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# Introduction

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Dear friends, colleagues and concerned citizens,

Another year of fighting the good fight for greater educational opportunities has come and gone. Now, it is time to see how we did. That means it is time for the annual ALEC Report Card on American Education.

But while it is the 23rd annual report card, it is my first. So, allow me a brief introduction.

Hello. I am Scott Kaufman, the new task force director for Education and Workforce Development.

I come to ALEC after a career in journalism. I got my start at Human Events in Washington, D.C. before returning to my home state of California as a reporter at the Santa Barbara News-Press.

In 2013, I joined the editorial board of the Orange County Register and spent the last year as the opinion editor of the Southern California News Group that includes the Register and 10 other newspapers. In my time at the paper, we routinely editorialized on California's educational system, charter schools and school choice more broadly.

I look forward to working with you all to continue to highlight opportunities for greater educational choice in this new capacity as task force director.

I would also be remiss if I didn't thank my predecessor, Inez Feltscher Stepman, who did the lion's share of work on this year's report card. None of this would have been possible if not for Inez.

Now, returning to the education front, the past year was lukewarm for school choice and the midterms brought some dispiriting gains by those critical of innovative and parent-empowering choices in several states.

Yes, the defeat of choice candidates and proposals at the hands of those openly hostile to educational reform in places like Wisconsin, California and Arizona is disappointing, but no one said reforming an entrenched and adversarial status quo would be easy.

And, the biggest setback this past year was the wasted opportunities. Even in states seemingly ripe for reform with legislative majorities that understood the positive competitive pressures that free markets provide, only a handful of states implemented meaningful reform to open-up the educational marketplace.

But, as divisiveness and gridlock continue to reign supreme in our nation's capital, the states are where meaningful change must happen – where it belongs. And, we can do more, we must do more to see that educational reform doesn't remain a backburner issue.

In fact, educational reform is perhaps the most important of issues. Ensuring that the next generation receives a quality education of their own choosing does not only improve outcomes, reduce criminality, and give students a greater sense of self-worth, as has been shown in study after study, it helps form more well-rounded citizens. And, our very Republic depends on that.

Onward,

Scott Kaufman

# 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,<sup>1</sup> 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,<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> The policy grades in this category correspond to the Home School Legal Defense Association's analysis of state laws,<sup>4</sup> 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.

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### Footnotes:

1. *Rigor of State Proficiency Standards, 2017*, Education Next, available at <https://www.educationnext.org/rigor-state-proficiency-standards-map-2017/>.
2. *Charter School Law Ranking and Scorecard*, Center for Education Reform, available at <https://edreform.com/national-charter-school-law-rankings-scorecard-2018/>.
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.<sup>5</sup>

## 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,<sup>6</sup> 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

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### Footnotes:

5. 2017 State Teacher Policy Yearbook: National Summary, National Council on Teacher Quality (December 2017, available at <https://www.nctq.org/publications/2017-State-Teacher-Policy-Yearbook>).
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

Our Education Report Card rollout this year will focus on the non-academic effects of educational choice. This is not because there are no academic effects; indeed, 19 gold-standard studies have found that school choice improves math and reading test scores, and the Report Card includes a grade for state standards of proficiency as compared to the NAEP exam.

This success, however, is overshadowing what are arguably the more important results of empowering families with educational freedom: school choice is helping families shape their children into better citizens, and into young adults of whom both they and America can be proud.

A state's ALEC rank is based on its policies across the six categories we studied. As always, a state's funding breakdown, graduation rate, and average class size are provided for the reader's information, but none were factored into a state's rank or GPA.

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# Alabama

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Rank

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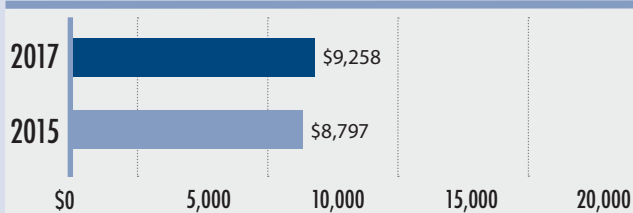
Grade

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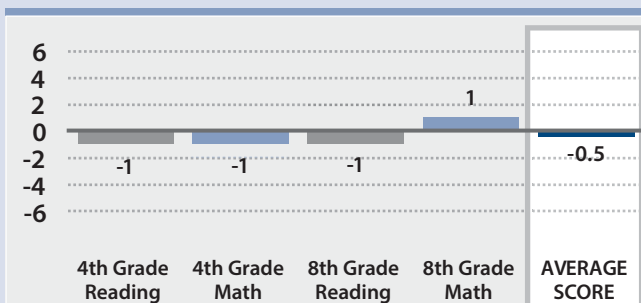
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



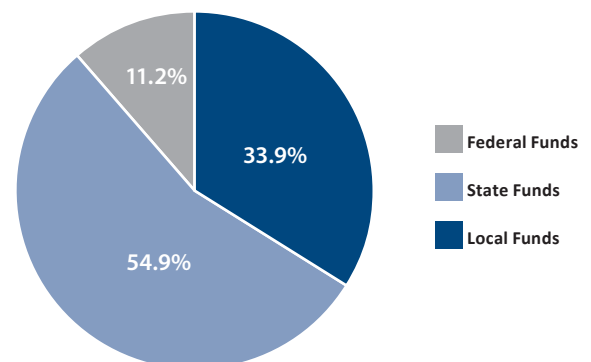
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$9,258
4th Grade Reading	216	
4th Grade Math	232	
8th Grade Reading	258	
8th Grade Math	268	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B-
Charter Schools	D
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	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
89.3%	17.5





# Alaska

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Rank

47

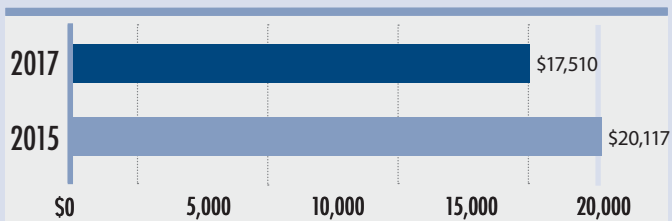
Grade

D+

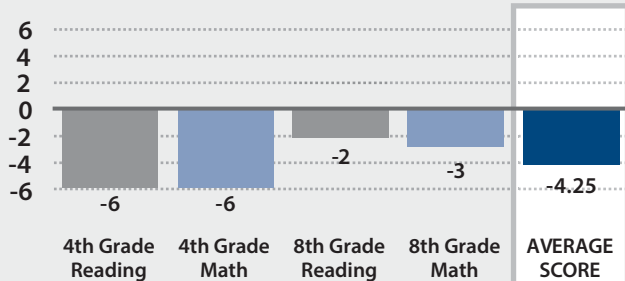
GPA



## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$17,510
4th Grade Reading	207	
4th Grade Math	230	
8th Grade Reading	258	
8th Grade Math	277	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	F
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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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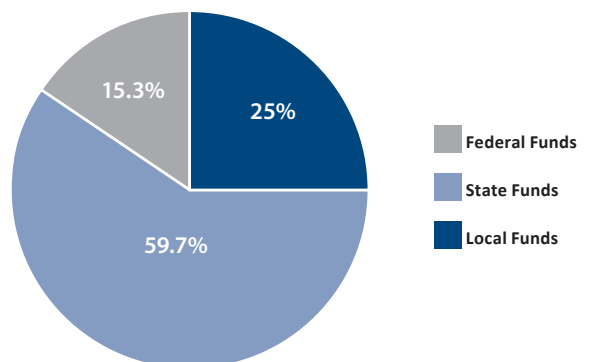
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D-
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Digital Learning	D+
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
78.2%	17



# Arizona

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Rank

1

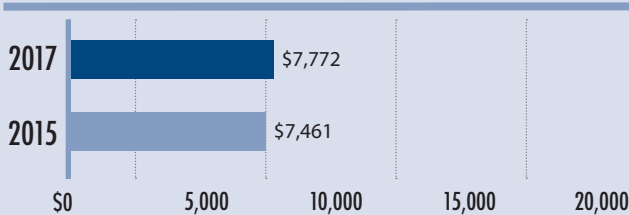
Grade

B+

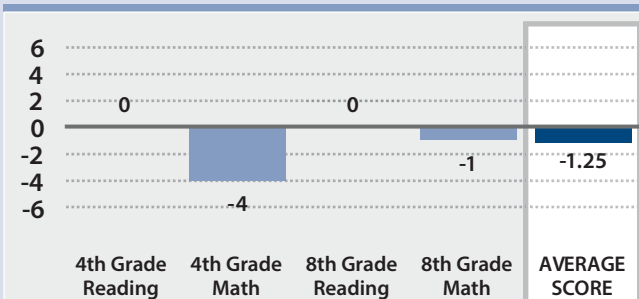
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



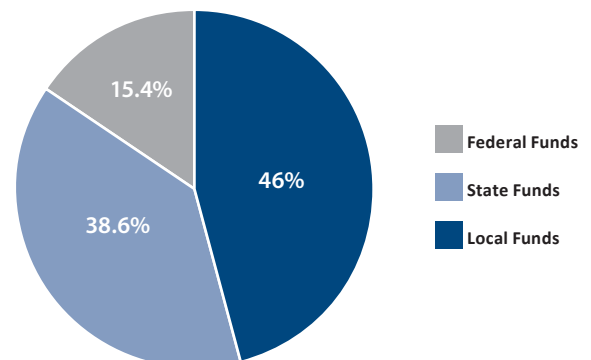
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$7,772
4th Grade Reading	215	
4th Grade Math	234	
8th Grade Reading	263	
8th Grade Math	282	

## 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)	B
Private School Choice Programs	A
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
78%	23.3



# Arkansas

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Rank

21

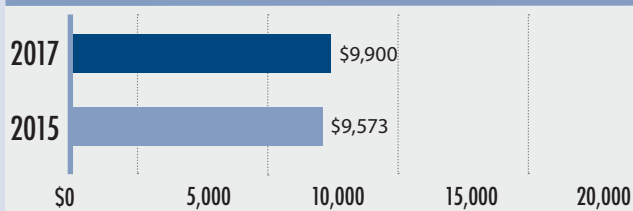
Grade

C

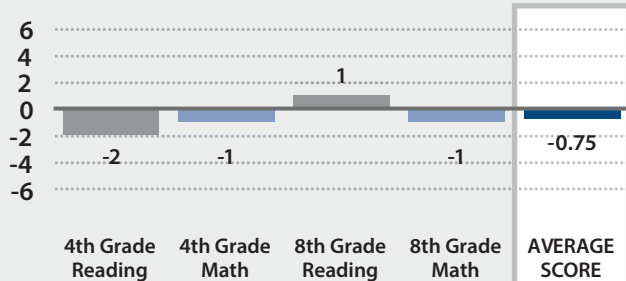
GPA

1.8

## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



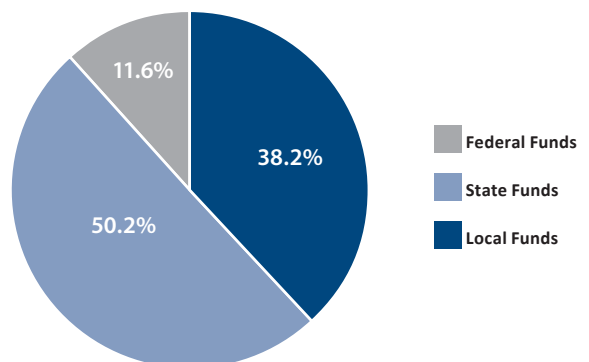
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$9,900
4th Grade Reading	216	
4th Grade Math	234	
8th Grade Reading	260	
8th Grade Math	274	

## 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	D-
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
88%	13.8



# California

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Rank

24

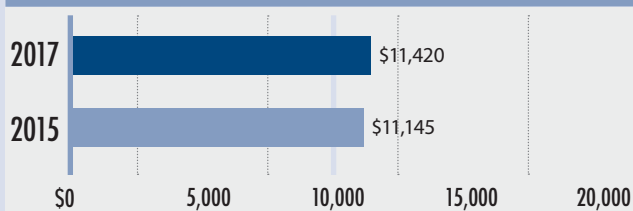
Grade

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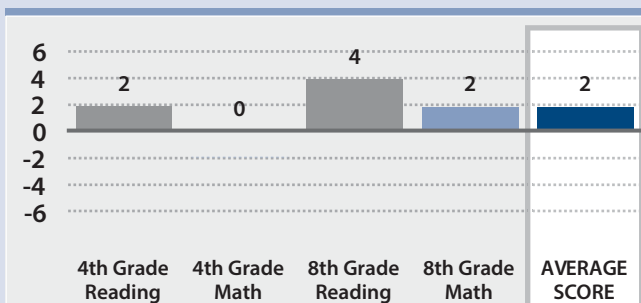
GPA

1.8

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## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



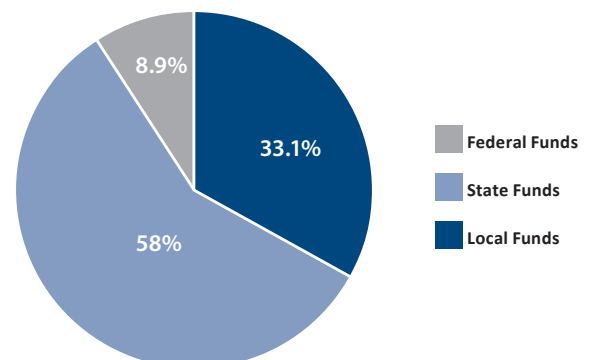
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$11,420
4th Grade Reading	215	
4th Grade Math	232	
8th Grade Reading	263	
8th Grade Math	277	

## 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)	B
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
82.7%	23.3



# Colorado

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Rank

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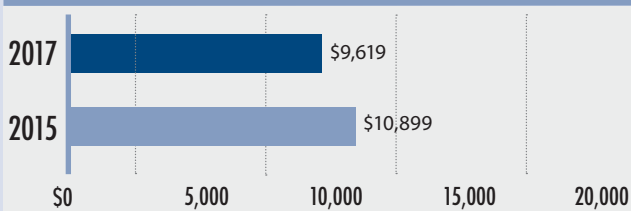
Grade

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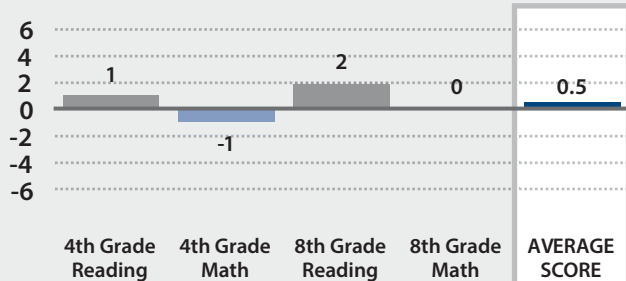
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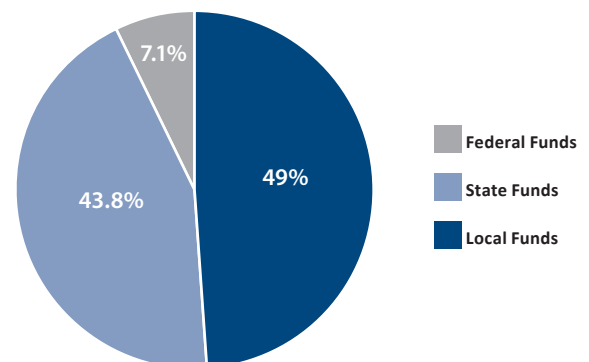
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	270	
8th Grade Math	286	
		<b>\$9,619</b>

## 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)	C
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
79.1%	17.4



# Connecticut

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Rank

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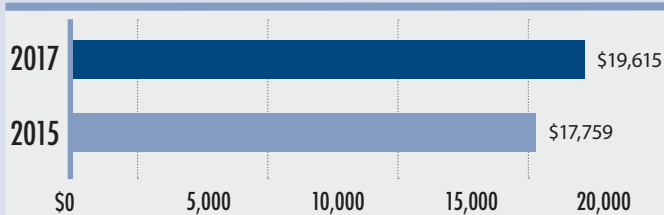
Grade

C-

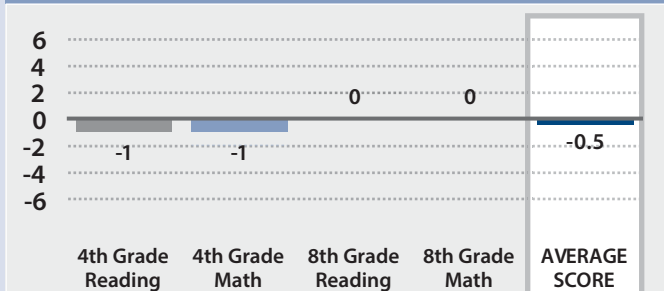
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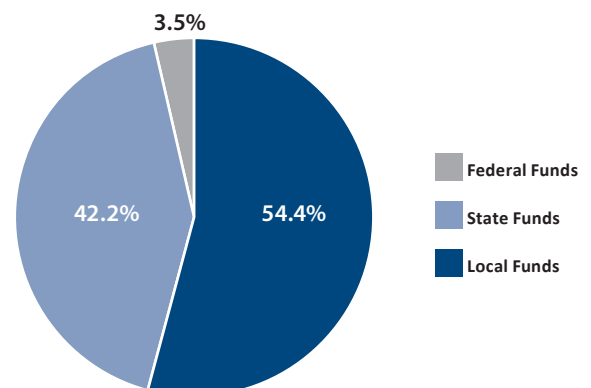
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$19,615
4th Grade Reading	228	
4th Grade Math	239	
8th Grade Reading	273	
8th Grade Math	284	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
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	C+
Digital Learning	F

## Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
87.9%	12.6



# Delaware

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Rank

37

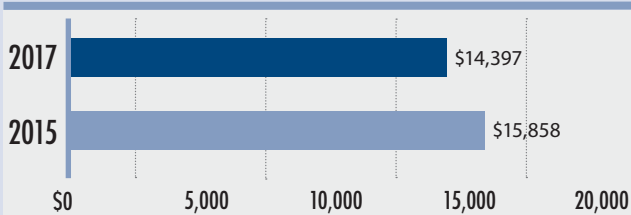
Grade

C-

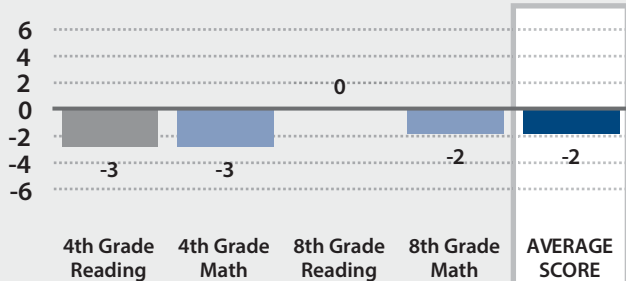
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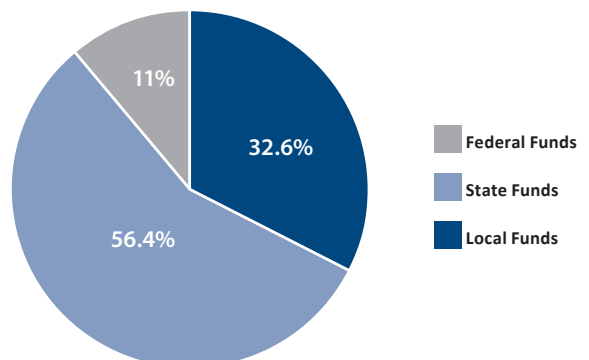
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$14,397
4th Grade Reading	221	
4th Grade Math	236	
8th Grade Reading	263	
8th Grade Math	278	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B-
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	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	D-

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
86.9%	14.8



# District of Columbia

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Rank

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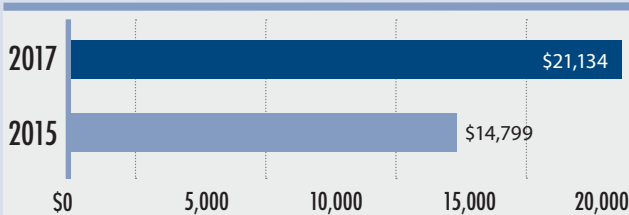
Grade

B

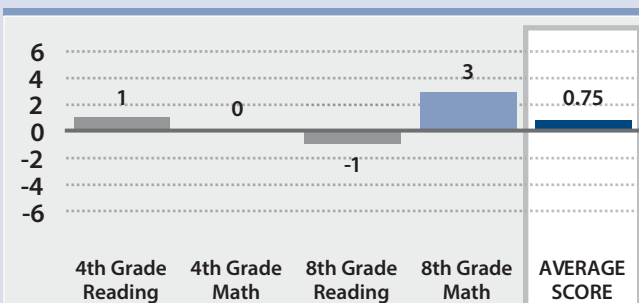
GPA

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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



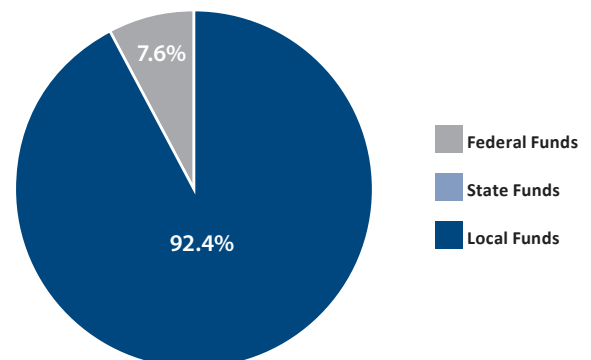
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$21,134
4th Grade Reading	213	
4th Grade Math	231	
8th Grade Reading	247	
8th Grade Math	266	

## 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



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
73.2%	12.8





# Florida

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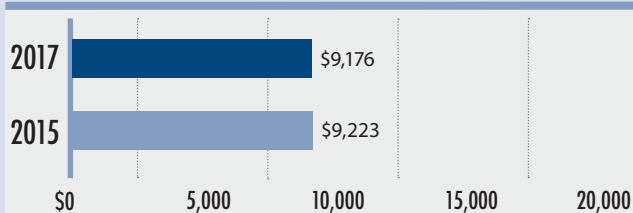
Grade

B+

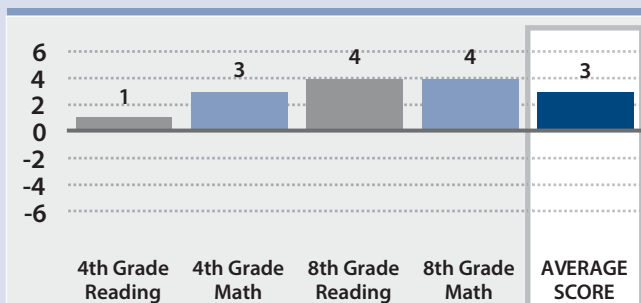
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## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



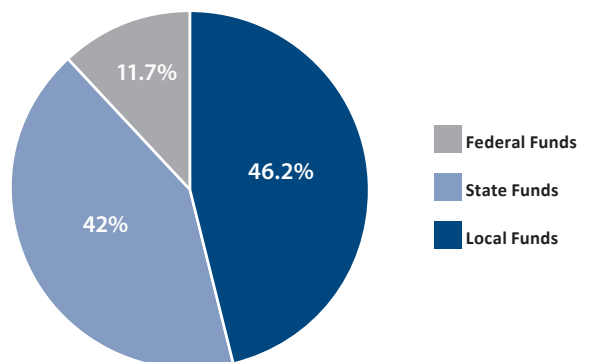
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$9,176
4th Grade Reading	228	
4th Grade Math	246	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	279	

## 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)	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
82.3%	15.1



# Georgia

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Rank

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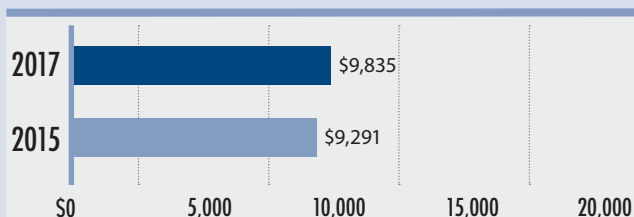
Grade

B

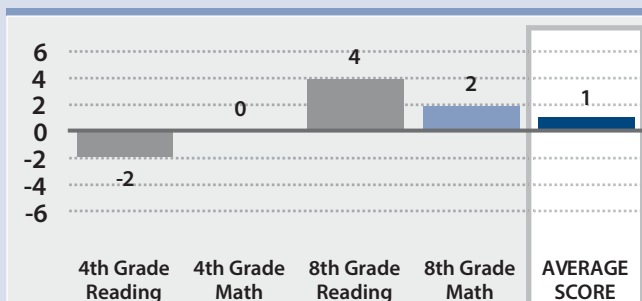
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



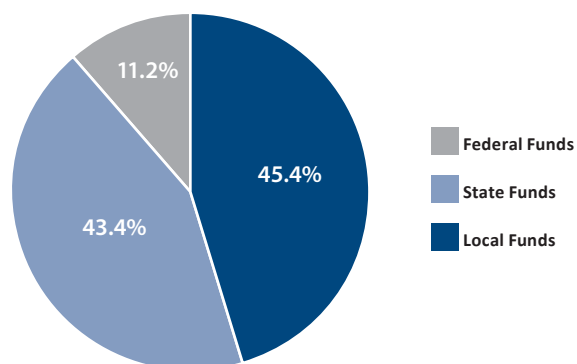
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$9,835
4th Grade Reading	220	
4th Grade Math	236	
8th Grade Reading	266	
8th Grade Math	281	

## 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)	B
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
80.6%	15.4



# Hawaii

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Rank

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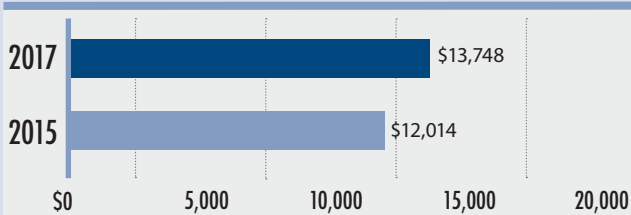
Grade

D+

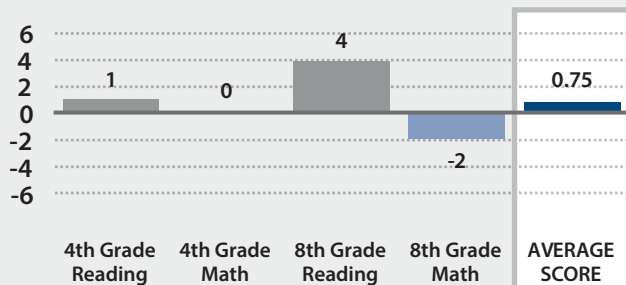
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



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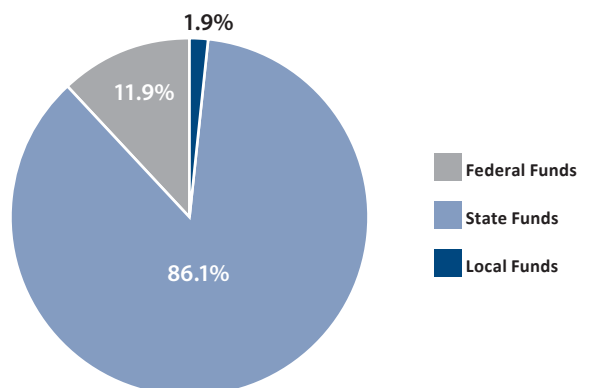
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$13,748
4th Grade Reading	216	
4th Grade Math	238	
8th Grade Reading	261	
8th Grade Math	277	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
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	D+
Digital Learning	D

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
82.7%	15.4



# Idaho

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Rank

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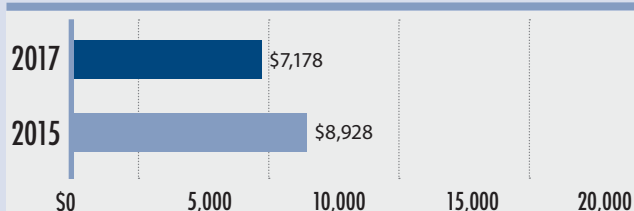
Grade

C

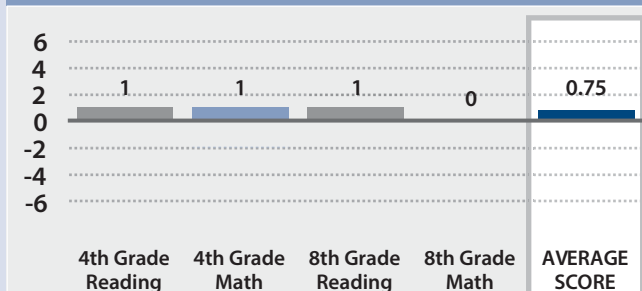
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## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



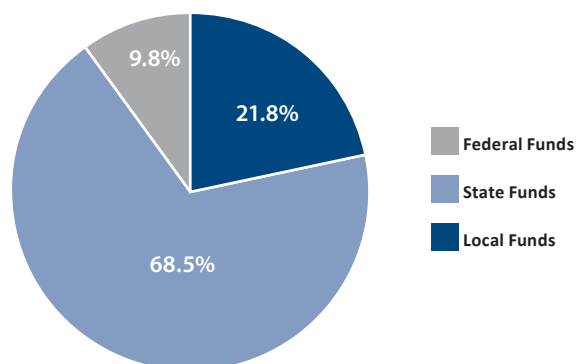
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$7,178
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	240	
8th Grade Reading	270	
8th Grade Math	284	

## 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)	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
79.7%	18.3



# Illinois

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Rank

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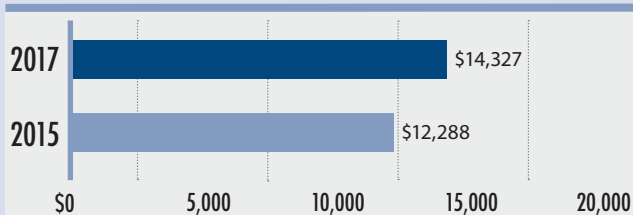
Grade

C+

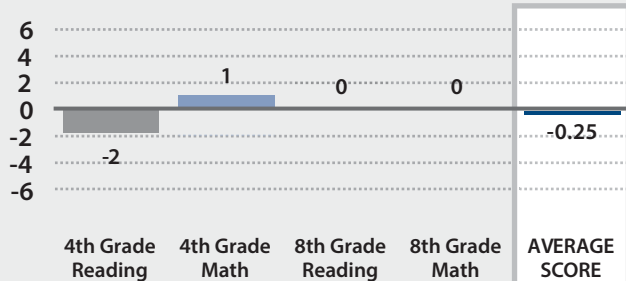
GPA



## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



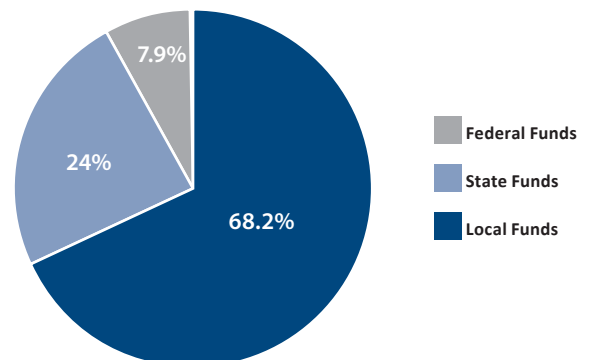
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	220	
4th Grade Math	238	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	282	
		<b>\$14,327</b>

## 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	C+
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
87%	15.7



# Indiana

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Rank

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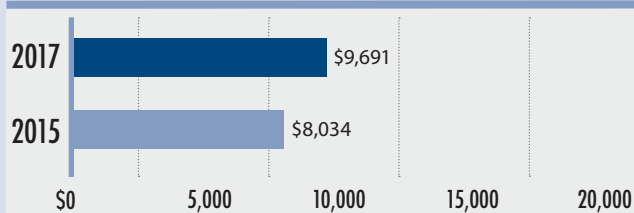
Grade

B+

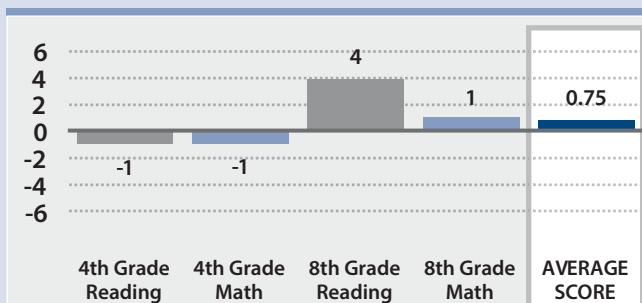
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## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



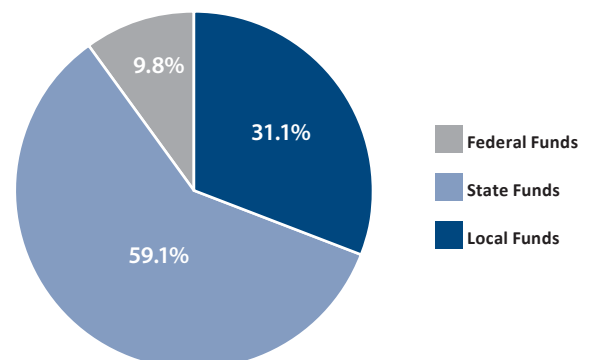
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$9,691
4th Grade Reading	226	
4th Grade Math	247	
8th Grade Reading	272	
8th Grade Math	288	

## 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
83.8%	17.5



# Iowa

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Rank

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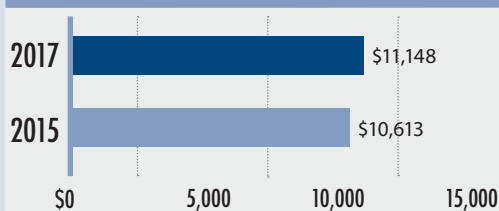
Grade

C-

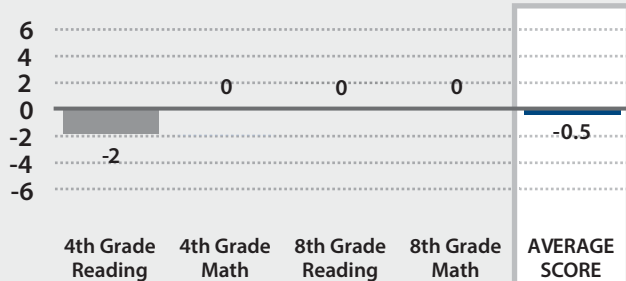
GPA

1.3

## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$11,148
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	243	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	286	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	D+
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Charter Schools	F
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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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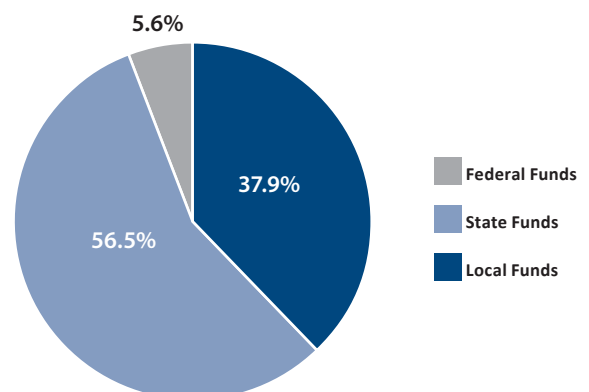
Private School Choice Programs	C-
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D+
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Digital Learning	D
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
91%	14.2



# Kansas

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Rank

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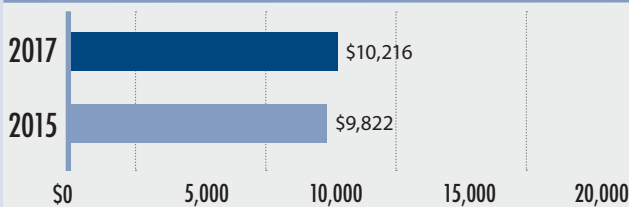
Grade

C-

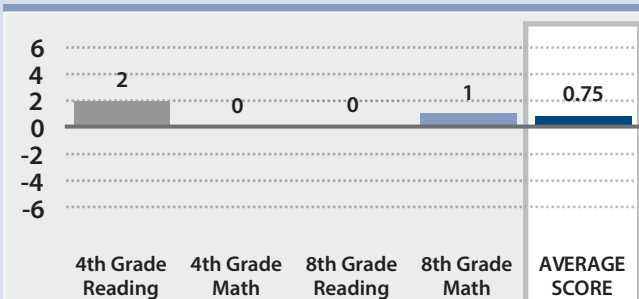
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



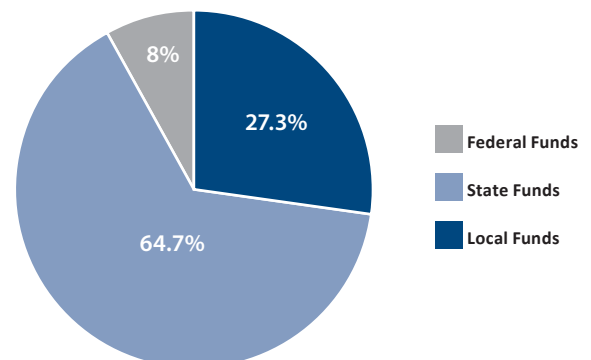
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$10,216
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	285	

## 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	D-
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
86.5%	13.7





# Kentucky

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Rank

44

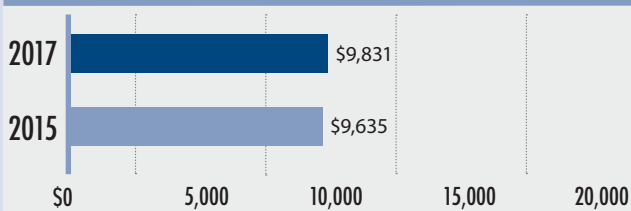
Grade

C-

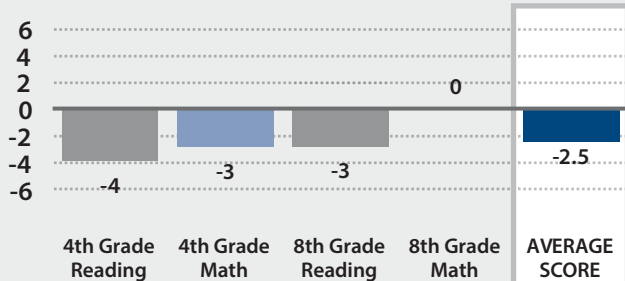
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



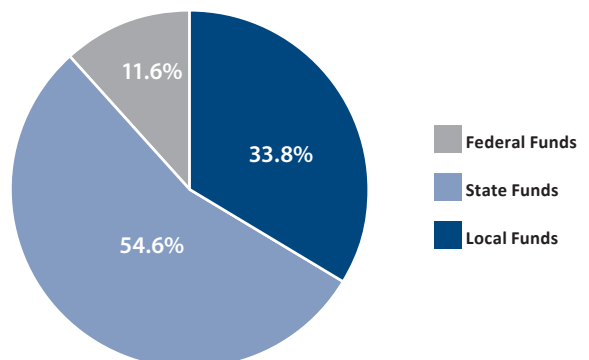
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	224	
4th Grade Math	239	
8th Grade Reading	265	
8th Grade Math	278	
		<b>\$9,831</b>

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B-
Charter Schools	D
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	D

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89.7%	16.3



# Louisiana

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Rank

12

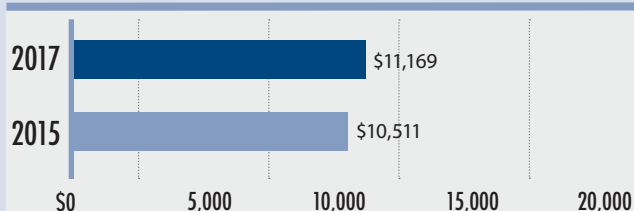
Grade

C+

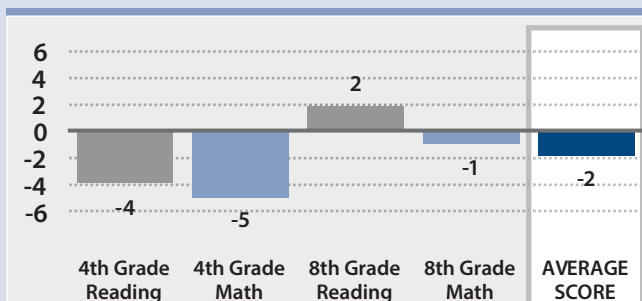
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



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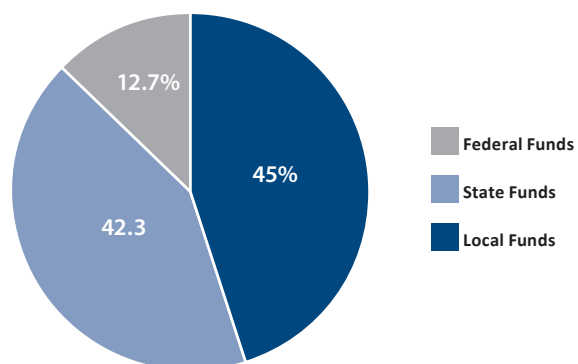
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$11,169
4th Grade Reading	212	
4th Grade Math	229	
8th Grade Reading	257	
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	D+
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
78.1%	14.8



# Maine

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Rank

31

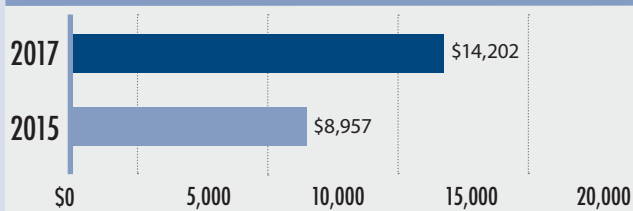
Grade

C-

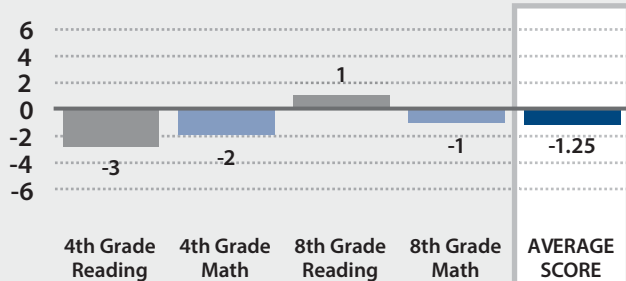
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$14,202
4th Grade Reading	221	
4th Grade Math	240	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	284	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	D
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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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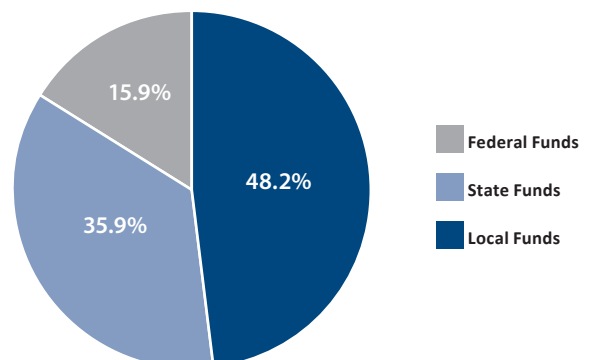
Private School Choice Programs	D
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D+
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Digital Learning	C
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
86.9%	12.2



# Maryland

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Rank

35

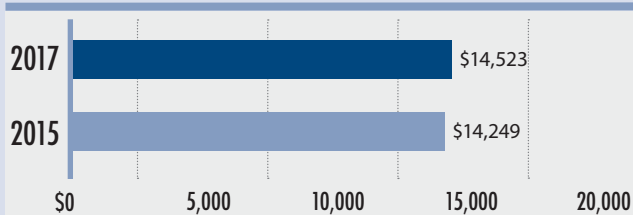
Grade

C-

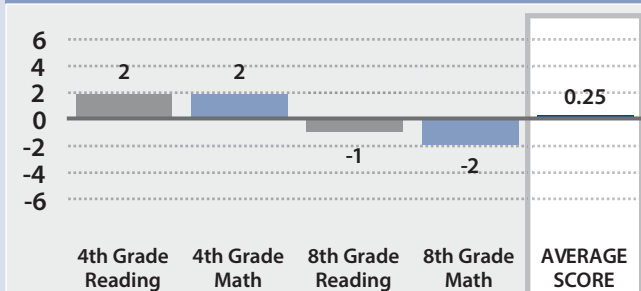
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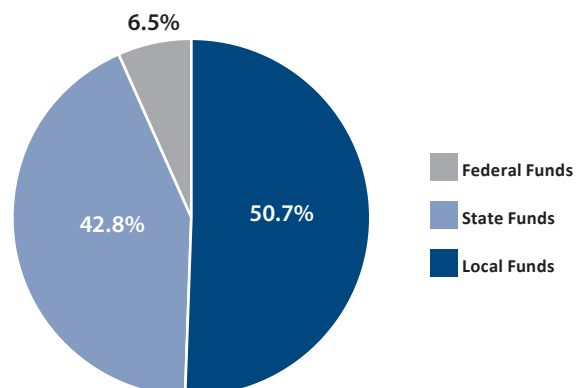
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$14,523
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	281	

## 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	D
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
87.7%	14.84



# Massachusetts

ALEC grades are an assessment of state education policy across six factors. Some factors are more heavily weighted than others. More information about how ALEC grades are calculated can be found in the methodology.

Rank

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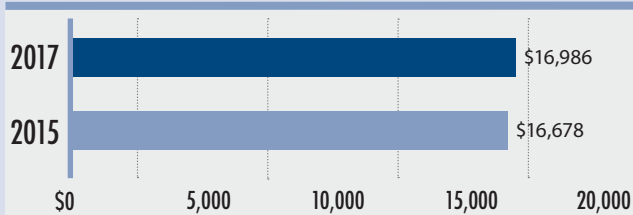
Grade

C

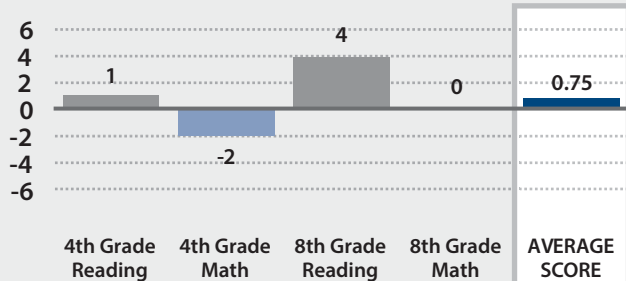
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1.9

## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



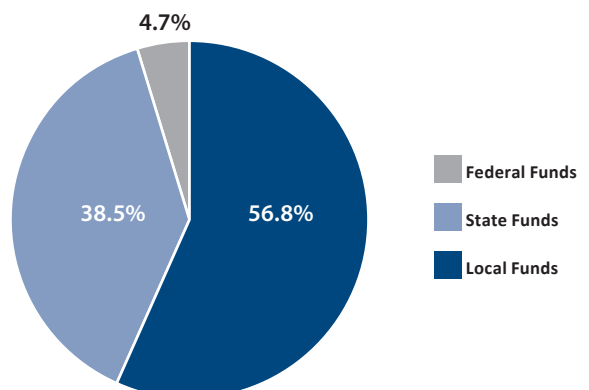
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$16,986
4th Grade Reading	236	
4th Grade Math	249	
8th Grade Reading	278	
8th Grade Math	297	

## 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

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

Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
88.3%	13.3



# Michigan

ALEC grades are an assessment of state education policy across six factors. Some factors are more heavily weighted than others. More information about how ALEC grades are calculated can be found in the methodology.

Rank

13

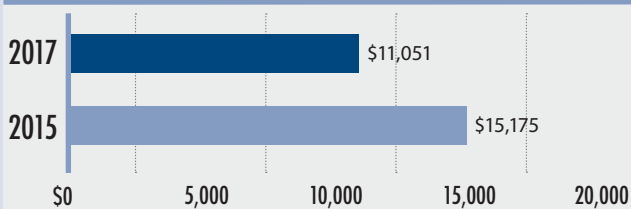
Grade

C+

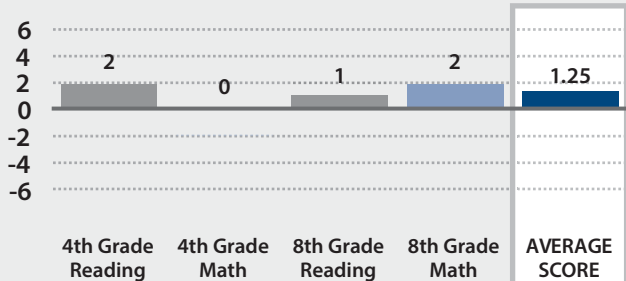
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2.2

## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$11,051
4th Grade Reading	218	
4th Grade Math	236	
8th Grade Reading	265	
8th Grade Math	280	

## 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)	A
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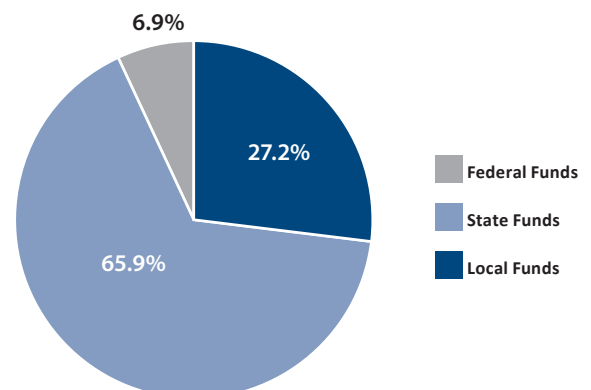
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C
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Digital Learning	C
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## 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
80.2%	18.3



# Minnesota

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Rank

10

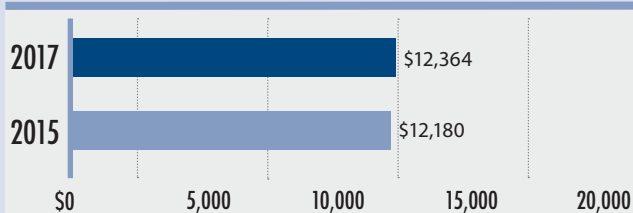
Grade

C

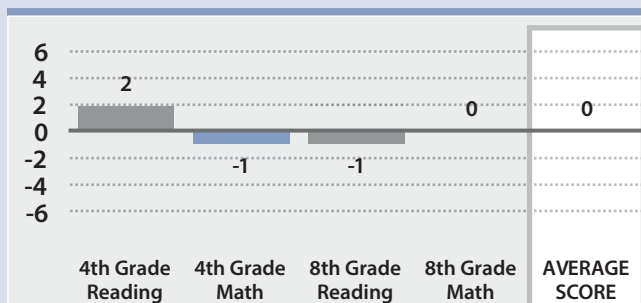
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



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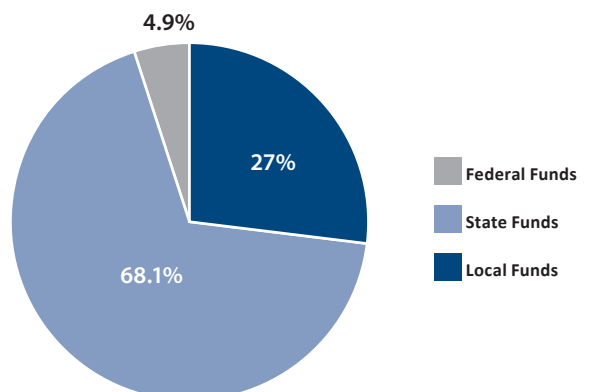
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	249	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	294	
		<b>\$12,364</b>

## 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



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
82.7%	15.4



# Mississippi

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Rank

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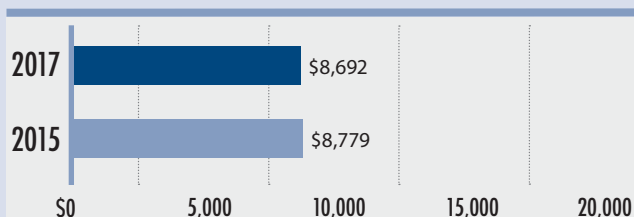
Grade

C-

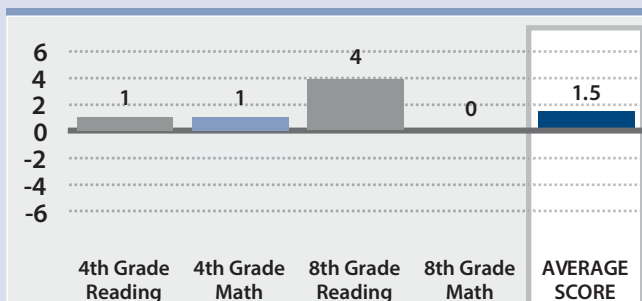
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## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



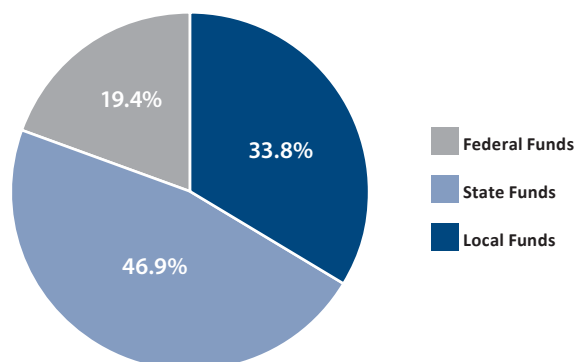
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$8,692
4th Grade Reading	215	
4th Grade Math	235	
8th Grade Reading	256	
8th Grade Math	271	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
Charter Schools	D
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Homeschool Regulation Burden (A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	B
Private School Choice Programs	D-
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
83%	15.1





# Missouri

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Rank

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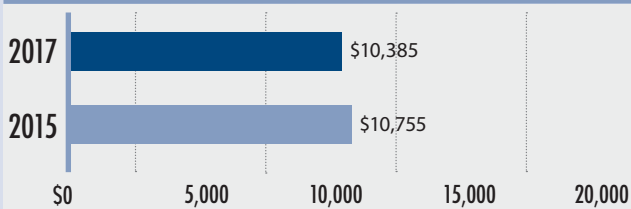
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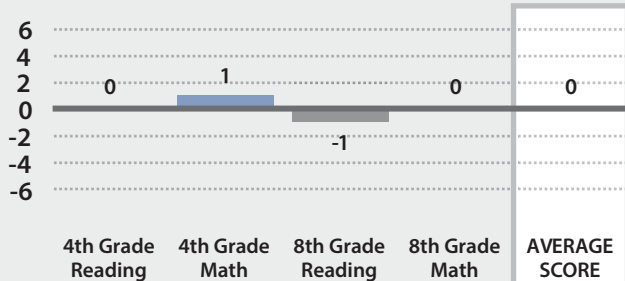
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



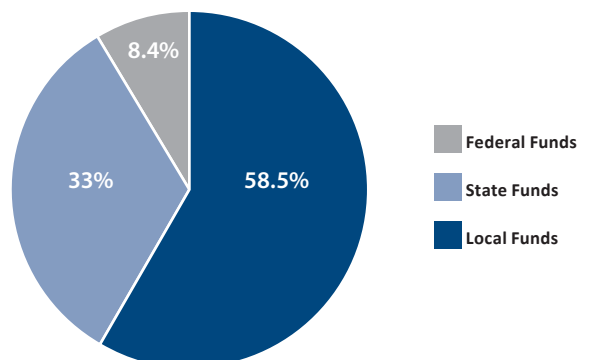
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	240	
8th Grade Reading	266	
8th Grade Math	281	
		<b>\$10,385</b>

## 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	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C
Digital Learning	D+

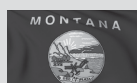
## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
88.3%	13.5



# Montana

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Rank

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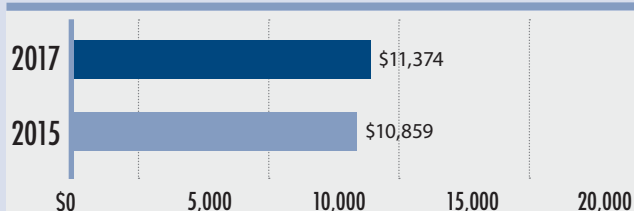
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C-

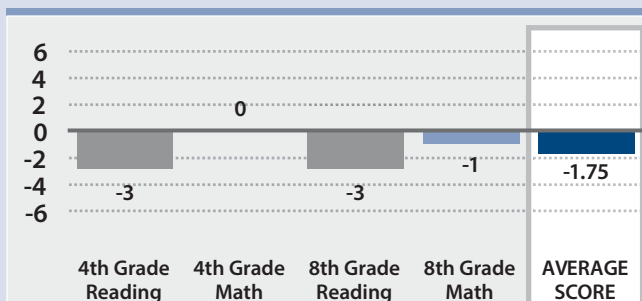
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



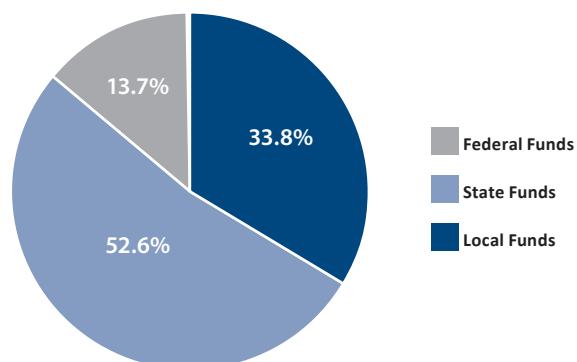
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	286	
		<b>\$11,374</b>

## 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	C
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	F
Digital Learning	F

## 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
85.8%	13.9



# Nebraska

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Rank

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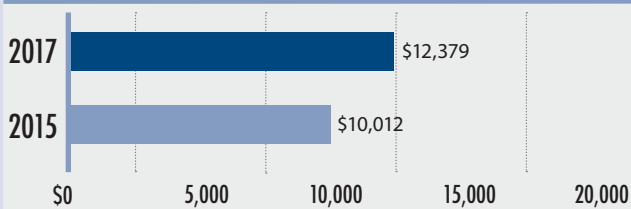
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D

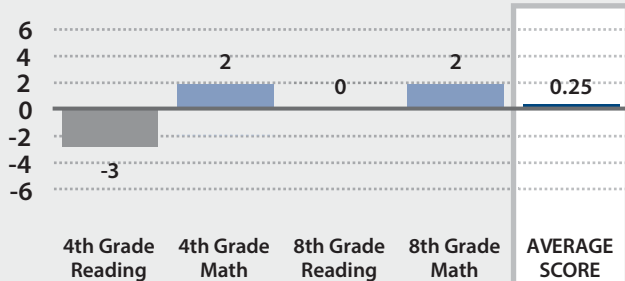
GPA

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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	224	
4th Grade Math	246	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	288	
		\$12,379

## 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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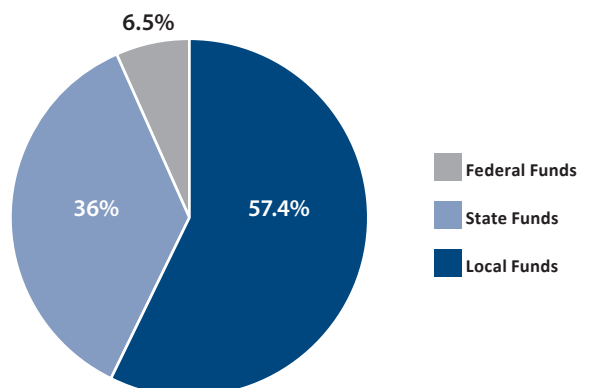
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
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Digital Learning	F
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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

Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89.1%	13.5



# Nevada

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Rank

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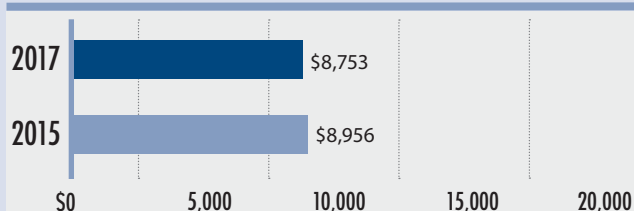
Grade

B

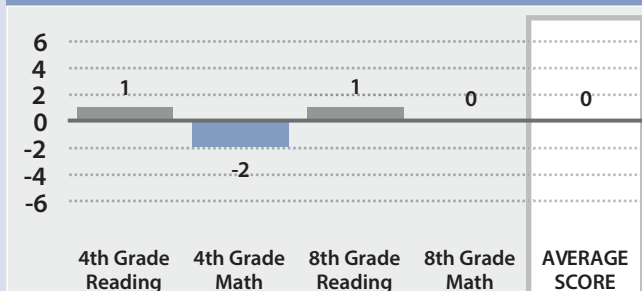
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	215	
4th Grade Math	232	
8th Grade Reading	260	
8th Grade Math	275	
		<b>\$8,753</b>

## 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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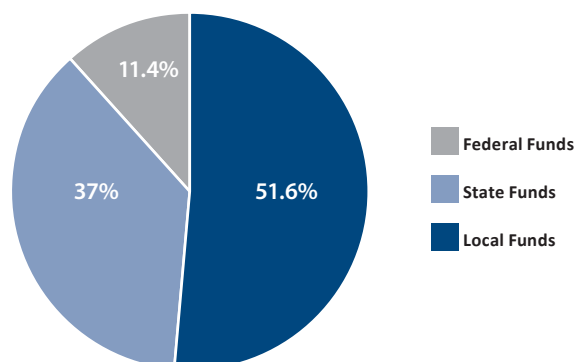
Private School Choice Programs	B
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
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Digital Learning	B+
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
80.9%	20



# New Hampshire

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Rank

38

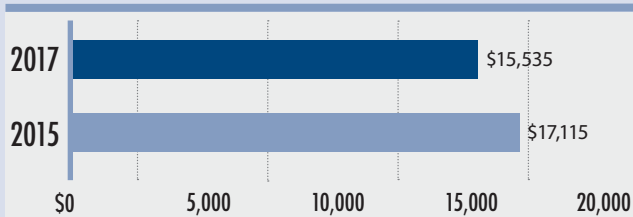
Grade

C-

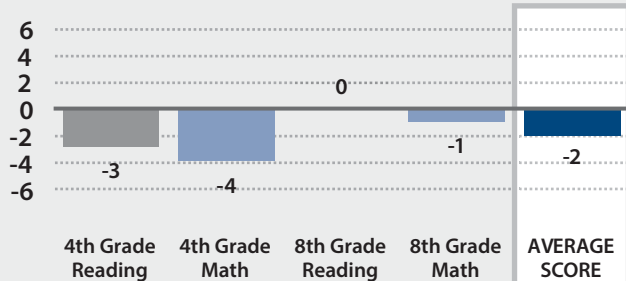
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$15,535
4th Grade Reading	229	
4th Grade Math	245	
8th Grade Reading	275	
8th Grade Math	293	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B+
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Charter Schools	D
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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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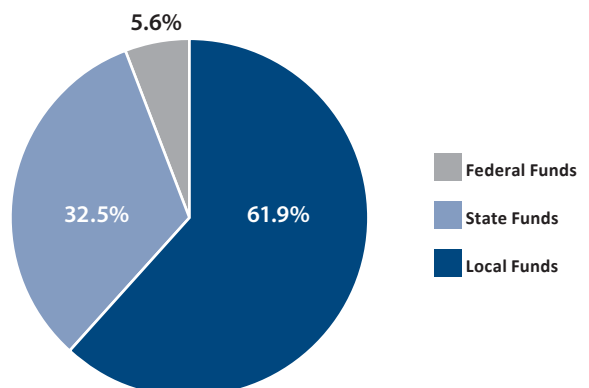
Private School Choice Programs	D-
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D+
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Digital Learning	D
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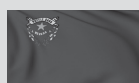
## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
88.9%	12.3



# New Jersey

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Rank

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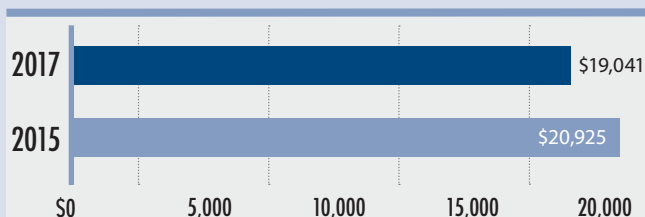
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C

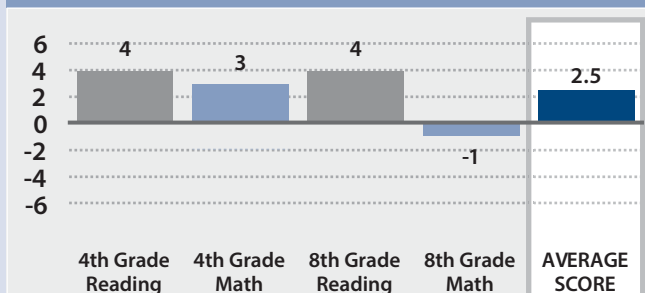
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



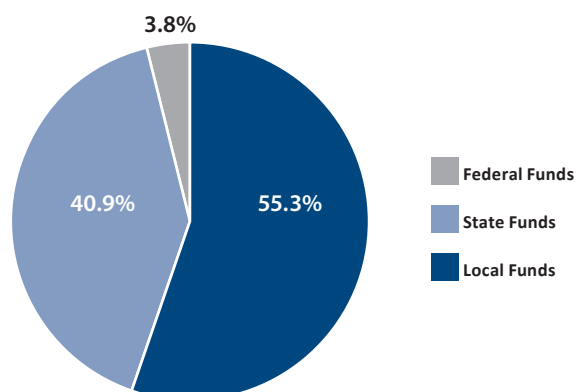
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$19,041
4th Grade Reading	233	
4th Grade Math	248	
8th Grade Reading	275	
8th Grade Math	292	

## 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	B
Digital Learning	D-

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
90.5%	12.2



# New Mexico

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Rank

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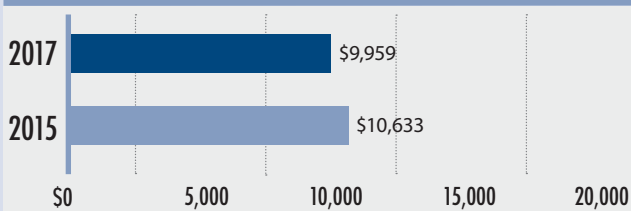
Grade

C

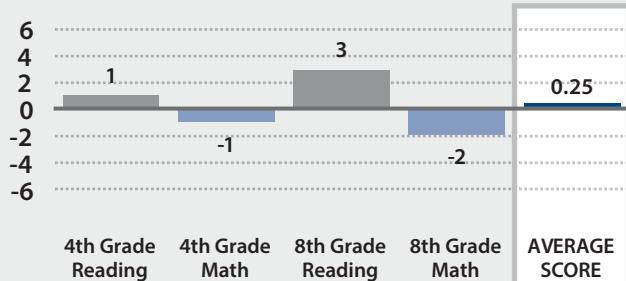
GPA



## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	208	
4th Grade Math	230	
8th Grade Reading	256	
8th Grade Math	269	
		<b>\$9,959</b>

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	A
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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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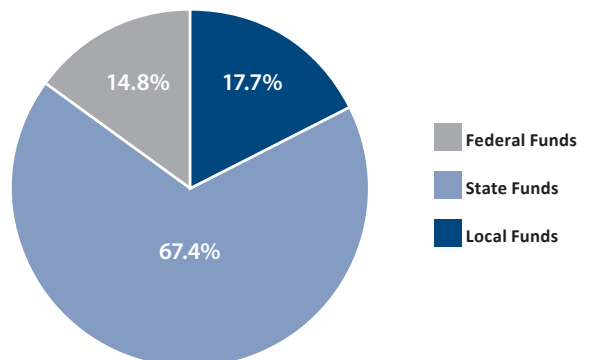
Private School Choice Programs	F
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School Choice Allowed	No
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C
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Digital Learning	C
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
71.1%	15.8



# New York

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Rank

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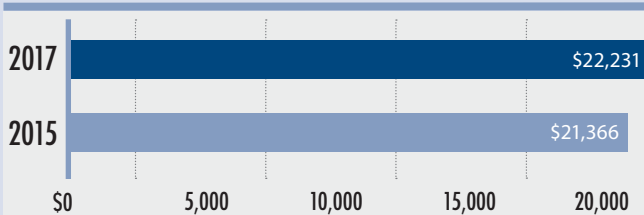
Grade

C

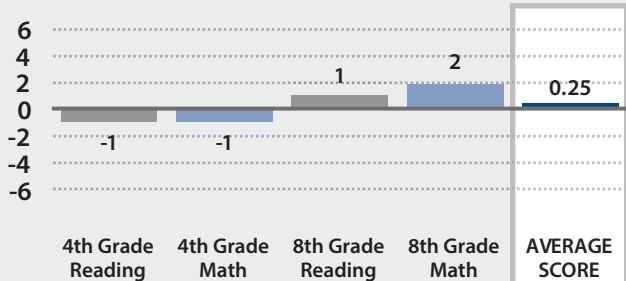
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



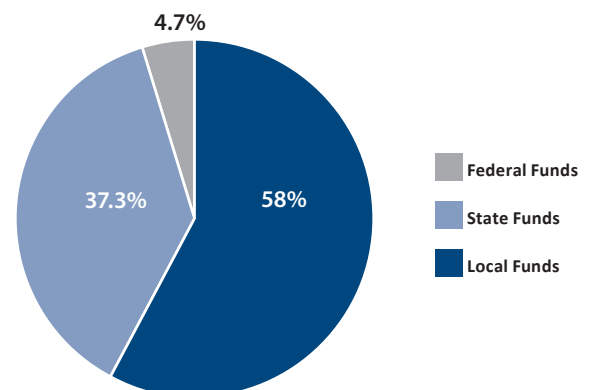
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$22,231
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	236	
8th Grade Reading	264	
8th Grade Math	282	

## 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
81.8%	13.1





# North Carolina

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Rank

14

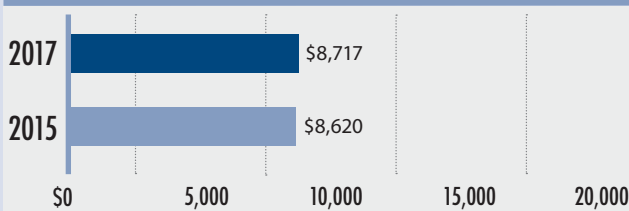
Grade

C+

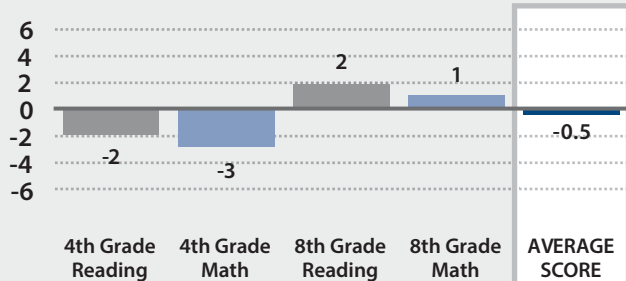
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	224	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	263	
8th Grade Math	282	
		\$8,717

## 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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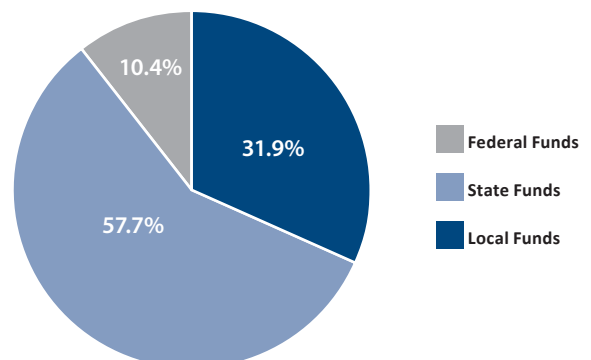
Private School Choice Programs	D+
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C+
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Digital Learning	C
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
86.6%	15.5



# North Dakota

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Rank

50

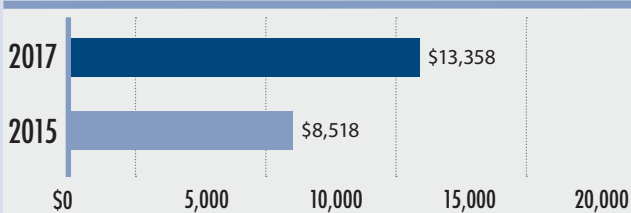
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D

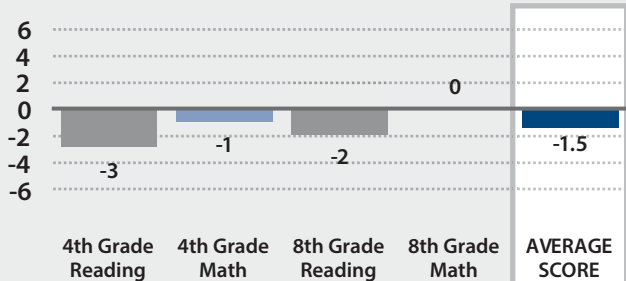
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



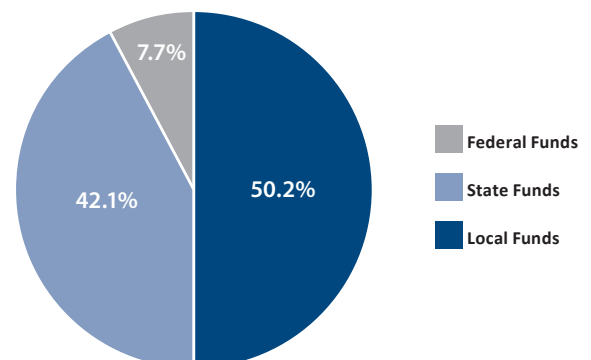
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	244	
8th Grade Reading	265	
8th Grade Math	288	
		<b>\$13,358</b>

## 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

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

Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
87.2%	11.8



# Ohio

ALEC grades are an assessment of state education policy across six factors. Some factors are more heavily weighted than others. More information about how ALEC grades are calculated can be found in the methodology.

Rank

27

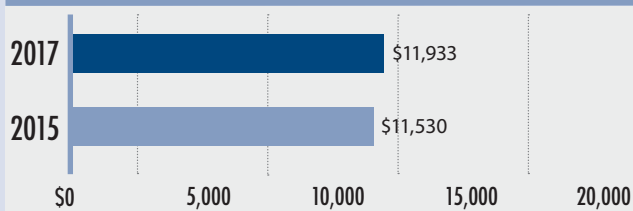
Grade

C-

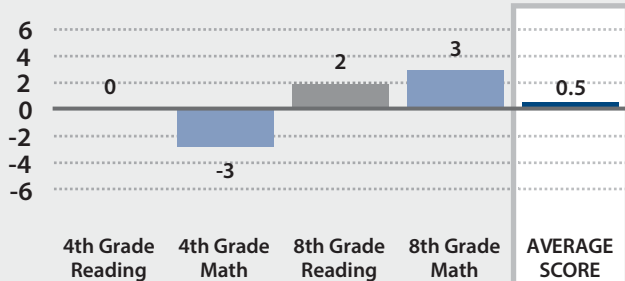
GPA



## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	288	
		<b>\$11,933</b>

## 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)	C
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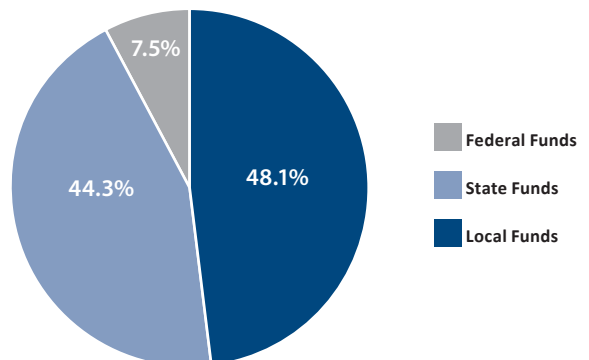
Private School Choice Programs	D-
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
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Digital Learning	D
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
84.2%	16.7



# Oklahoma

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Rank

8

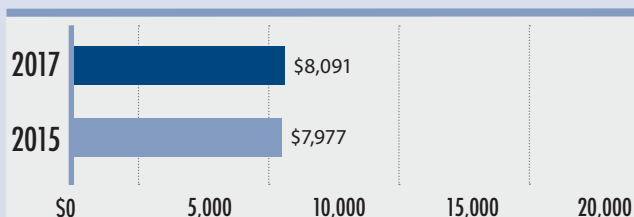
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B-

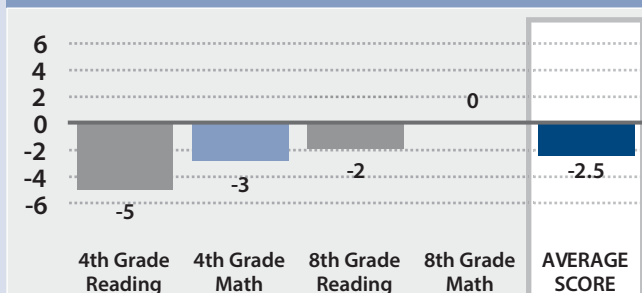
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



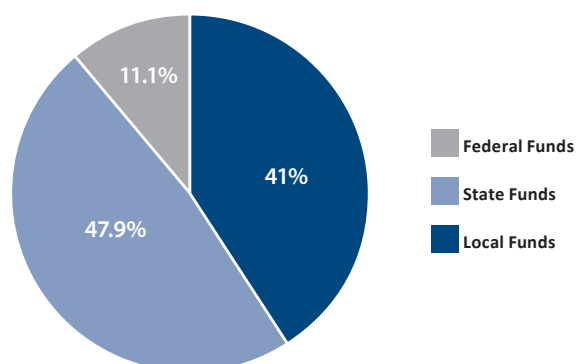
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	217	
4th Grade Math	237	
8th Grade Reading	261	
8th Grade Math	275	
		<b>\$8,091</b>

## 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	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
82.6%	16.9



# Oregon

ALEC grades are an assessment of state education policy across six factors. Some factors are more heavily weighted than others. More information about how ALEC grades are calculated can be found in the methodology.

Rank

46

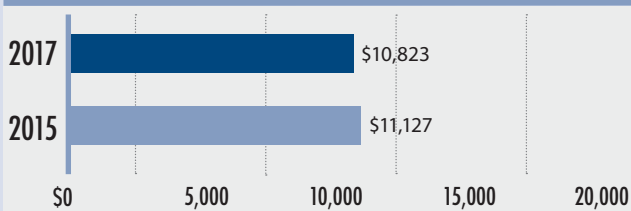
Grade

D+

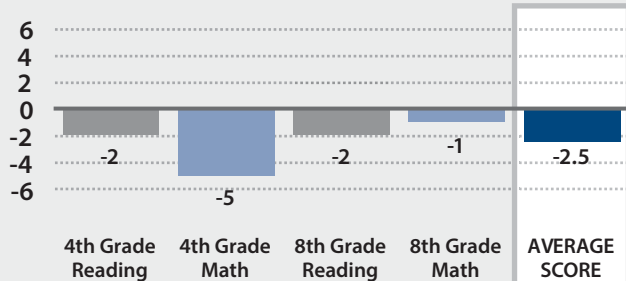
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



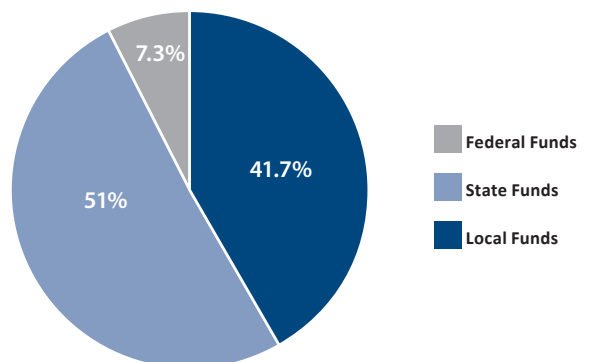
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	218	
4th Grade Math	233	
8th Grade Reading	266	
8th Grade Math	282	
		<b>\$10,823</b>

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
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	D-
Digital Learning	C

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
76.7%	19.5



# Pennsylvania

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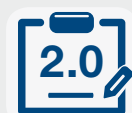
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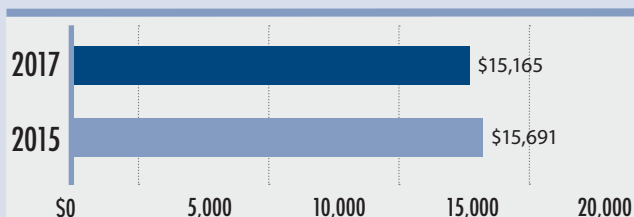
Grade

C

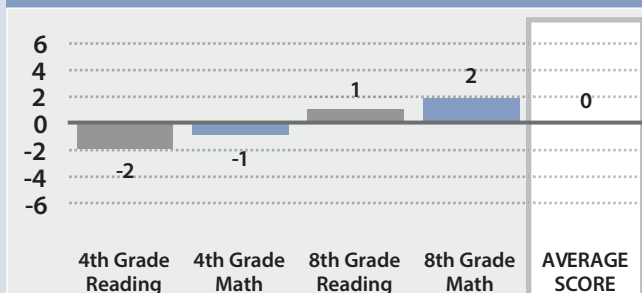
GPA



## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



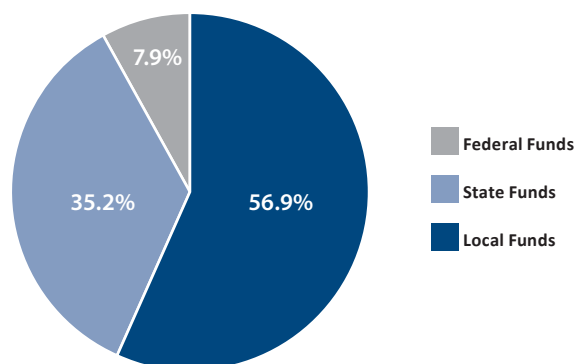
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	242	
8th Grade Reading	270	
8th Grade Math	286	
		<b>\$15,165</b>

## 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)	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
86.6%	14.1



# Rhode Island

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Rank

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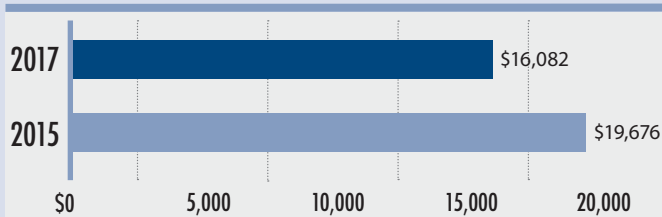
Grade

C-

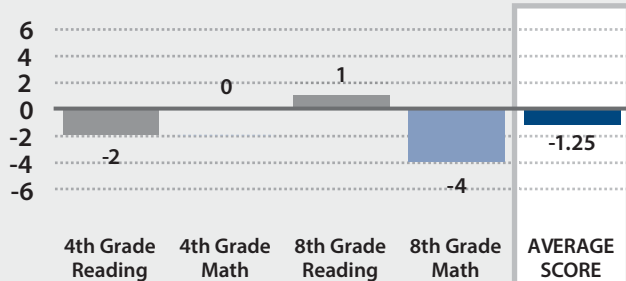
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



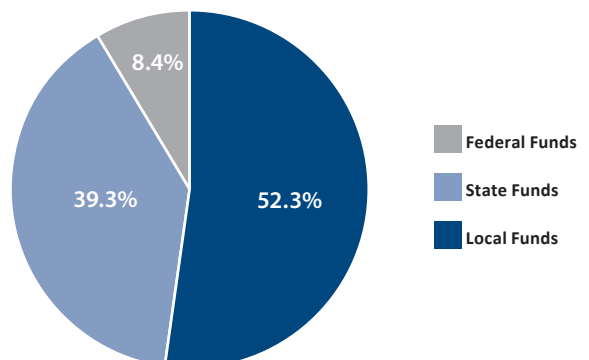
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	238	
8th Grade Reading	266	
8th Grade Math	277	
		<b>\$16,082</b>

## 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	D-
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
84.1%	13.3



# South Carolina

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Rank

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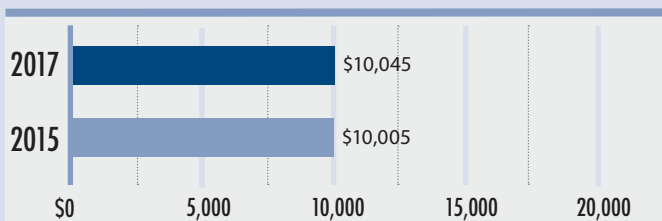
Grade

C+

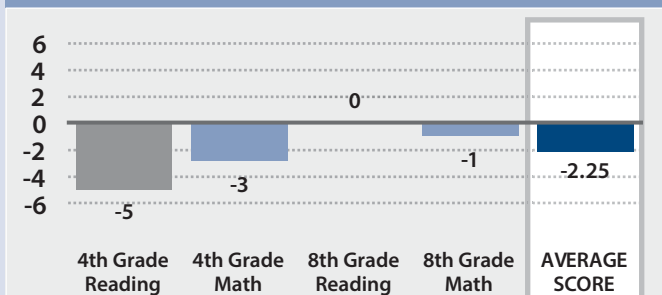
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



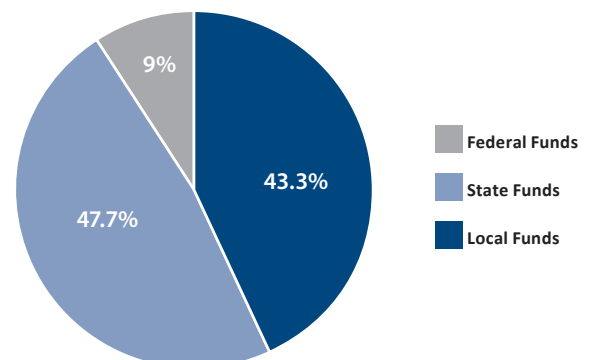
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	213	
4th Grade Math	234	
8th Grade Reading	260	
8th Grade Math	275	
		<b>\$10,045</b>

## 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	B-

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
83.6%	15.2





# South Dakota

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Rank

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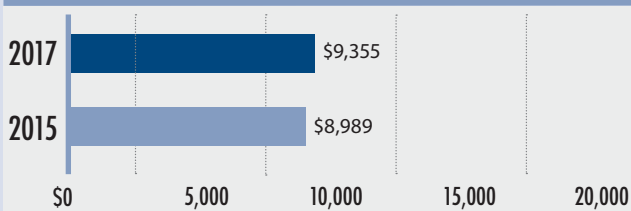
Grade

D+

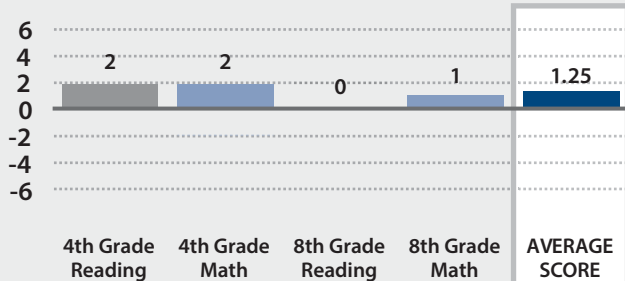
GPA



## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	222	
4th Grade Math	242	
8th Grade Reading	267	
8th Grade Math	286	

**\$9,355**

## 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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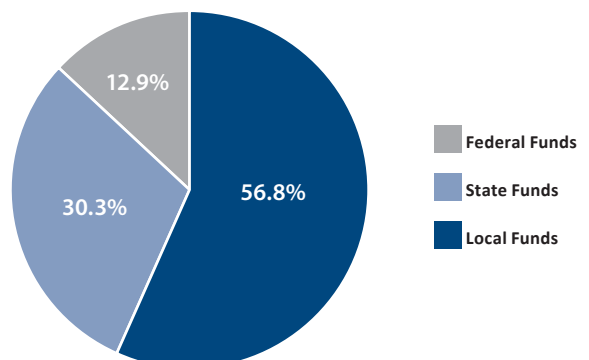
Private School Choice Programs	D
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	F
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Digital Learning	C
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## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
83.7%	13.9



# Tennessee

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Rank

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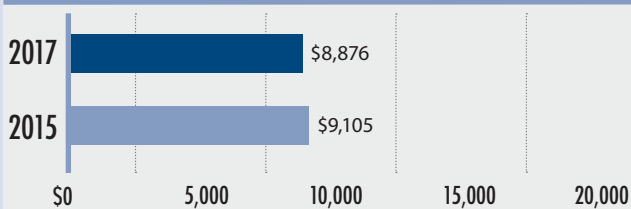
Grade

C

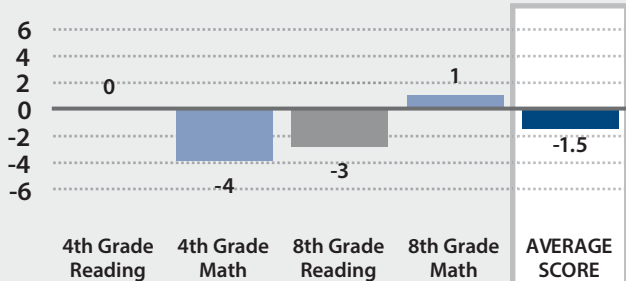
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



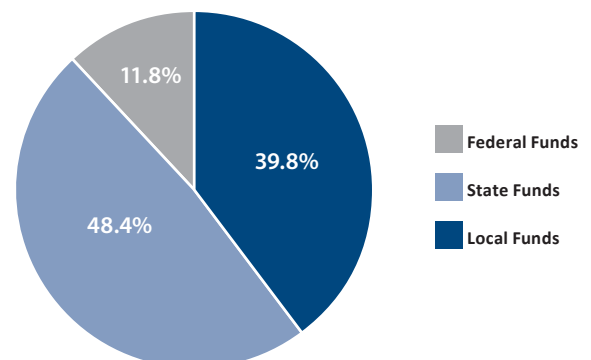
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	219	
4th Grade Math	237	
8th Grade Reading	262	
8th Grade Math	279	
		<b>\$8,876</b>

## 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	B
Digital Learning	F

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89.8%	15.6



# Texas

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## Rank

# 18

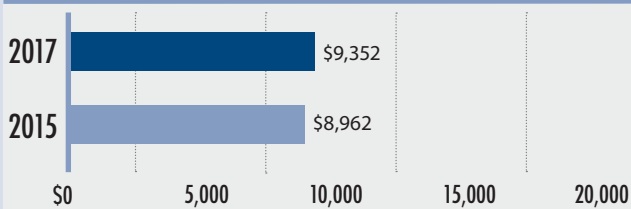
## Grade

# C

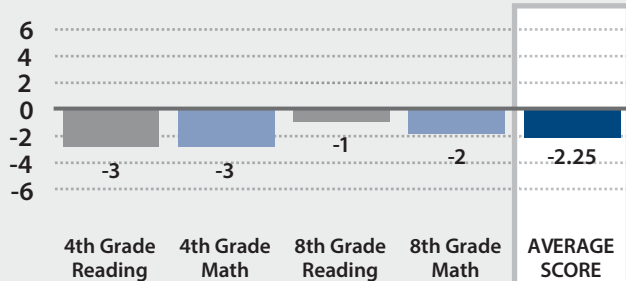
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### PER-PUPIL SPENDING



### CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



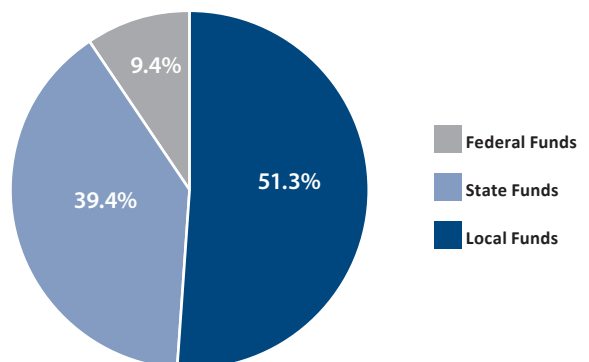
### 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	215	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	260	
8th Grade Math	282	
		<b>\$9,352</b>

### 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	F
School Choice Allowed	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	B-
Digital Learning	B-

### Funding Sources



### Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89.7%	15.2



# Utah

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Rank

9

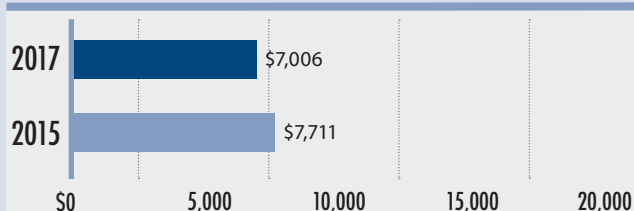
Grade

B-

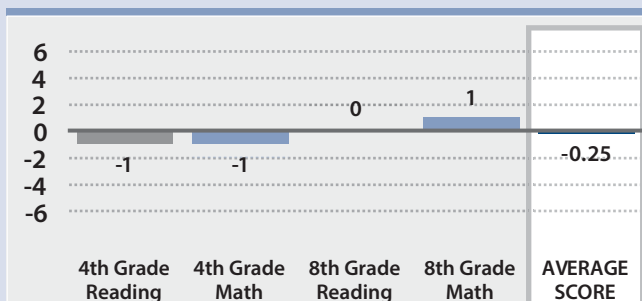
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



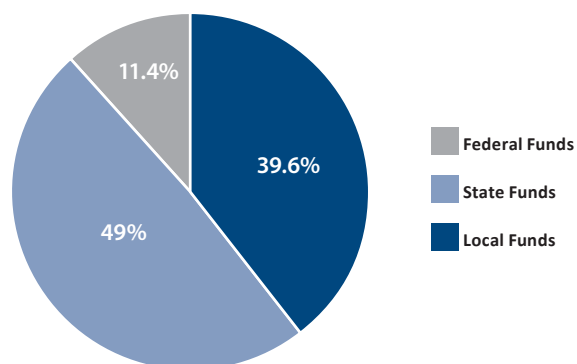
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	225	
4th Grade Math	242	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	287	
		<b>\$7,006</b>

## 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	D-
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
86%	22.9



# Vermont

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Rank

40

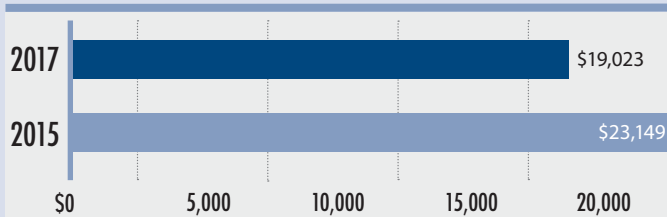
Grade

C-

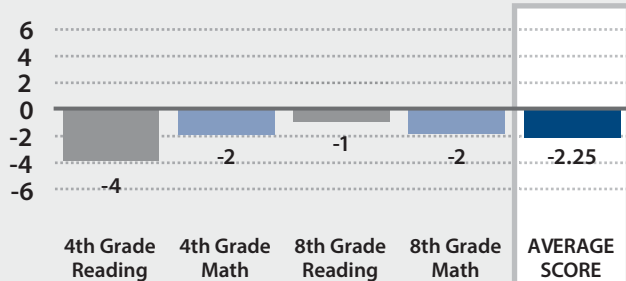
GPA

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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$19,023
4th Grade Reading	226	
4th Grade Math	241	
8th Grade Reading	273	
8th Grade Math	288	

## 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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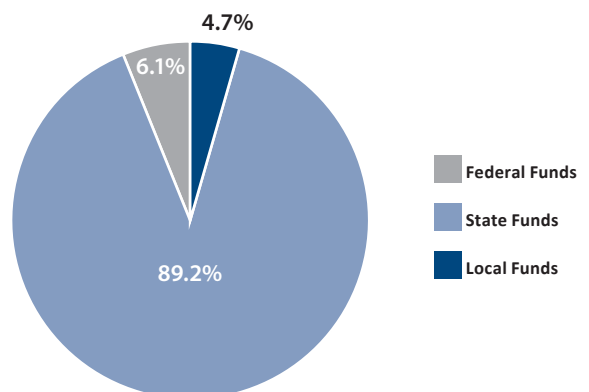
Private School Choice Programs	C+
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School Choice Allowed	Yes
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
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Digital Learning	D-
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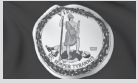
## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
89.1%	10.8



# Virginia

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Rank

42

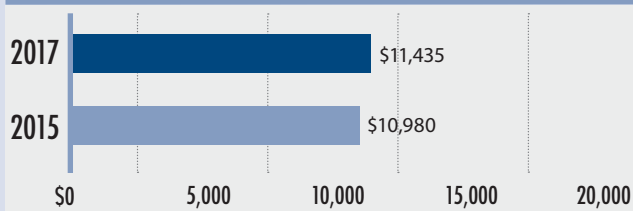
Grade

C-

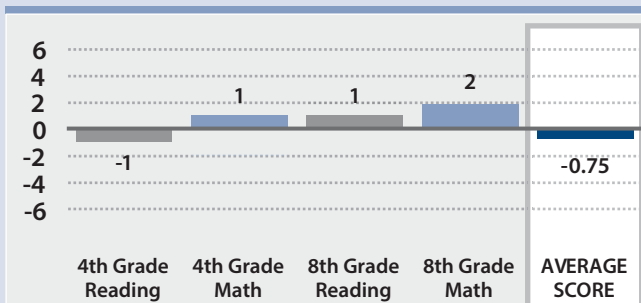
GPA

1.3

## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



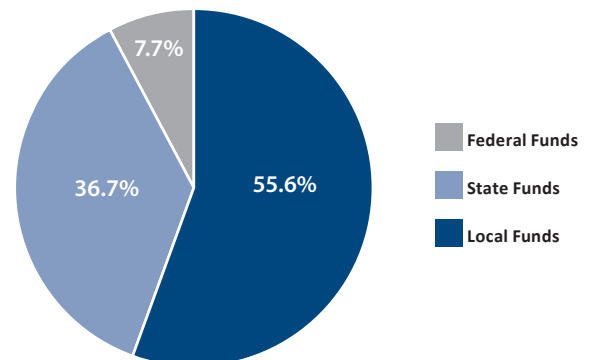
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	228	
4th Grade Math	248	
8th Grade Reading	268	
8th Grade Math	290	
		<b>\$11,435</b>

## 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)	D
Private School Choice Programs	D-
School Choice Allowed	Yes
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C+
Digital Learning	B

## Funding Sources



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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
86.9%	14.1



# Washington

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Rank

34

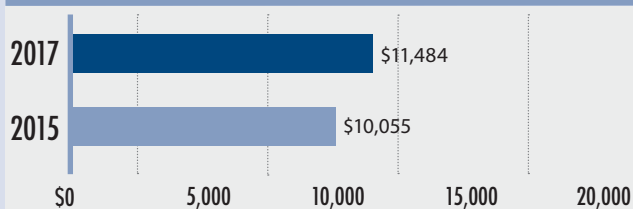
Grade

C-

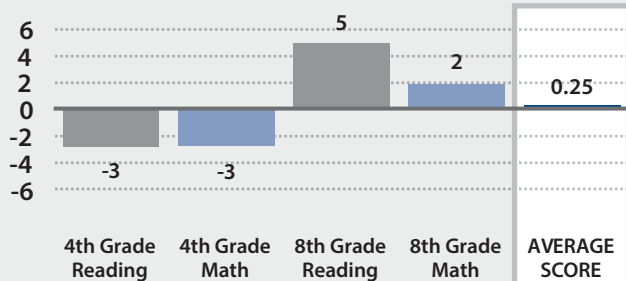
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



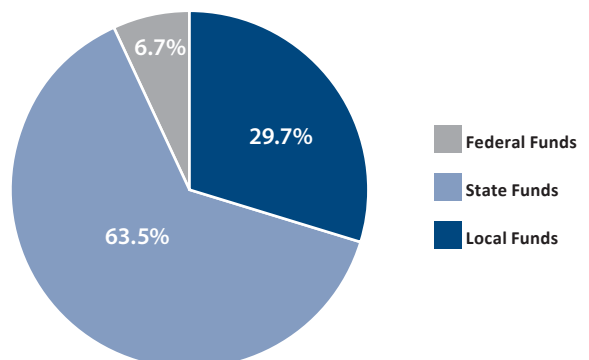
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$11,484
4th Grade Reading	223	
4th Grade Math	242	
8th Grade Reading	272	
8th Grade Math	289	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
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	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	C-
Digital Learning	B-

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
79.4%	18.7



# West Virginia

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Rank

45

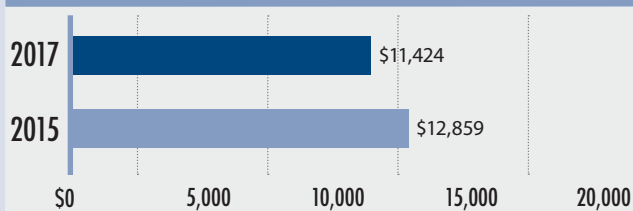
Grade

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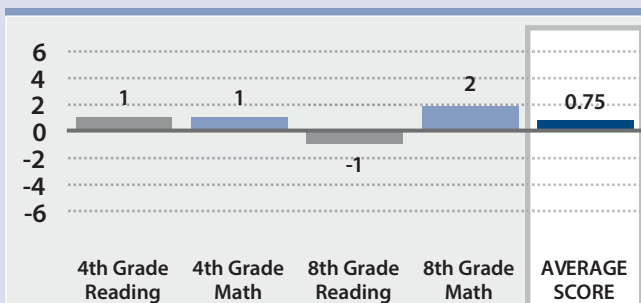
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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



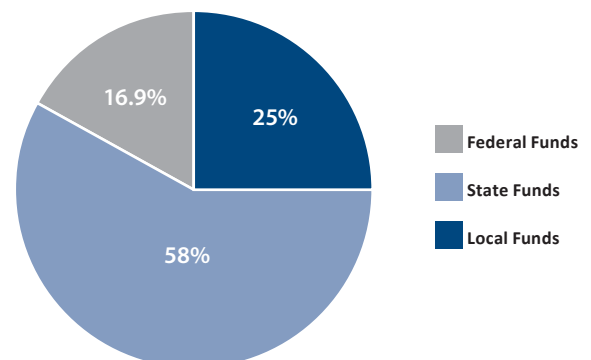
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending
4th Grade Reading	217	
4th Grade Math	236	
8th Grade Reading	259	
8th Grade Math	273	
		\$11,424

## 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)	D
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
89.4%	14.2





# Wisconsin

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Rank

6

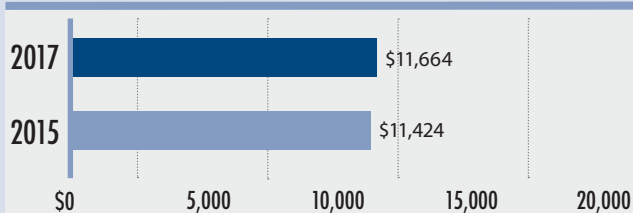
Grade

B

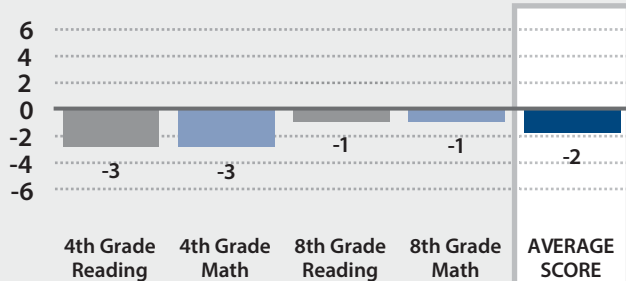
GPA

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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



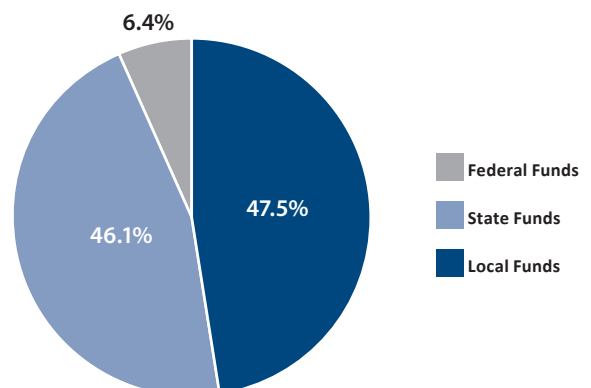
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$11,664
4th Grade Reading	220	
4th Grade Math	240	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	288	

## 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	A
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
88.6%	14.7



# Wyoming

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Rank

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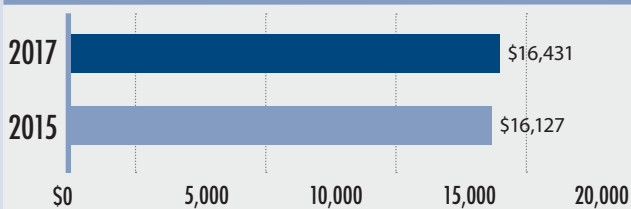
Grade

C-

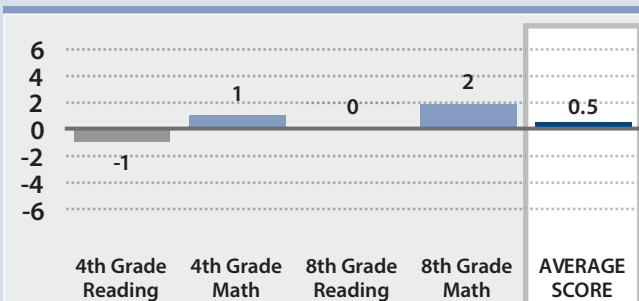
GPA

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## PER-PUPIL SPENDING



## CHANGE IN NAEP SCORES 2015 TO 2017



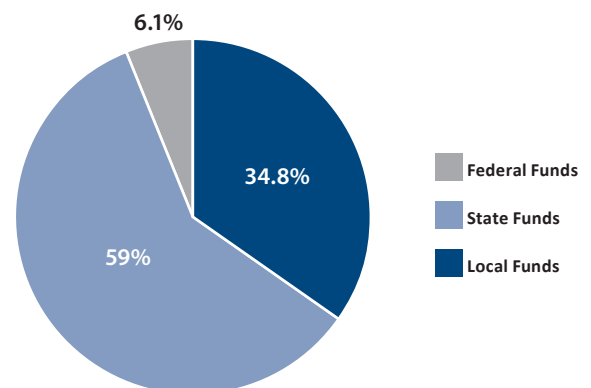
## 2017 NAEP RESULTS

School Years / Subjects:	Score	Per-Pupil Spending  \$16,431
4th Grade Reading	227	
4th Grade Math	248	
8th Grade Reading	269	
8th Grade Math	289	

## Education Policy Grades

State Academic Standards	B
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	No
Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	D
Digital Learning	C-

## Funding Sources



## Supplemental Information

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Graduation Rate	Average Class Size
86.2%	12.6





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