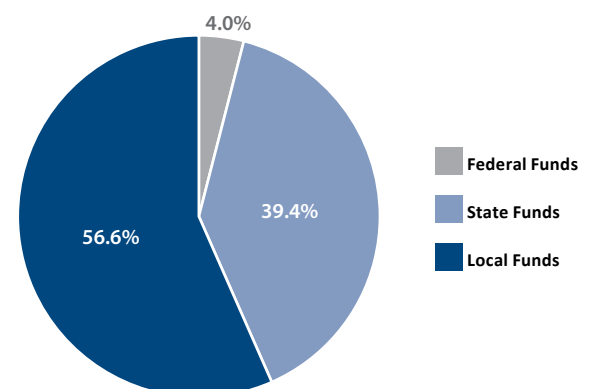
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$17,759
4th Grade Reading	229	
4th Grade Math	240	
8th Grade Reading	273	
8th Grade Math	284	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	C

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89%	12.9



Delaware

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Rank

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Grade

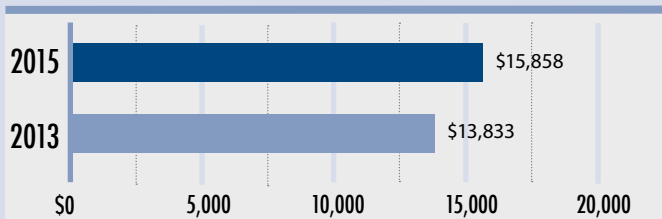
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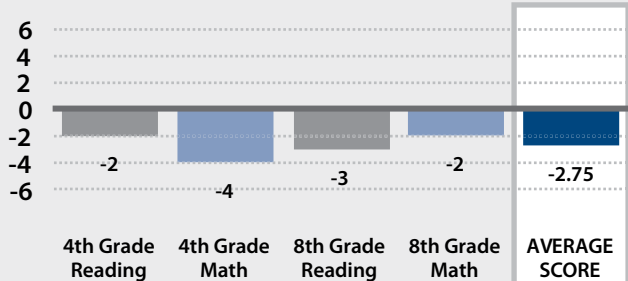
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PER-PUPIL SPENDING



CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$15,858
4th Grade Reading	224	
4th Grade Math	239	
8th Grade Reading	263	
8th Grade Math	280	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	C
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Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
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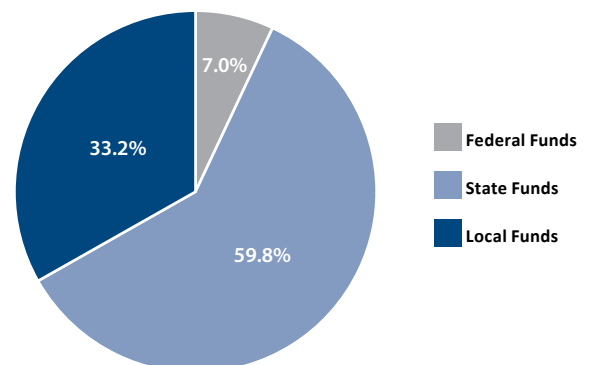
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
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Digital Learning	D-
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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
84%	14.7



District of Columbia

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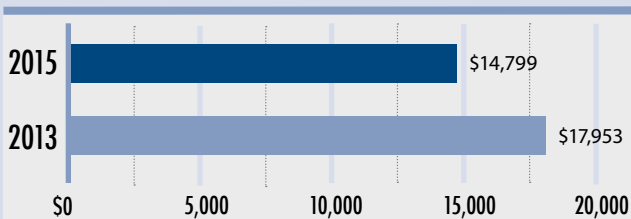
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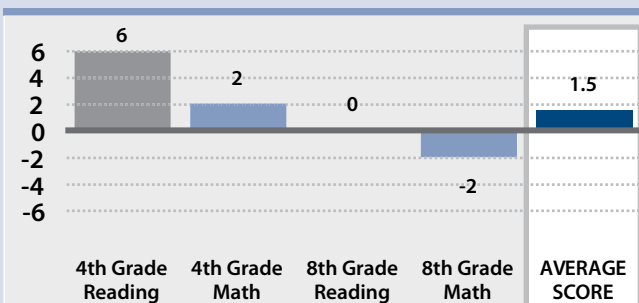
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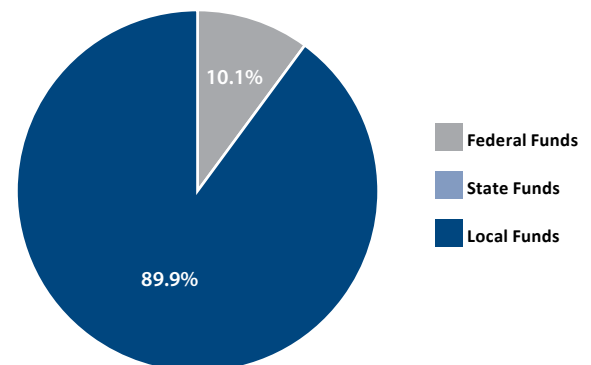
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$14,799
4th Grade Reading	212	
4th Grade Math	231	
8th Grade Reading	248	
8th Grade Math	263	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	A
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	C-
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D+
Digital Learning	N/A

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
64%	11.9



Florida

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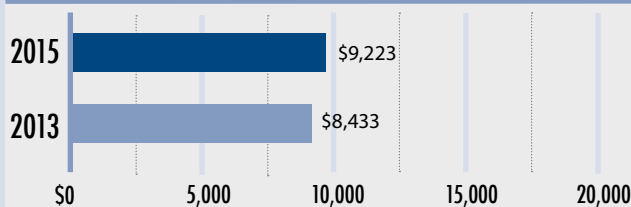
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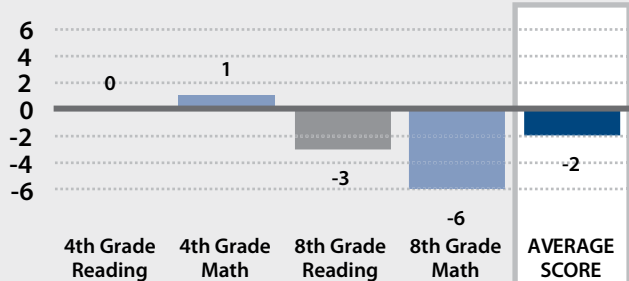
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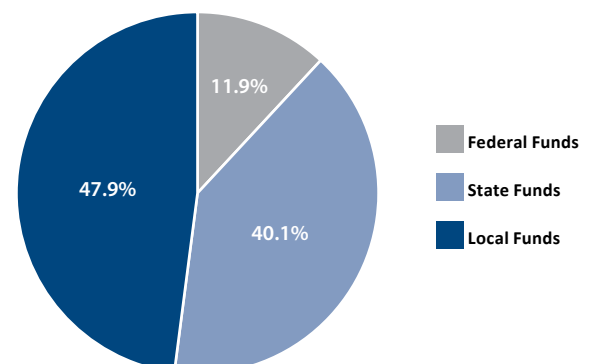
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	227	
4th Grade Math	243	
8th Grade Reading	263	
8th Grade Math	275	
		\$9,223

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B*
Charter Schools	B
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	A
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B+
Digital Learning	A-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
63%	14.3



Georgia

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Rank

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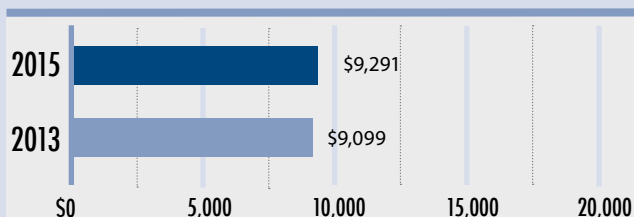
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B

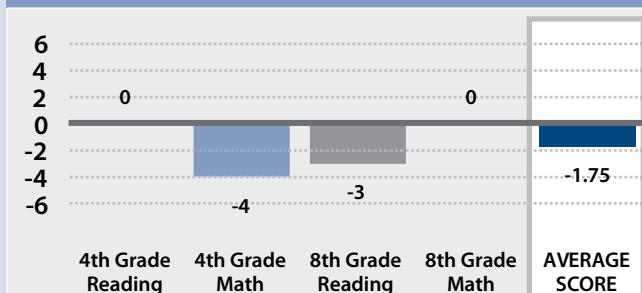
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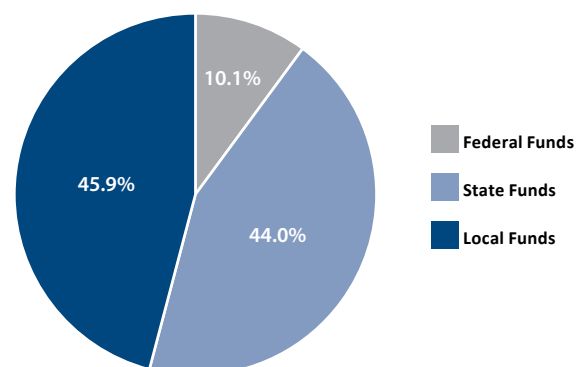
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	236	
8th Grade Reading	262	
8th Grade Math	279	
		\$9,291

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	B+
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	B

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
72%	14.4



Hawaii

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Rank

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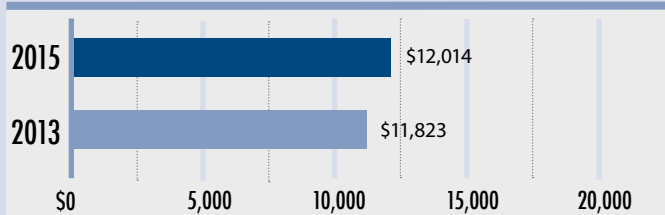
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D+

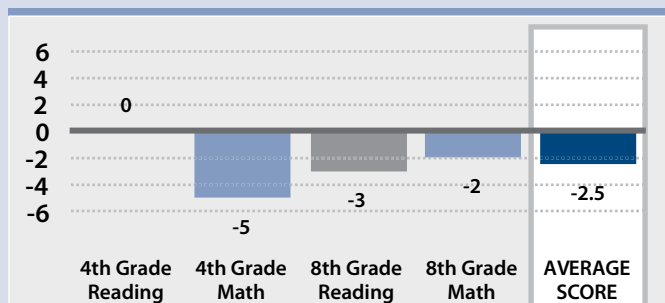
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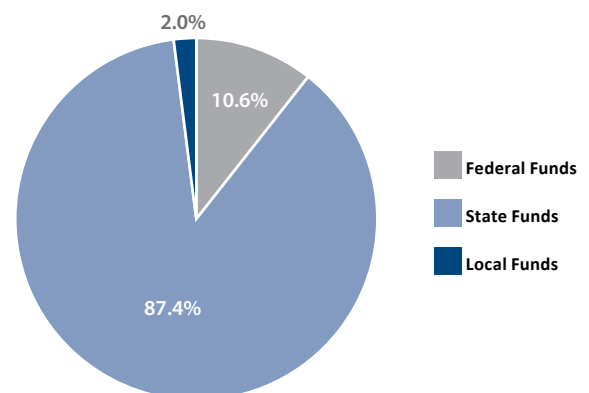
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$12,014
4th Grade Reading	215	
4th Grade Math	238	
8th Grade Reading	257	
8th Grade Math	279	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	F
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D+
Digital Learning	D

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
83%	15.7



Idaho

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Rank

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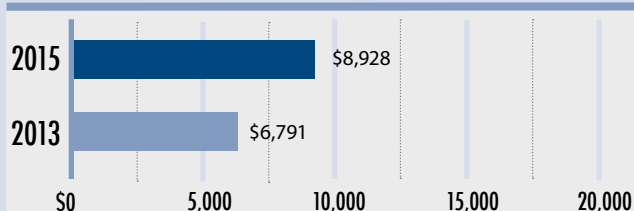
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C+

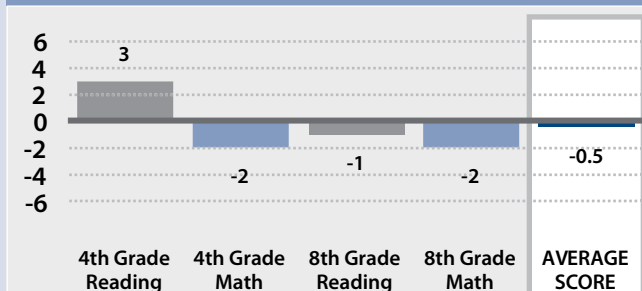
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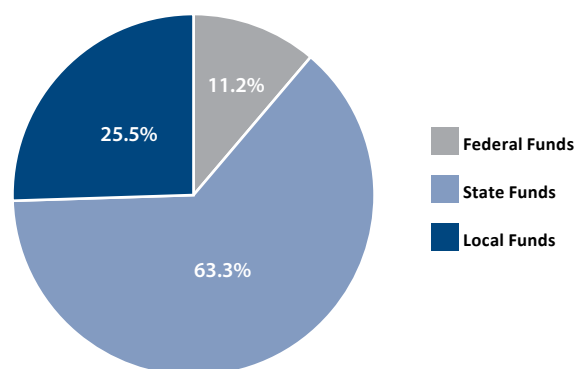
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$8,928
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	239	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	284	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	B
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
Digital Learning	C

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
69%	18.2



Illinois

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Rank

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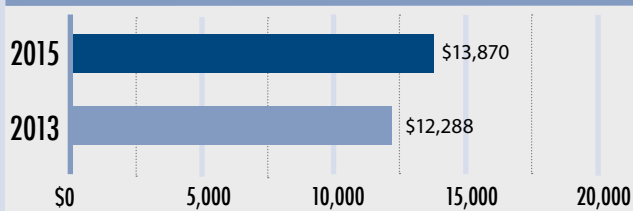
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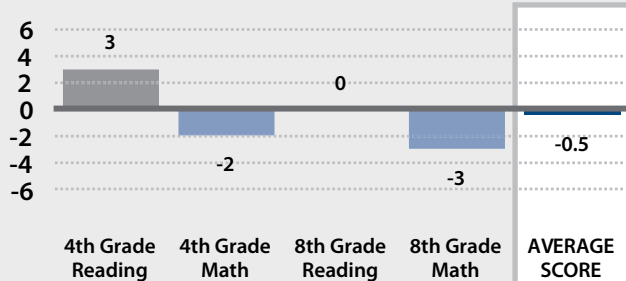
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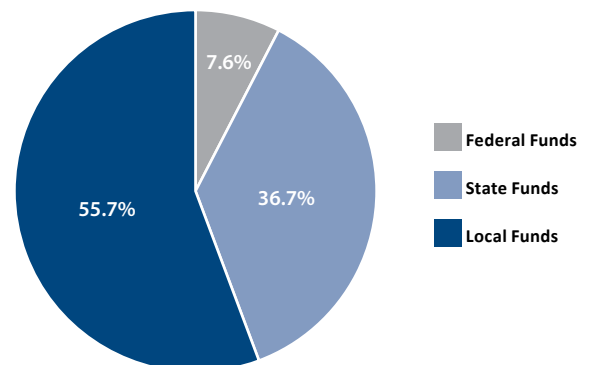
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$13,870
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	237	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	282	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C+
Digital Learning	D-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
86%	15.2



Indiana

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Rank

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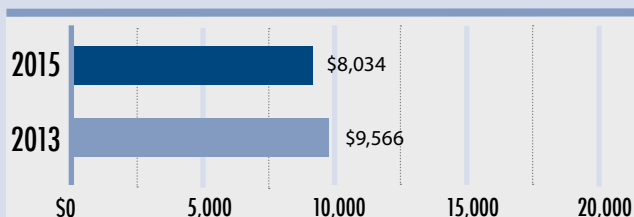
Grade

B+

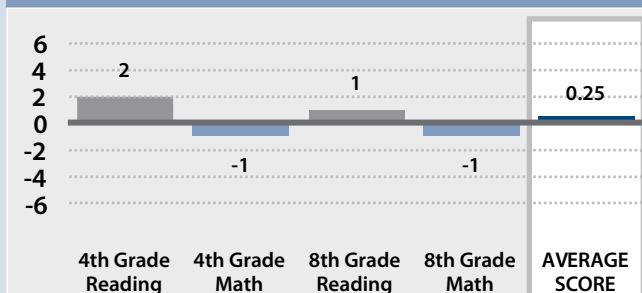
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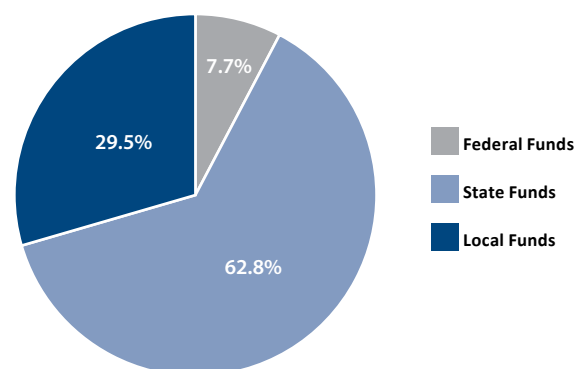
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$8,034
4th Grade Reading	227	
4th Grade Math	248	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	287	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	C+
Charter Schools	A
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	B
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B
Digital Learning	B-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
87%	16.8



Iowa

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Rank

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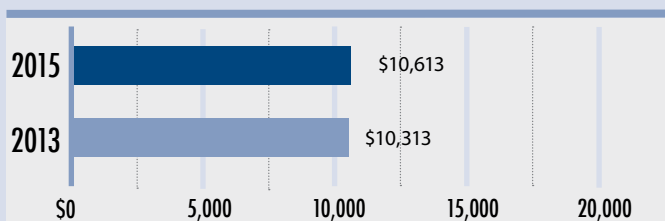
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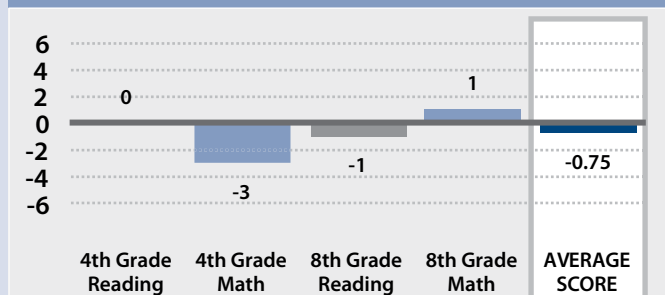
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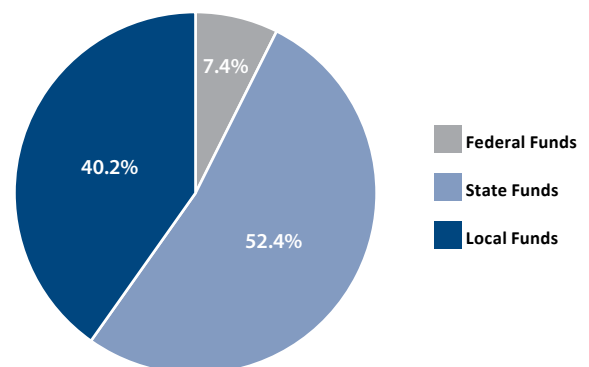
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	224	
4th Grade Math	243	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	286	
		\$10,613

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	C-
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	C-
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
Digital Learning	D

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
92%	13.7



Kansas

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Rank

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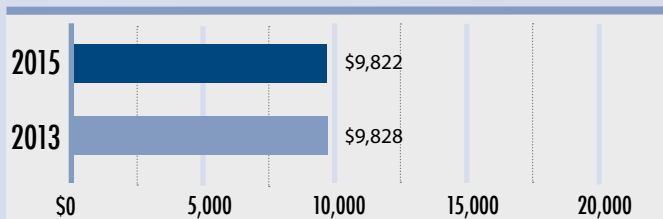
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C-

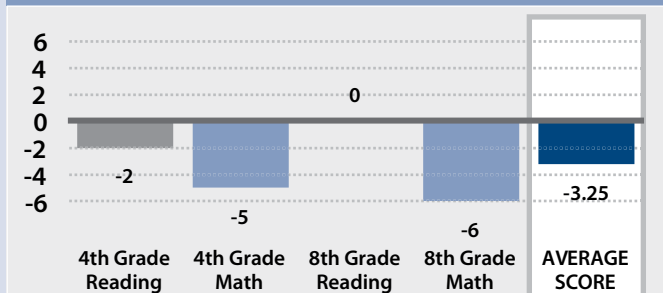
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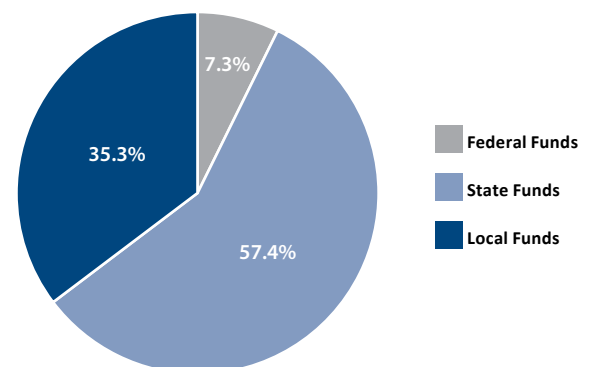
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$9,822
4th Grade Reading	221	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	284	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
Digital Learning	C-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89%	13.7



Kentucky

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Rank

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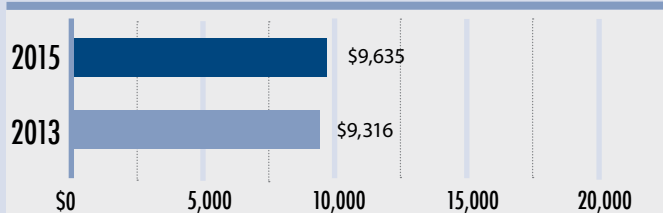
Grade

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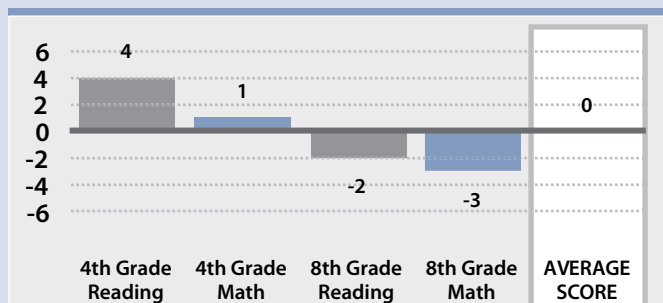
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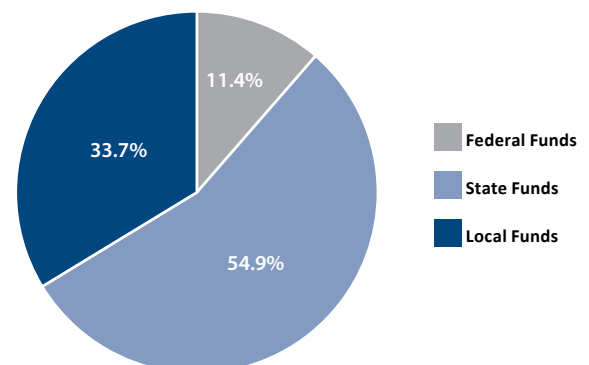
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	228	
4th Grade Math	242	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	278	
		\$9,635

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
Charter Schools	F
Charter Schools Allowed	No
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C+
Digital Learning	B

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
93%	16.2



Louisiana

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Rank

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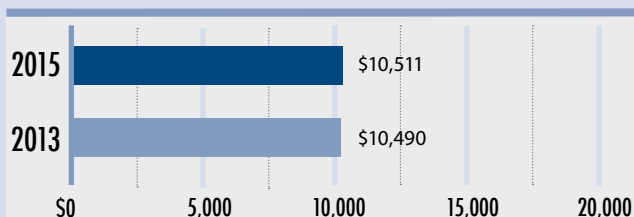
Grade

C+

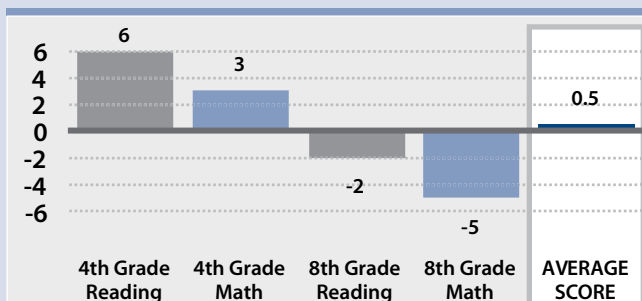
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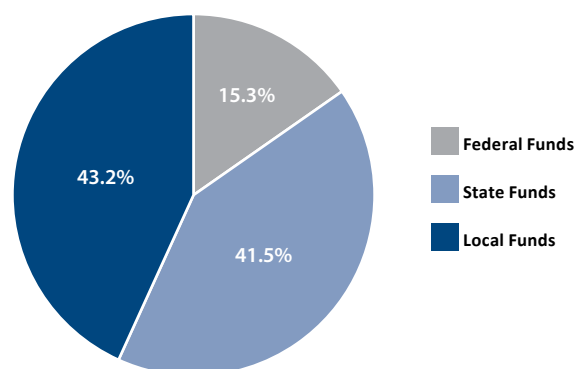
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$10,511
4th Grade Reading	216	
4th Grade Math	234	
8th Grade Reading	255	
8th Grade Math	268	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	D
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B
Digital Learning	B-

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
79%	13.9



Maine

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Rank

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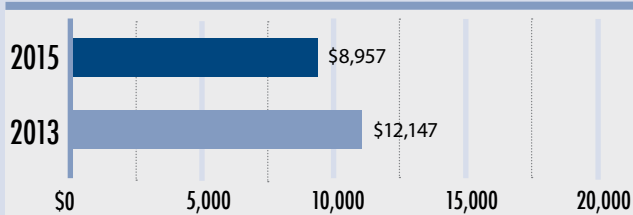
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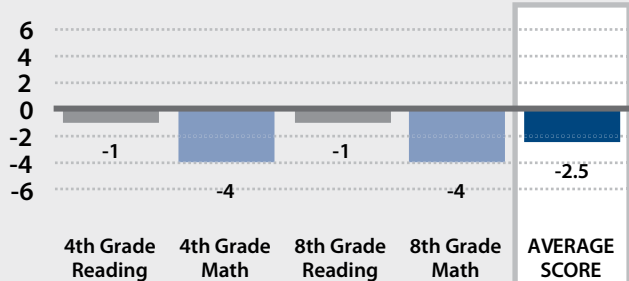
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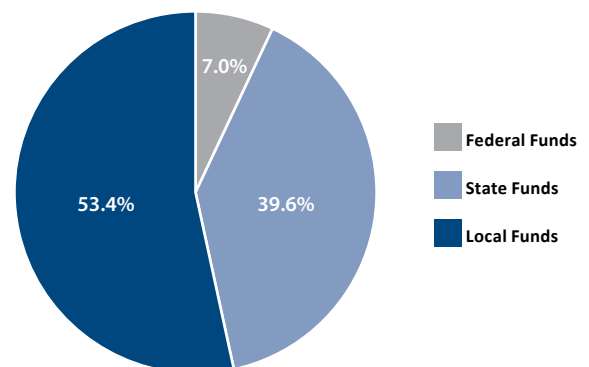
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	224	
4th Grade Math	242	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	285	
		\$8,957

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	D-
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
Digital Learning	C

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
87%	11.6



Maryland

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Rank

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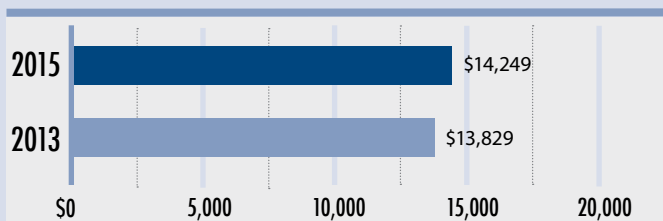
Grade

C-

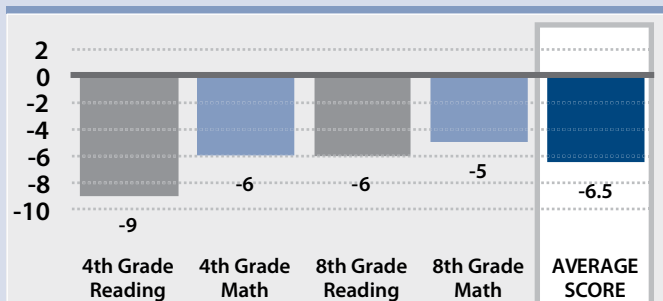
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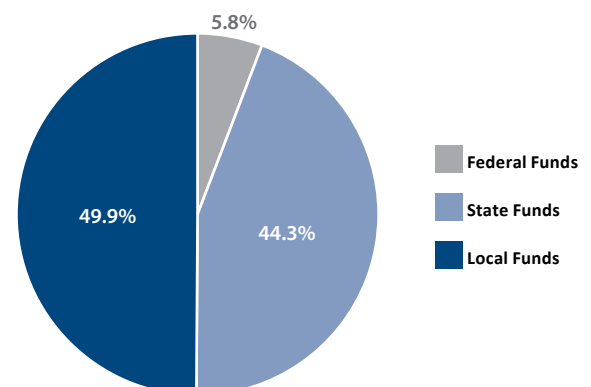
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$14,249
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	239	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	297	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	F
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	D
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D+
Digital Learning	C

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
81%	14.5



Massachusetts

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Rank

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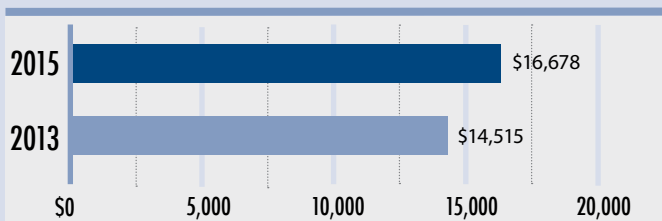
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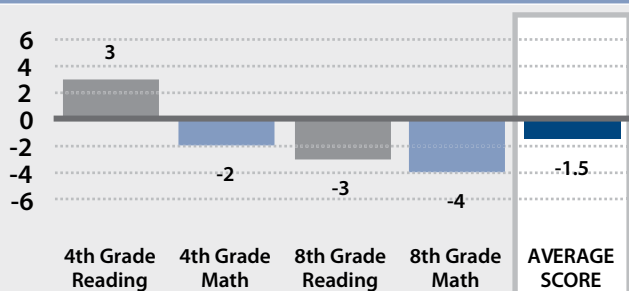
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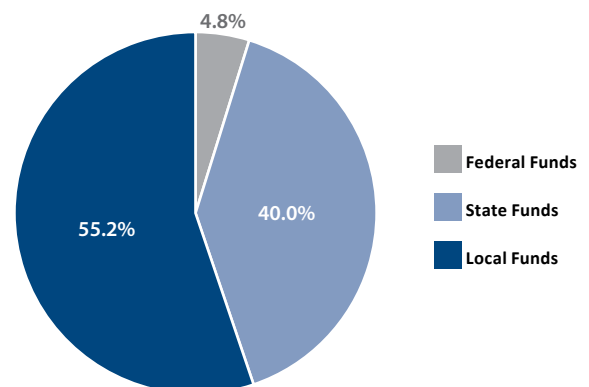
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	235	
4th Grade Math	251	
8th Grade Reading	274	
8th Grade Math	297	
		\$16,678

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	D
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	D+

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89%	13.7



Michigan

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Rank

7

Grade

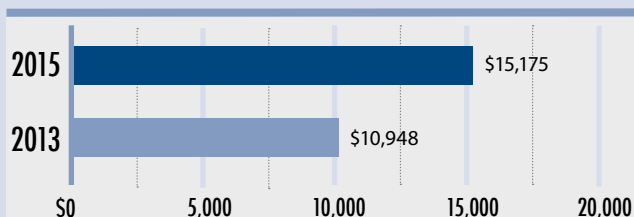
B-

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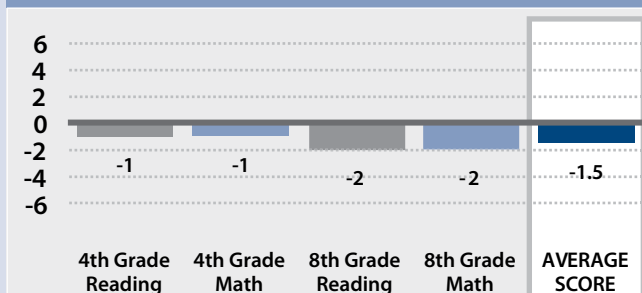
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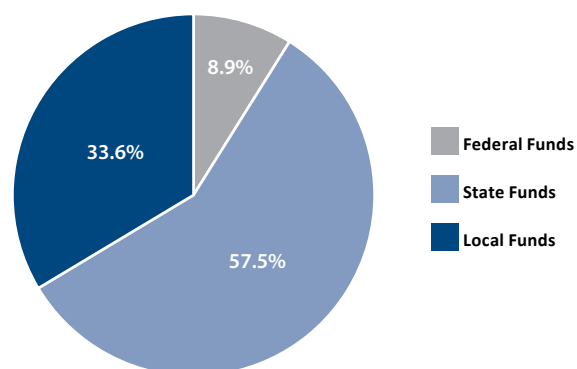
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$15,175
4th Grade Reading	216	
4th Grade Math	236	
8th Grade Reading	264	
8th Grade Math	278	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
Charter Schools	A
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C+
Digital Learning	C

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
77%	17.8



Minnesota

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Rank

10

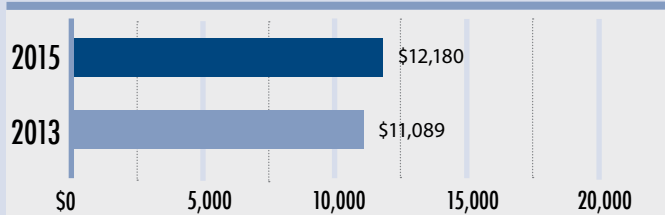
Grade

C+

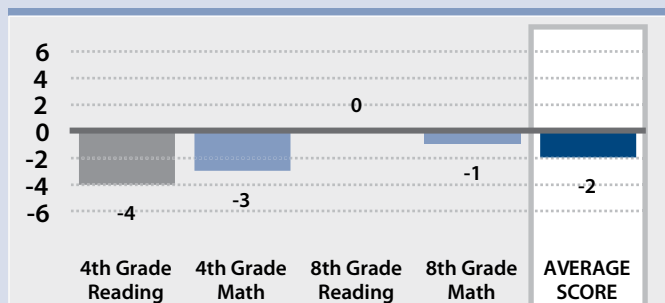
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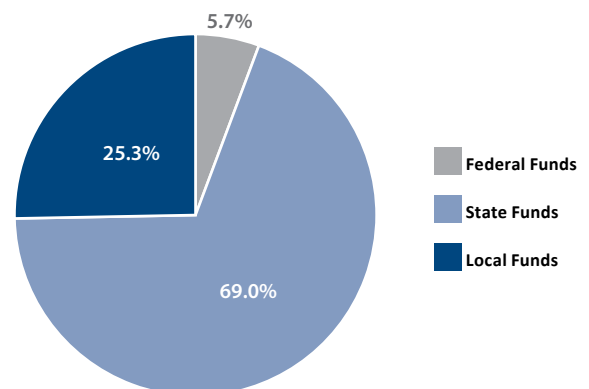
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$12,180
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	250	
8th Grade Reading	270	
8th Grade Math	294	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
Charter Schools	A
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
Digital Learning	B+

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
69%	15.8



Mississippi

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Rank

39

Grade

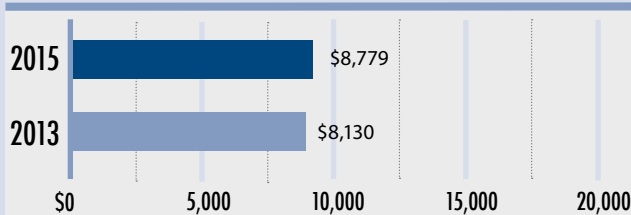
C-

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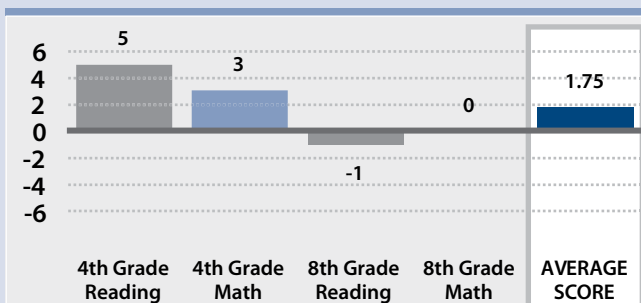
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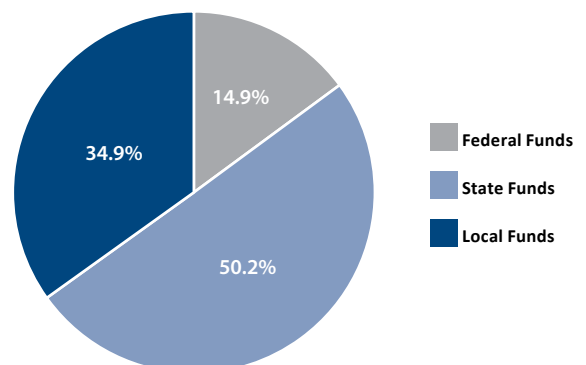
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$8,779
4th Grade Reading	214	
4th Grade Math	234	
8th Grade Reading	252	
8th Grade Math	271	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C
Digital Learning	D-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
75%	14.9



Missouri

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Rank

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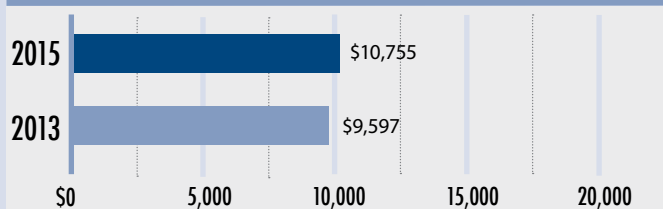
Grade

C

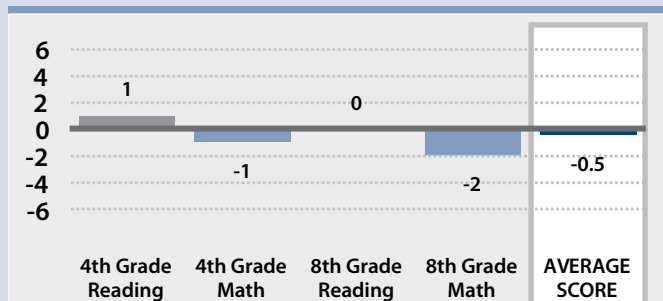
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



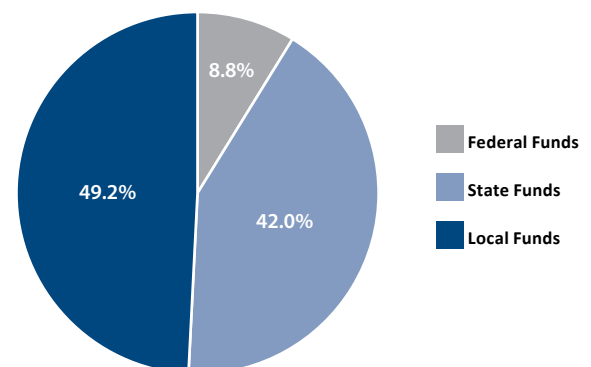
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School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	239	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	281	
		\$10,755

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
Charter Schools	B
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
Digital Learning	D+

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
91%	13.5



Montana

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Rank

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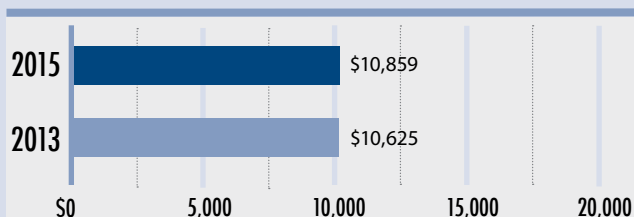
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C

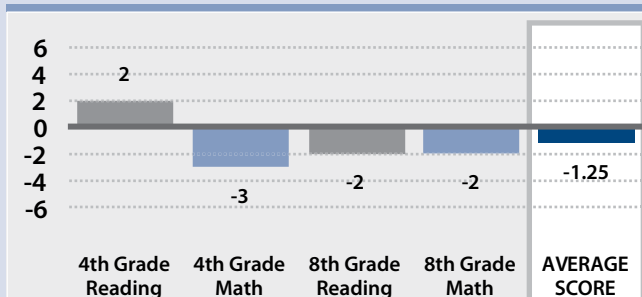
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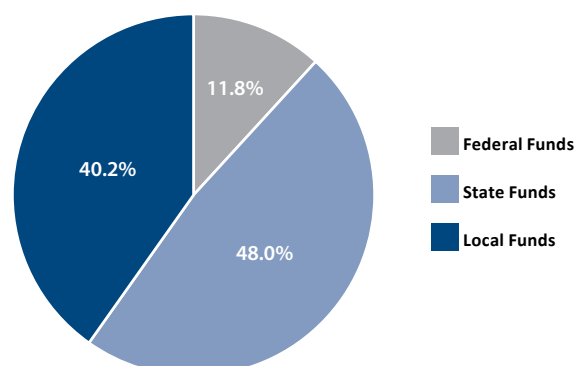
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	270	
8th Grade Math	287	
		\$10,859

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	F
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	C
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D+
Digital Learning	B-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
88%	13.5



Nebraska

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Rank

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Grade

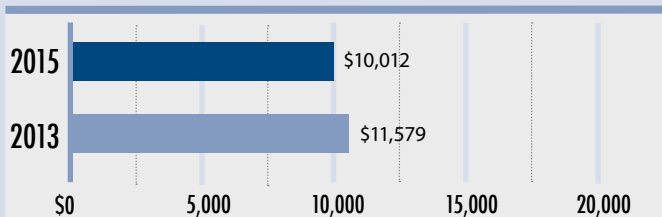
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GPA

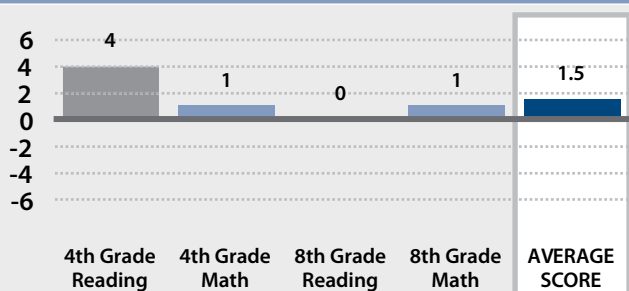
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PER-PUPIL SPENDING



CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	227	
4th Grade Math	244	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	286	
		\$10,012

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	C-
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Charter Schools	F
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Charter Schools Allowed	No
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
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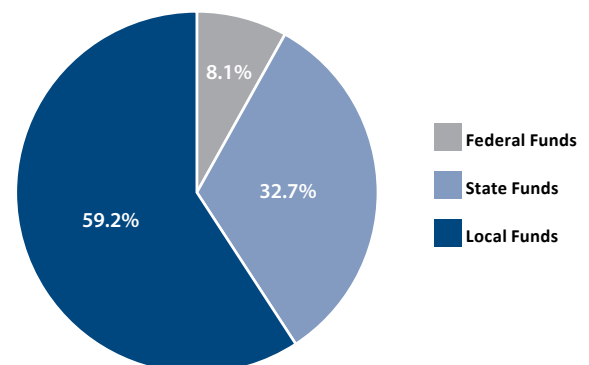
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
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Digital Learning	F
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Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
94%	13.3



Nevada

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Rank

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Grade

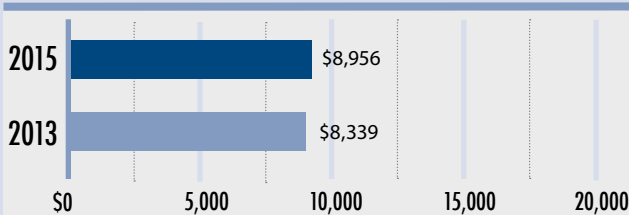
B

GPA

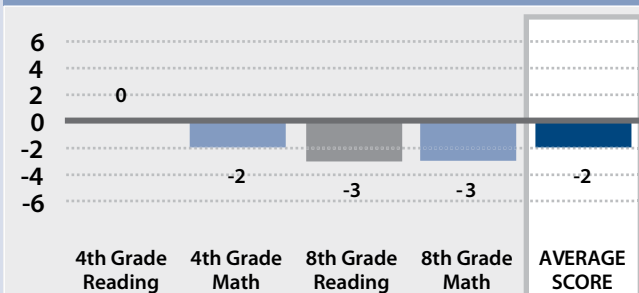
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	214	
4th Grade Math	234	
8th Grade Reading	259	
8th Grade Math	275	
		\$8,956

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	C
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Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
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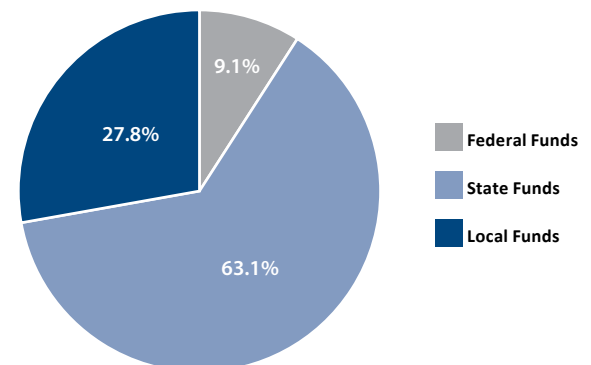
Private School Choice Programs	A
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
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Digital Learning	B+
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Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
77%	19.4



New Hampshire

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Rank

43

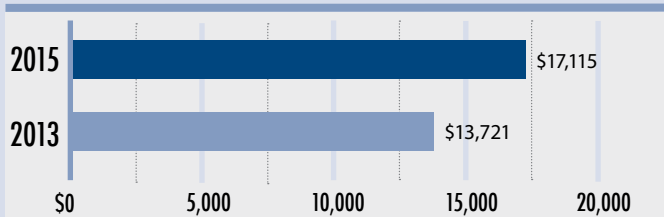
Grade

D+

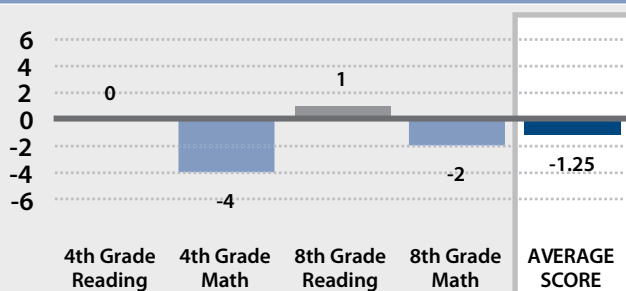
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



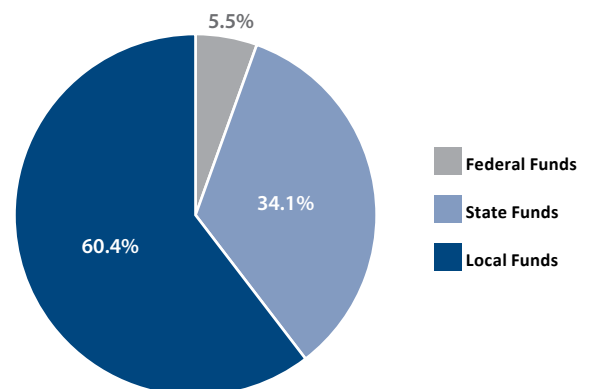
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	232	
4th Grade Math	249	
8th Grade Reading	275	
8th Grade Math	294	
		\$17,115

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
Digital Learning	D

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
84%	12.7



New Jersey

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Rank

14

Grade

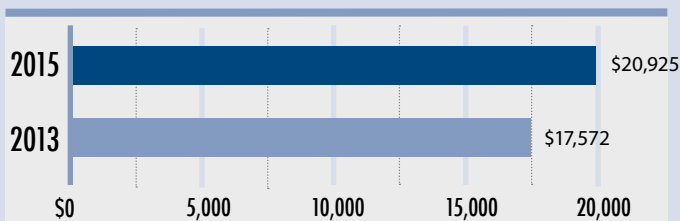
C+

GPA

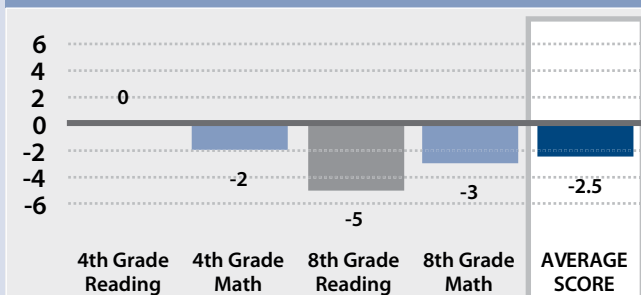
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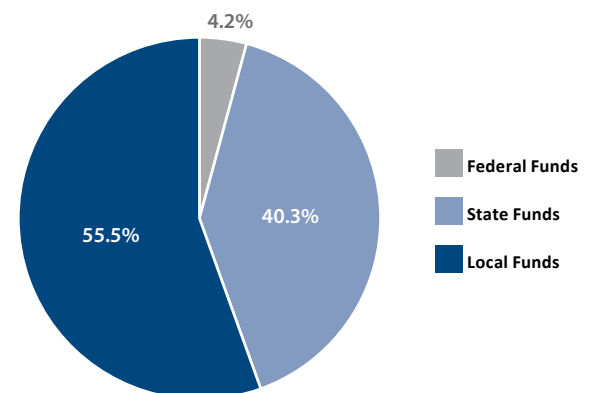
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$20,925
4th Grade Reading	229	
4th Grade Math	245	
8th Grade Reading	271	
8th Grade Math	293	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C
Digital Learning	B-

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89%	12.1



New Mexico

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Rank

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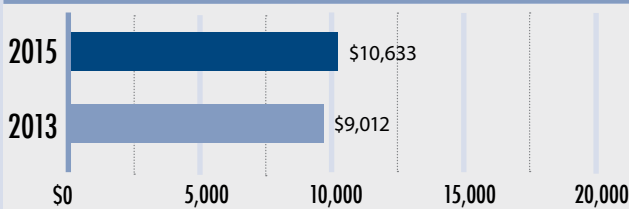
Grade

C

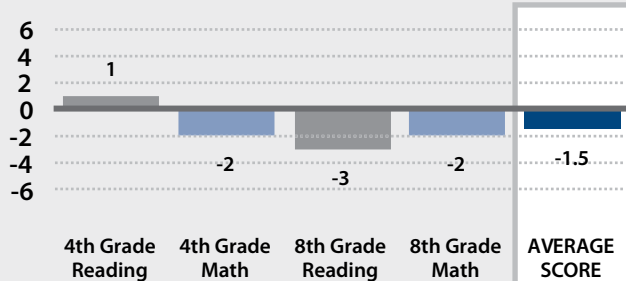
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PER-PUPIL SPENDING



CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



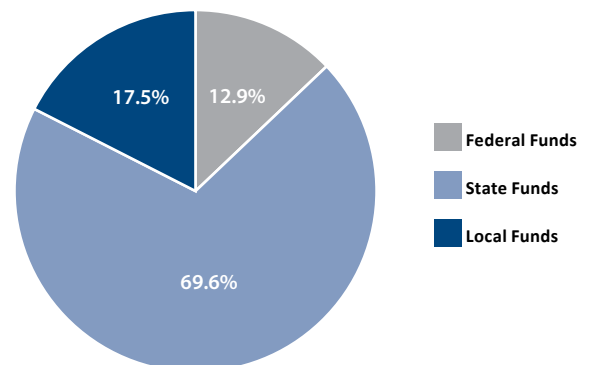
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	207	
4th Grade Math	231	
8th Grade Reading	253	
8th Grade Math	271	
		\$10,633

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C+
Digital Learning	D-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
67%	14.7



New York

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Rank

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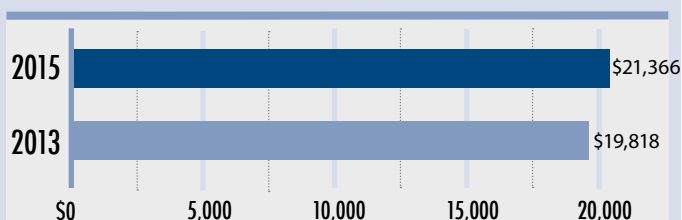
Grade

C

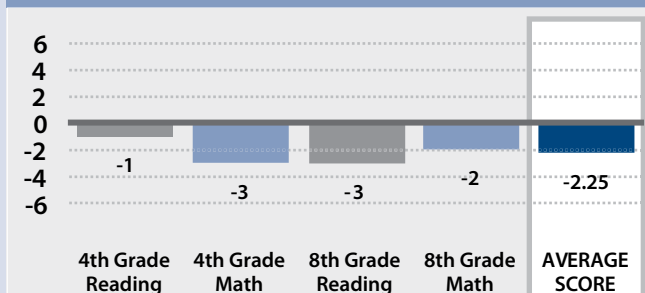
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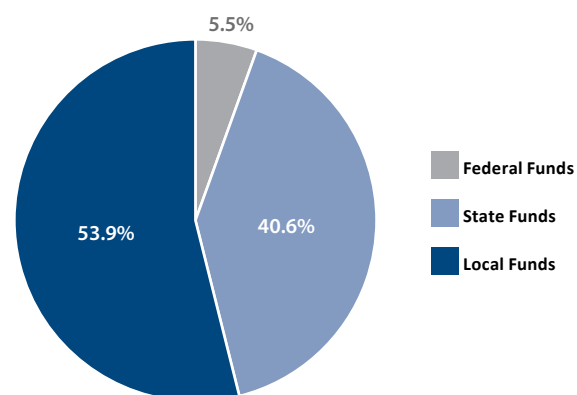
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$21,366
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	237	
8th Grade Reading	263	
8th Grade Math	280	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	B
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	D
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B
Digital Learning	D-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
78%	12.9



North Carolina

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Rank

24

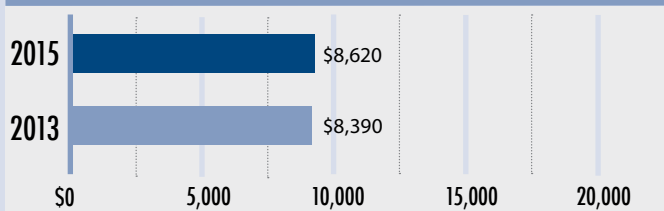
Grade

C

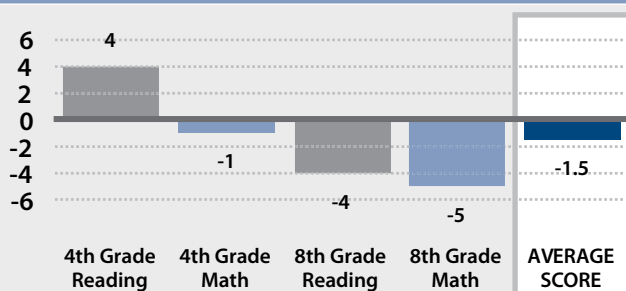
GPA

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PER-PUPIL SPENDING



CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



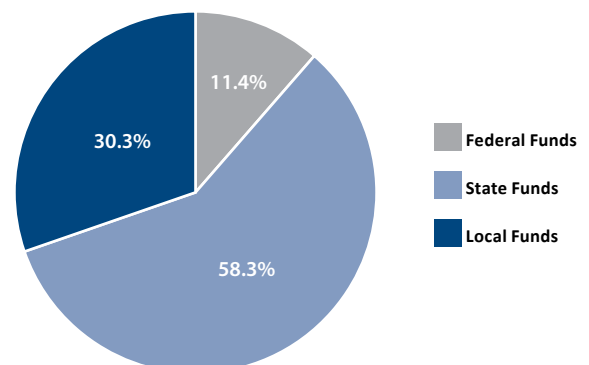
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	226	
4th Grade Math	244	
8th Grade Reading	261	
8th Grade Math	281	
		\$8,620

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
Charter Schools	B
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	D+
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C
Digital Learning	D+

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
86%	14.1



North Dakota

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Rank

49

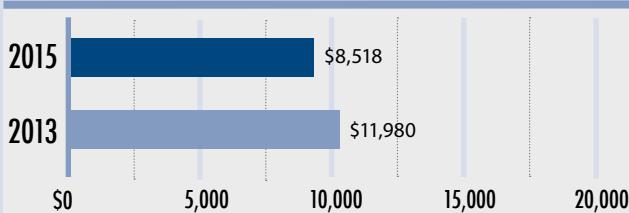
Grade

D

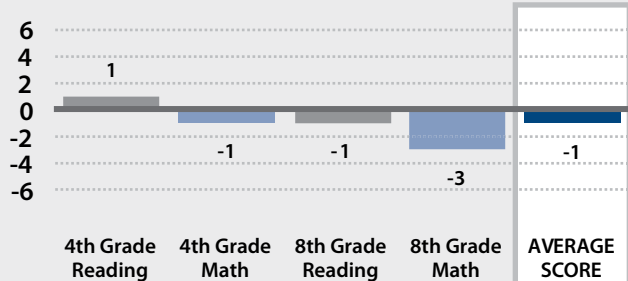
GPA

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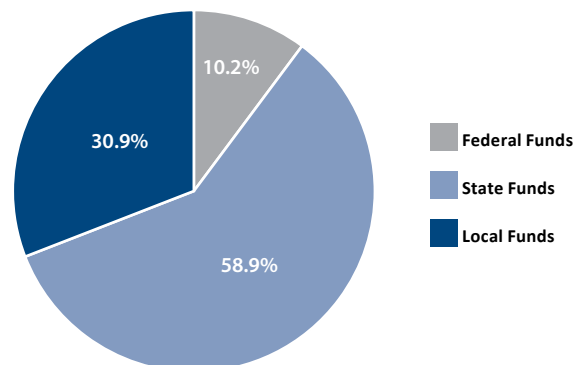
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$8,518
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	245	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	288	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	F
Charter Schools Allowed	No
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
Digital Learning	F

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
88%	11.4



Ohio

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Rank

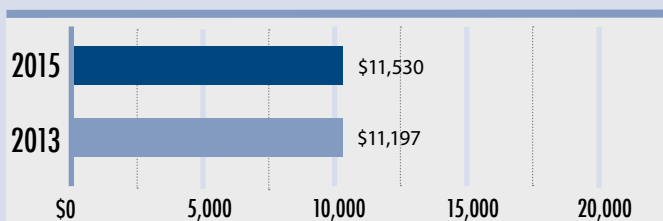
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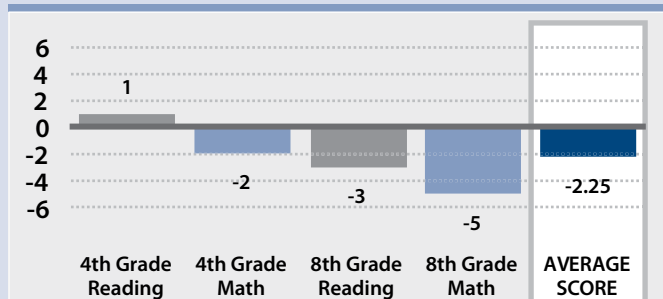
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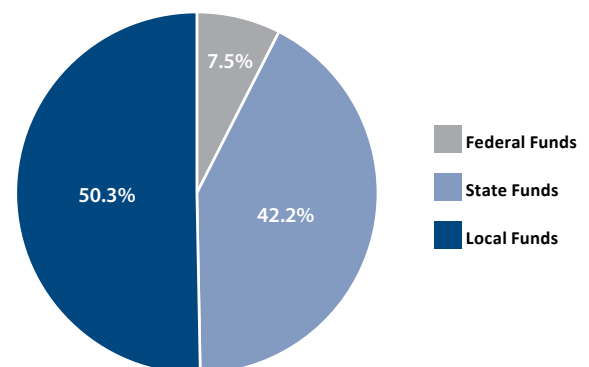
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	244	
8th Grade Reading	266	
8th Grade Math	285	
		\$11,530

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	C+
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	D+
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	D

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
80%	15.8



Oklahoma

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Rank

9

Grade

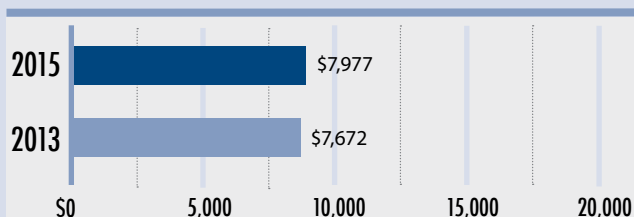
C+

GPA

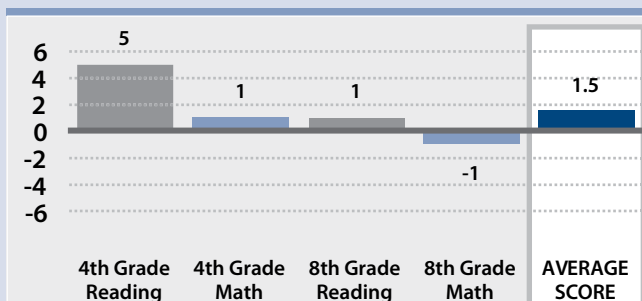
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



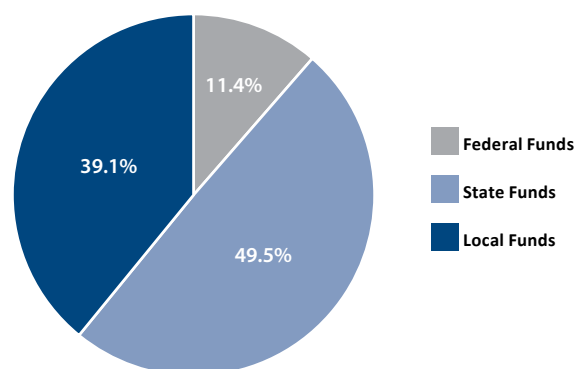
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	240	
8th Grade Reading	263	
8th Grade Math	275	
		\$7,977

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	C-
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
Private School Choice Programs	C-
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	C+

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
83%	15.4



Oregon

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Rank

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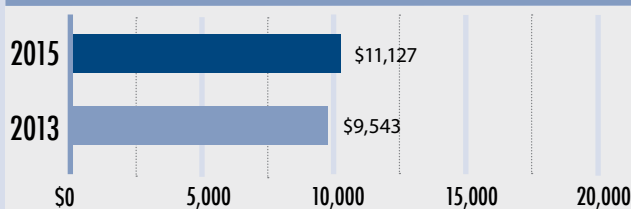
Grade

C-

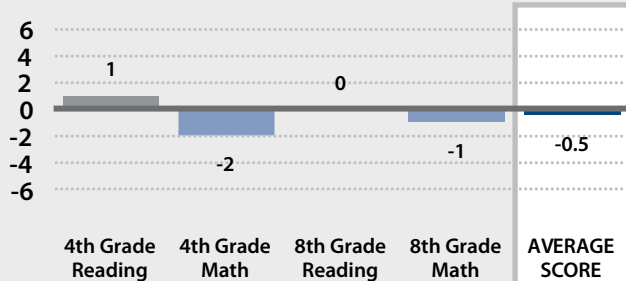
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PER-PUPIL SPENDING



CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



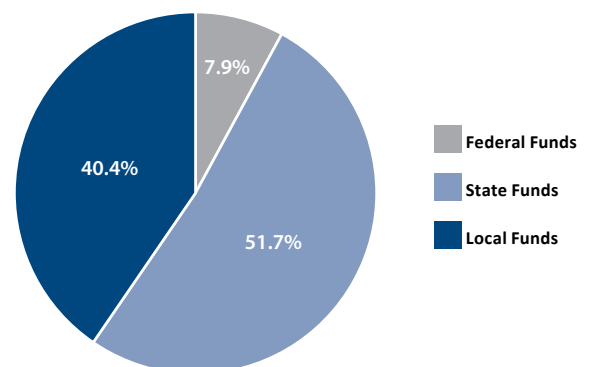
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	220	
4th Grade Math	238	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	283	
		\$11,127

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B
Digital Learning	F

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
69%	20.3



Pennsylvania

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Rank

17

Grade

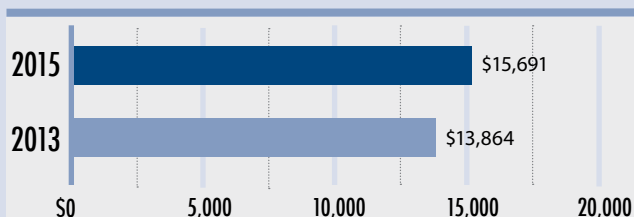
C

GPA

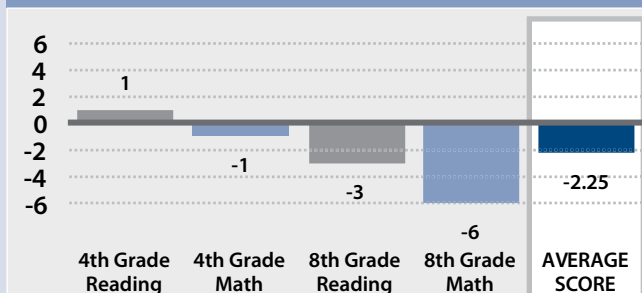
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



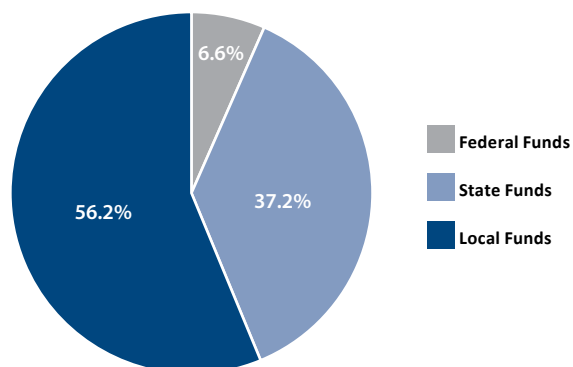
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	227	
4th Grade Math	243	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	284	
		\$15,691

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	D
Private School Choice Programs	C-
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
Digital Learning	D

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

(The following is provided solely for informative reasons. It does not influence the above grade or ranking.)

Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89%	13.6



Rhode Island

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Rank

37

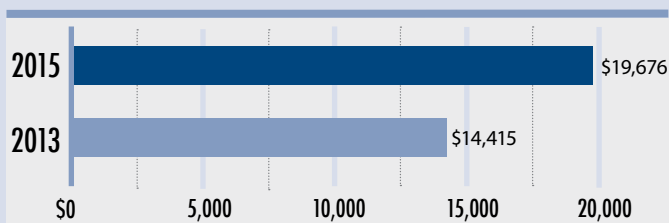
Grade

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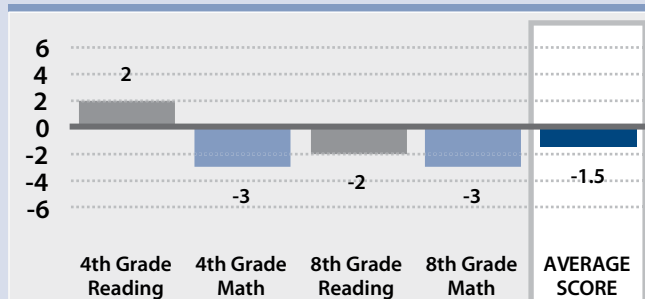
GPA



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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



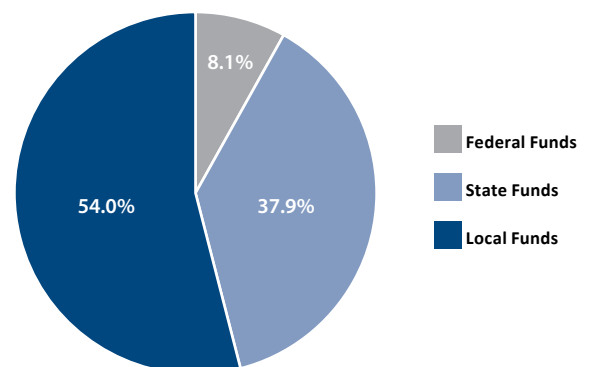
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	238	
8th Grade Reading	265	
8th Grade Math	281	
		\$19,676

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	D
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	C

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
80%	13.8



South Carolina

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Rank

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Grade

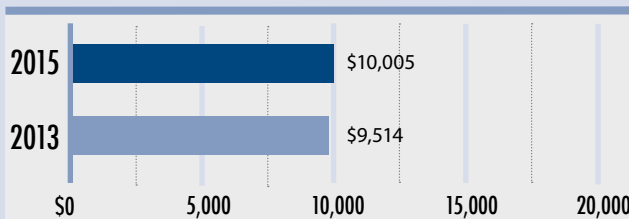
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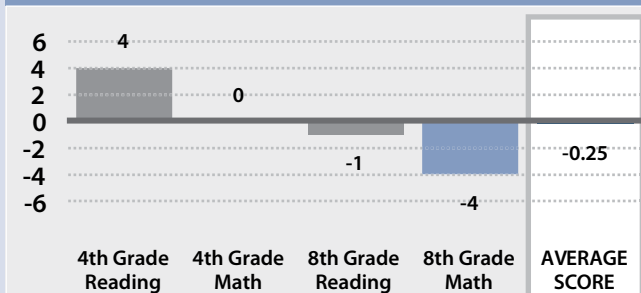
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PER-PUPIL SPENDING



CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$10,005
4th Grade Reading	218	
4th Grade Math	237	
8th Grade Reading	260	
8th Grade Math	276	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	C+
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Charter Schools	C
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Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
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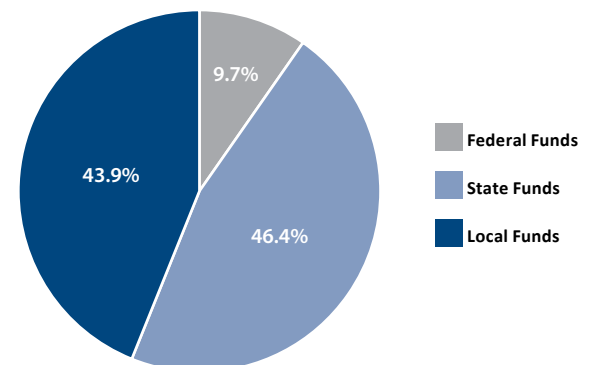
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C
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Digital Learning	C
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Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
79%	15.4



South Dakota

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Rank

46

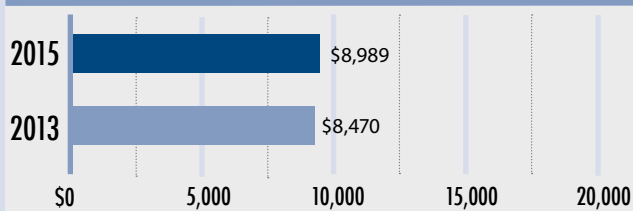
Grade

D+

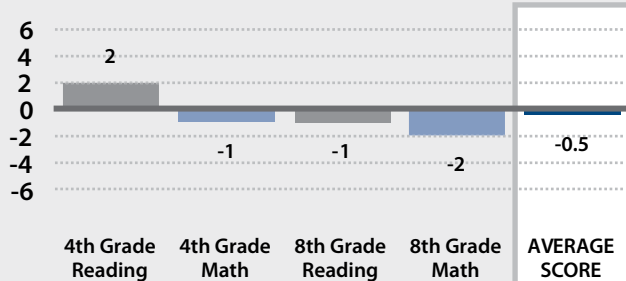
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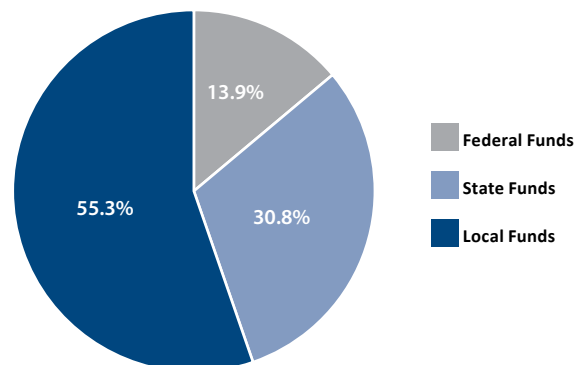
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	220	
4th Grade Math	240	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	285	
		\$8,989

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	F
Charter Schools Allowed	No
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D-
Digital Learning	C

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
87%	13.3



Tennessee

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Rank

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Grade

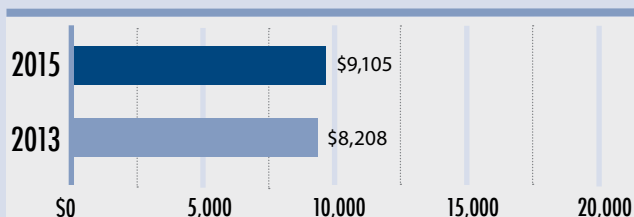
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GPA

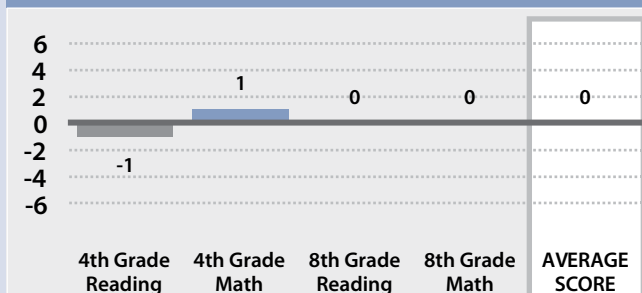
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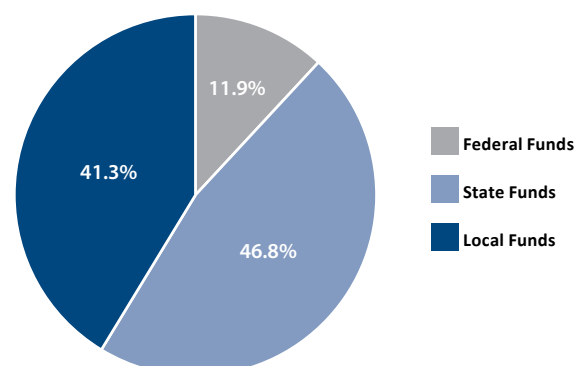
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	219	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	265	
8th Grade Math	278	
		\$9,105

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
Charter Schools	F
Charter Schools Allowed	No
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D+
Digital Learning	D-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
85%	14.9



Texas

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Rank

31

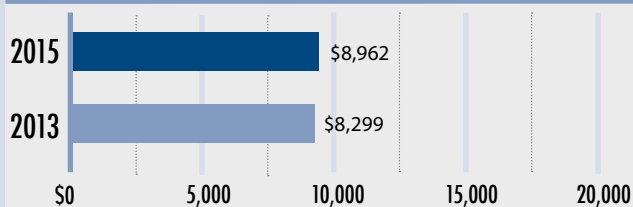
Grade

C

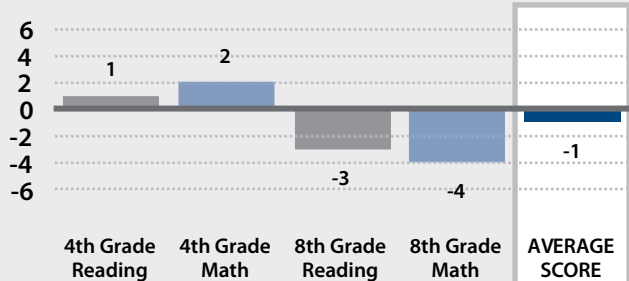
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	218	
4th Grade Math	244	
8th Grade Reading	261	
8th Grade Math	284	
		\$8,962

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	D+
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Charter Schools	C
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Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	A
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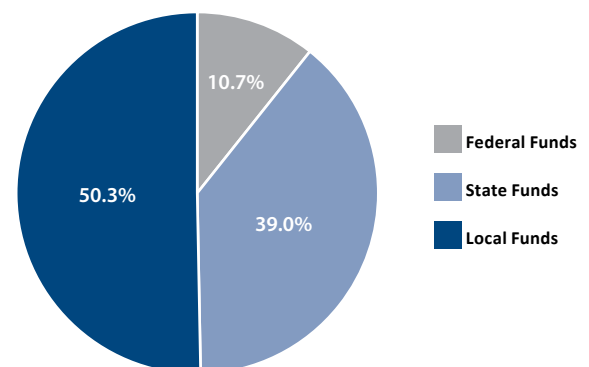
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
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Digital Learning	B-
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Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
88%	14.6



Utah

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Rank

8

Grade

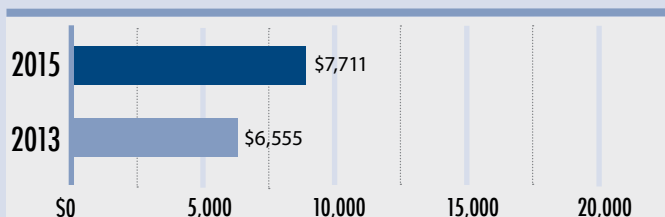
B-

GPA

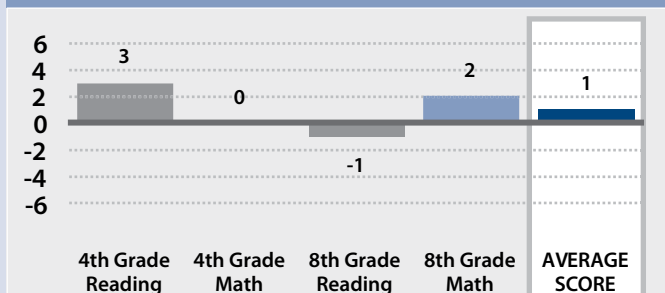
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2015 NAEP RESULTS

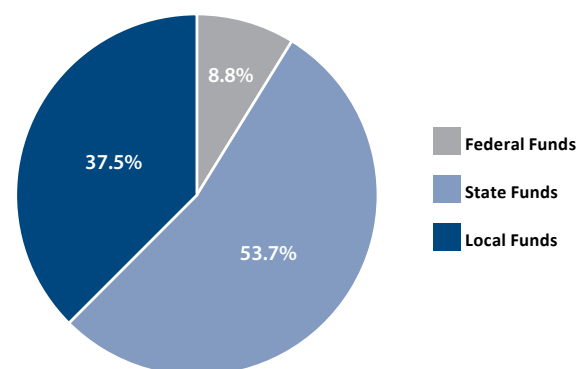
School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	226	
4th Grade Math	243	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	286	

\$7,711

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	B
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C+
Digital Learning	A-

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
81%	22.3



Vermont

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Rank

40

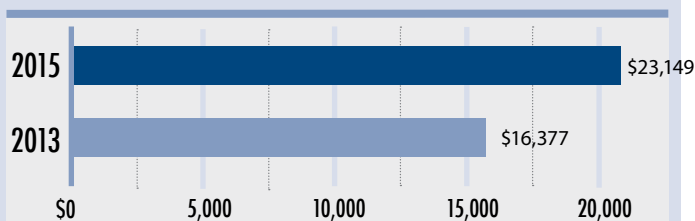
Grade

C-

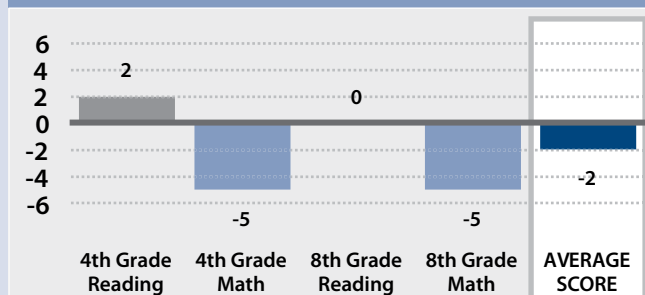
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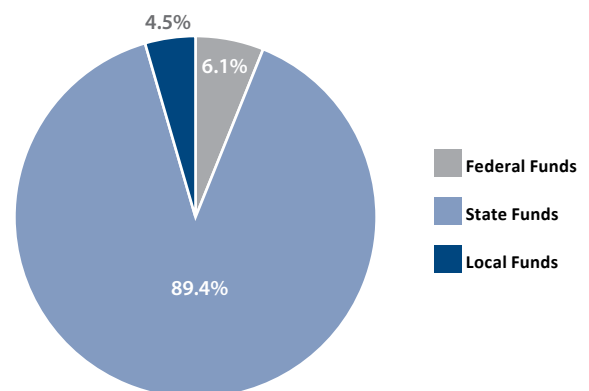
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$23,149
4th Grade Reading	230	
4th Grade Math	243	
8th Grade Reading	274	
8th Grade Math	290	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
Charter Schools	F
Charter Schools Allowed	No
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	C+
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	F
Digital Learning	F

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
86%	10.5



Virginia

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Rank

48

Grade

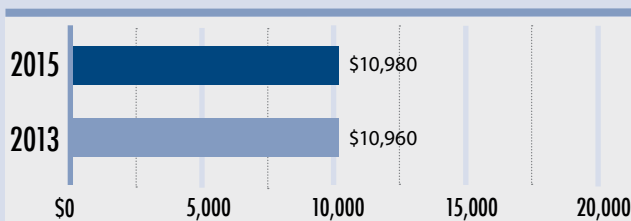
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GPA

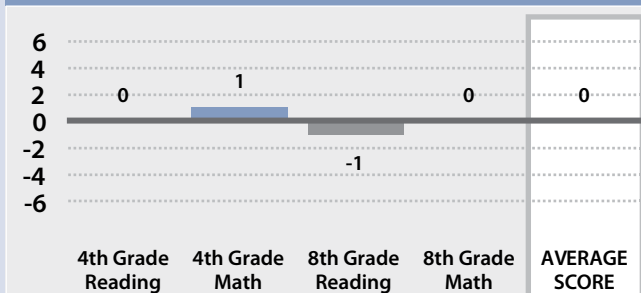
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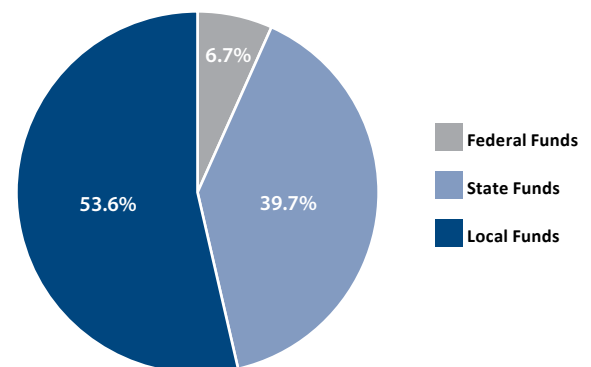
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	229	
4th Grade Math	247	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	288	
		\$10,980

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	C-
Charter Schools	F
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	F
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C
Digital Learning	D

Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89%	17.6



Washington

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Rank

26

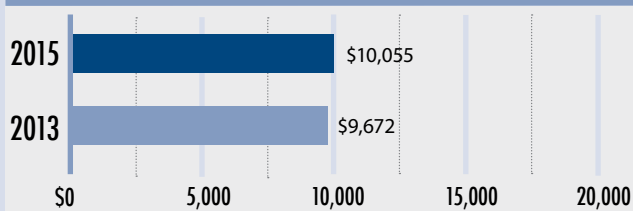
Grade

C

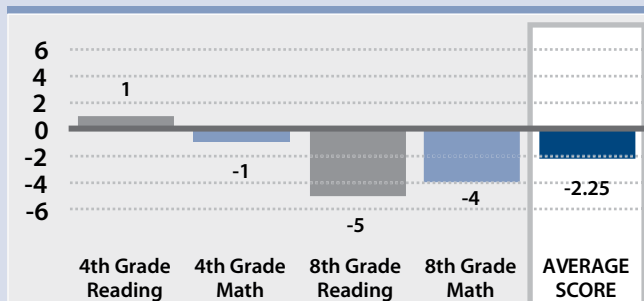
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PER-PUPIL SPENDING



CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending \$10,055
4th Grade Reading	226	
4th Grade Math	245	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	287	

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	C
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Charter Schools Allowed	Yes*
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
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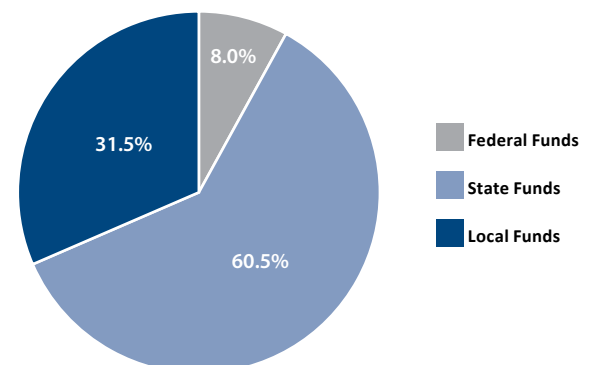
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
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Digital Learning	B-
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Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
71%	19.4



West Virginia

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Rank

44

Grade

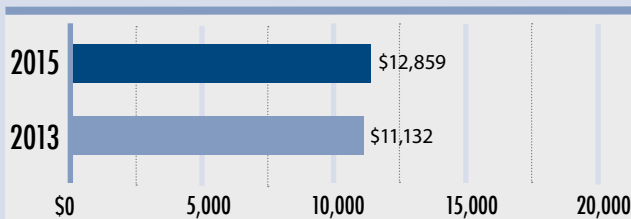
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GPA

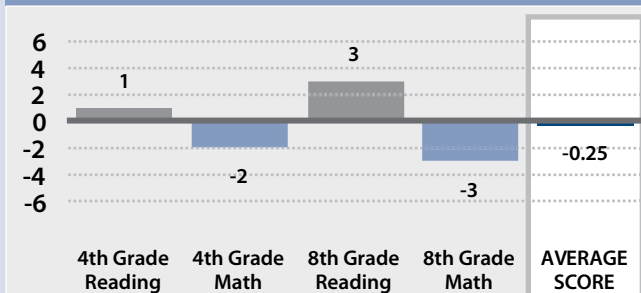
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	216	
4th Grade Math	235	
8th Grade Reading	260	
8th Grade Math	271	
		\$12,859

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	F
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Charter Schools Allowed	No
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	C
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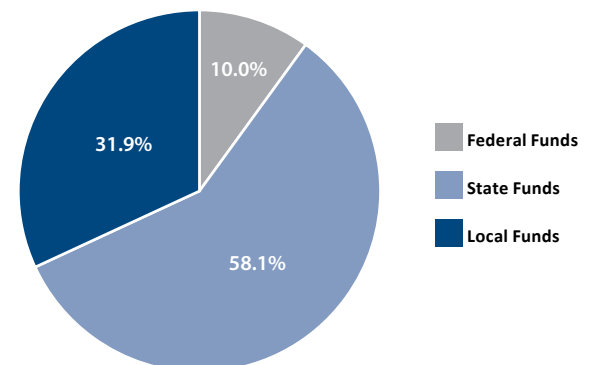
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
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Digital Learning	B-
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Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
85%	13.9



Wisconsin

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Rank

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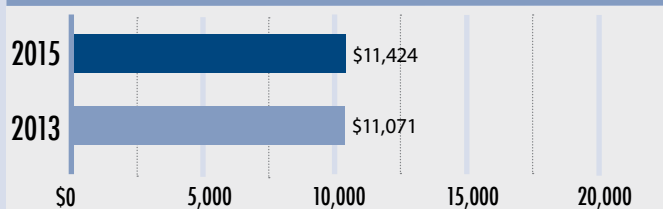
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C+

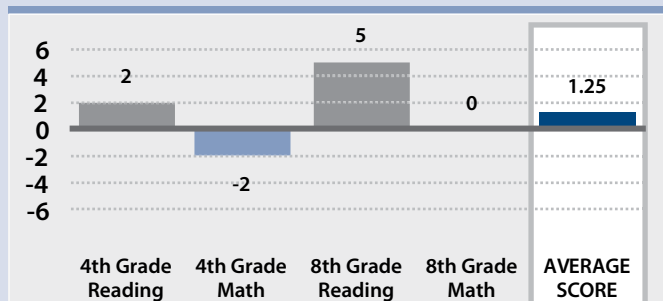
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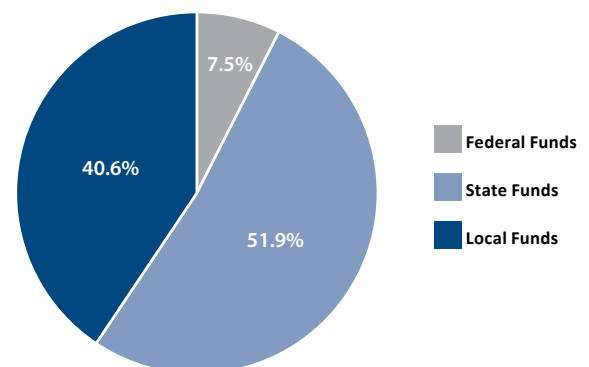
2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	243	
8th Grade Reading	270	
8th Grade Math	289	
		\$11,424

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A*
Charter Schools	C
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	C+
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
Digital Learning	D

Funding Sources



Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
90%	14.9



Wyoming

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Rank

50

Grade

D

GPA

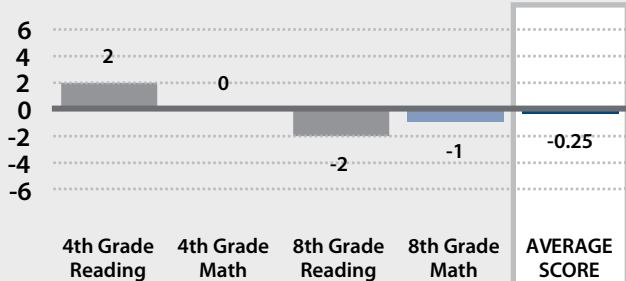
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CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2013 TO 2015



2015 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	228	
4th Grade Math	247	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	287	
		\$16,127

Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	F
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Charter Schools Allowed	No
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Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	D
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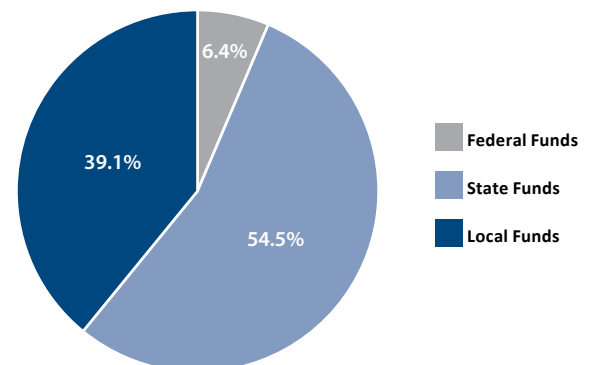
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D-
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Digital Learning	D-
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Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
77%	12.3



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