

TODAY'S SCHOOLS ARE SHAPING TOMORROW'S WORK FORCE

Our 16th annual Education Quotient compares 2,819 school districts nationwide to provide you with a means to compare the type of manufacturing work force you're likely to encounter in communities throughout the U.S.

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WHEN THE SUBJECT OF BUSINESS, EDUCATION AND WORK FORCE COMES UP, most of us have a tendency to focus on colleges and universities. That's because the fastest-growing sectors of our economy revolve around new and emerging technologies, like healthcare, biotechnology, life sciences, artificial intelligence and nanotechnology, to name just a few.

Those are all "hot" technology sectors that promise, and usually deliver, huge rewards to both owners and workers alike. For companies in these areas, the starting point for prospective employees usually begins with a college degree and quickly escalates from there.

According to most estimates, roughly 28 percent of all U.S. adults over the age of 25 now possess at least a bachelor's degree, and it is from this pool of workers that most knowledge-based companies draw the bulk of their employees. That means about 72 percent of U.S. adults do not have a college diploma.

Since the nationwide unemployment rate these days is less than 5 percent,

simple math tells us that the vast majority of U.S. workers still come from the ranks of high school graduates. In other words, it represents the most significant sector of the labor pool, particularly for manufacturers.

For the past 16 years, *Expansion Management's Education Quotient*TM (EQ) has compared public school districts throughout the country. Many people — primarily journalists and educators — constantly ask why a business magazine like ours would rate high school districts and, on the surface, it seems like a reasonable question.

The reason we do it is to provide our readers, the majority of whom are CEOs of small to mid-sized manufacturing companies, with a basis for comparing the education level of the work force they are likely to encounter in various communities throughout the U.S.

Many of these same business executives are actively engaged in the process of comparing locations around the country in order to determine the best location for a future manufacturing (or distribution center, call center, back office, etc.) facility, and these ratings provide them with an important tool to evaluate the high school graduate work force in those prospective communities.

HOW WE CALCULATED THE RANKINGS

THIS YEAR'S EQ, LIKE THE PAST FEW years, includes all public secondary school districts in the United States with an enrollment of at least 3,300 students. In all, we evaluated 2,819 districts nationwide that, together, have a combined enrollment of more than 35 million students. Because we began our data collection effort in the spring of this year (prior to the end of the 2005-2006 academic year), we used the 2004-2005 school year as the base year for our study.

As in years past, a district's EQ rating is a weighted average of three major categories.

The **Graduate Outcome Index** (GO), the most important component

WHAT THE RATINGS MEAN

	SCORE	NATIONAL RANKING
Gold	83-99	Top 17%
Blue	67-82	Top 33%
Green	26-66	The Great Middle
Yellow	11-25	Bottom 25%
Red	1-10	Bottom 10 %

of the EQ, attempts to measure the results of the district's educational efforts in comparison with other districts nationwide. The GO consists of the district's average college board score — ACT or SAT — and its graduation rate.

The ultimate objective of our schools is to educate our children, and college board scores are one way of comparing how much students in a particular district learned. While there may very well be other, better tests taken by high school students, those tests are generally limited to a particular state or states and, consequently, are not comparable nationwide. The reason we use college board test scores is because they are still the only common test that high school students around the country take.

The GO also includes the district's graduation rate. Because there are literally dozens of ways to calculate a district's graduation rate — most districts, not surprisingly, use whatever looks the best — it was necessary for us to establish our own definition in order to ensure comparability when we looked at districts nationwide. Therefore, we compared a district's 11th grade students in the fall semester of 2003 with the number of students who graduated in the spring semester of 2005.

The U.S. Armed Forces have long used graduation from high school as a predictor of future success, not because it means that high school graduates are rocket scientists, but rather because it demonstrates that they finish what they start. This is a highly valued

characteristic among employers, particularly as unemployment rates decline and the labor market tightens.

The second category is the **Resource Index** (RI), which attempts to measure a community's financial commitment to public education. It includes such things as per-pupil expenditures and student-teacher ratio, and the beginning and average salaries for teachers.

The final category is the **Community Index** (CI), which looks at the educational and income levels of the adult population, and the child

THERE IS A CLEAR AND ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HOW WELL A SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMS AND THE INCOME AND EDUCATION LEVELS OF THE PARENTS.

poverty rates. It is primarily used as a benchmark for sociological observations and accounts for only 5 percent of the overall EQ score.

This category includes the percentage of the adult population in the district with at least a high school degree, the percentage of the adult population with at least a college degree, the average household income in the district and the district's childhood poverty level.

In calculating the final *Education Quotient* score, each school district was compared against the other 2,800 districts (i.e., ranked 1 to 2,800) in each of the components (i.e., college board scores, graduation rates, per-pupil expenditures, etc.) in order to come up with a ranking for that component. The components were then grouped to-

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CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING	CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING
ALASKA													
Anchorage	Anchorage School District	48	52	17	73	GREEN	Visalia	Visalia Unified	27	31	25	25	GREEN
Fairbanks	Fairbanks North Star Boro School District	61	64	26	56	GREEN	Vista	Vista Unified	81	90	17	45	BLUE
ALABAMA													
Anniston	Calhoun County School District	18	25	7	29	YELLOW	Watsonville	Pajaro Valley Unified School	21	20	46	36	YELLOW
Athens	Limestone County School District	28	33	25	24	GREEN	COLORADO						
Auburn	Auburn City School District	92	95	54	73	GOLD	Aurora	Adams-Arapahoe 28J	7	4	63	30	RED
Birmingham	Birmingham City School District	3	2	41	39	RED	Boulder	Boulder Valley RE 2	82	79	64	90	BLUE
Birmingham	Jefferson County School District	47	53	12	50	GREEN	Castle Rock	Douglas County RE 1	59	54	55	92	GREEN
Columbiana	Shelby County School District	69	71	37	66	BLUE	Colorado Springs	Academy 20	71	68	57	92	BLUE
Cullman	Cullman County School District	33	40	15	18	GREEN	Denver	Denver County 1	9	4	67	42	RED
Decatur	Decatur City School District	46	46	52	35	GREEN	Fort Collins	Poudre R-1	53	48	66	68	GREEN
Dothan	Dothan City School District	20	26	11	31	YELLOW	Grand Junction	Mesa County Valley 51	13	12	43	39	YELLOW
Gadsden	Etowah County School District	36	43	14	23	GREEN	Greenwood Village	Cherry Creek 5	62	55	73	91	GREEN
Hoover	Hoover City School District	90	89	60	95	GOLD	Littleton	Littleton 6	77	73	67	86	BLUE
Huntsville	Huntsville City School District	68	67	57	63	BLUE	Longmont	St Vrain Valley RE 1J	30	27	53	68	GREEN
Mobile	Mobile County School District	3	8	17	25	RED	Pueblo	Pueblo City 60	20	16	69	17	YELLOW
Montgomery	Montgomery County School District	5	8	28	31	RED	CONNECTICUT						
Mountain Brook	Mountain Brook City School District	97	98	74	98	GOLD	Bridgeport	Bridgeport School District	20	14	78	9	YELLOW
Opelika	Lee County School District	16	20	17	33	YELLOW	Bristol	Bristol School District	38	30	85	55	GREEN
Prattville	Autauga County School District	31	38	5	39	GREEN	Danbury	Danbury School District	42	32	88	65	GREEN
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa City School District	21	20	39	52	YELLOW	Fairfield	Fairfield School District	98	96	97	97	GOLD
ARKANSAS													
Bentonville	Bentonville School District	65	69	29	59	GREEN	Greenwich	Greenwich School District	96	93	97	96	GOLD
Conway	Conway School District	63	64	42	57	GREEN	Hartford	Hartford School District	11	2	93	25	YELLOW
Fayetteville	Fayetteville School District	62	60	59	57	GREEN	Manchester	Manchester School District	34	24	85	72	GREEN
Fort Smith	Fort Smith School District	59	61	46	30	GREEN	Meriden	Meriden School District	41	35	82	40	GREEN
Little Rock	Little Rock School District	26	19	79	42	GREEN	New Britain	New Britain School District	12	5	84	18	YELLOW
Russellville	Russellville School District	62	63	50	43	GREEN	New Canaan	New Canaan School District	99	99	95	99	GOLD
Searcy	Searcy School District	70	79	8	47	BLUE	New Haven	New Haven School District	11	2	90	28	YELLOW
Springdale	Springdale School District	45	50	17	30	GREEN	Norwalk	Norwalk School District	48	37	91	79	GREEN
West Memphis	West Memphis School District	1	5	22	5	RED	Stamford	Stamford School District	50	39	92	76	GREEN
ARIZONA													
Chandler	Chandler Unified District	66	74	6	63	GREEN	Waterbury	Waterbury School District	17	7	92	34	YELLOW
Mesa	Mesa Unified District	80	91	8	35	BLUE	West Hartford	West Hartford School District	95	92	90	95	GOLD
Peoria	Peoria Unified School District	64	72	4	64	GREEN	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA						
Phoenix	Deer Valley Unified District	68	77	3	61	BLUE	Washington	District of Columbia Public Schools	24	13	94	64	YELLOW
Phoenix	Scottsdale Unified District	85	94	7	86	GOLD	DELAWARE						
Tucson	Tucson Unified District	59	65	20	40	GREEN	Claymont	Brandywine School District	79	74	79	71	BLUE
Flagstaff	Flagstaff Unified District	79	87	13	59	BLUE	New Castle	Colonial School District	12	7	65	50	YELLOW
Glendale	Glendale Union High School District	49	57	8	19	GREEN	Newark	Christina School District	56	46	86	74	GREEN
Tempe	Tempe Union High School District	85	93	13	76	GOLD	Wilmington	Red Clay Consolidated School District	60	53	74	76	GREEN
CALIFORNIA													
Anaheim	Anaheim Union High	31	31	41	37	GREEN	FLORIDA						
Apple Valley	Apple Valley Unified	42	49	18	19	GREEN	Bartow	Polk County School District	20	25	21	25	YELLOW
Bakersfield	Kern Union High	21	24	36	12	YELLOW	Deland	Volusia County School District	45	50	17	43	GREEN
Cerritos	ABC Unified	84	88	36	63	GOLD	Inverness	Citrus County School District	77	85	19	31	BLUE
Chino	Chino Valley Unified	57	61	24	53	GREEN	Jacksonville	Duval County School District	13	17	14	45	YELLOW
Compton	Compton Unified	1	4	25	2	RED	Land O' Lakes	Pasco County School District	41	45	16	45	GREEN
Concord	Mt. Diablo Unified	70	72	39	73	BLUE	Largo	Pinellas County School District	58	60	31	52	GREEN
Danville	San Ramon Valley Unified	90	96	28	98	GOLD	Miami	Dade County School District	3	7	24	28	RED
Elk Grove	Elk Grove Unified	33	33	36	52	GREEN	Ocala	Marion County School District	37	46	4	21	GREEN
Fontana	Fontana Unified	2	3	35	3	RED	Orlando	Orange County School District	20	21	25	59	YELLOW
Fremont	Fremont Unified	86	88	44	87	GOLD	Panama City	Bay County School District	48	55	10	24	GREEN
Fresno	Fresno Unified	7	8	49	6	RED	Pensacola	Escambia County School District	48	55	13	25	GREEN
Garden Grove	Garden Grove Unified	29	31	39	26	GREEN	Sanford	Seminole County School District	52	58	3	64	GREEN
Glendale	Glendale Unified	64	65	40	60	GREEN	Sarasota	Sarasota County School District	84	87	39	70	GOLD
Irvine	Irvine Unified	90	96	32	91	GOLD	Tallahassee	Leon County School District	73	81	12	54	BLUE
La Mesa	Grossmont Union High	45	49	24	46	GREEN	Tampa	Hillsborough County School District	41	44	19	52	GREEN
Lodi	Lodi Unified	36	41	28	19	GREEN	GEORGIA						
Lompoc	Lompoc Unified	35	37	37	30	GREEN	Albany	Dougherty County	3	3	43	10	RED
Long Beach	Long Beach Unified	13	14	37	25	YELLOW	Appling	Columbia County	46	50	14	74	GREEN
Los Alamitos	Los Alamitos Unified	84	85	45	87	GOLD	Atlanta	Fulton County	52	46	70	61	GREEN
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	7	6	58	14	RED	Atlanta	Atlanta City	11	2	87	55	YELLOW
Mission Viejo	Saddleback Valley Unified	71	77	15	84	BLUE	Augusta	Richmond County	30	30	49	23	GREEN
Montebello	Montebello Unified	2	4	34	8	RED	Brunswick	Glynn County	39	35	72	30	GREEN
Newport Beach	Newport-Mesa Unified	73	72	52	81	BLUE	Canton	Cherokee County	42	43	33	89	GREEN
Norco	Corona-Norco Unified	34	34	37	47	GREEN	Columbus	Muscogee County	12	10	51	41	YELLOW
Oakland	Oakland Unified	6	1	70	31	RED	Conyers	Rockdale County	66	72	25	49	GREEN
Oceanside	Oceanside Unified	18	16	54	26	YELLOW	Dalton	Whitfield County	15	14	45	35	YELLOW
Ontario	Chaffey Joint Union High	14	17	27	19	YELLOW	Decatur	Dekalb County	10	6	60	56	RED
Orange	Orange Unified	66	70	23	68	GREEN	Fayetteville	Fayette County	84	83	53	88	GOLD
Palm Springs	Palm Springs Unified	11	14	30	28	YELLOW	Gainesville	Hall County	16	18	25	41	YELLOW
Palo Alto	Palo Alto Unified	94	91	85	97	GOLD	Jonesboro	Clayton County	2	2	26	42	RED
Placentia	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	74	78	28	71	BLUE	Lawrenceville	Gwinnett County	49	47	40	78	GREEN
Poway	Poway Unified	81	86	25	90	BLUE	Macon	Bibb County	1	2	22	21	RED
Redlands	Redlands Unified	72	76	29	66	BLUE	Marietta	Cobb County	48	46	47	64	GREEN
Richmond	West Contra Costa Unified	13	13	40	39	YELLOW	Newman	Coweta County	38	39	31	54	GREEN
Riverside	Riverside Unified	47	49	35	36	GREEN	Savannah	Chatham County	12	8	61	30	YELLOW
Riverside	Jurupa Unified	5	8	36	11	RED	Watkinsville	Oconee County	67	68	41	80	BLUE
Sacramento	Sacramento City Unified	11	11	49	23	YELLOW	HAWAII						
Salinas	Salinas Union High	3	3	37	22	RED	Honolulu	Hawaii Department of Education	49	43	70	57	GREEN
San Bernardino	San Bernardino City Unified	11	10	59	2	YELLOW	IOWA						
San Diego	San Diego Unified	26	22	61	55	GREEN	Ames	Ames Comm. School District	86	91	32	82	GOLD
San Francisco	San Francisco Unified	36	34	49	60	GREEN	Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids Comm. School District	72	79	9	63	BLUE
San Jose	San Jose Unified	57	53	57	67	GREEN	Davenport	Davenport Comm. School District	29	29	41	39	GREEN
San Juan Capistrano	Capistrano Unified	84	88	28	85	GOLD	Des Moines	Des Moines Ind. Comm. School District	64	65	49	38	GREEN
Santa Ana	Santa Ana Unified	6	8	45	4	RED	Dubuque	Dubuque Comm. School District	70	76	17	59	BLUE
Santa Clarita	William S. Hart Union High	76	79	34	72	BLUE	Iowa City	Iowa City Comm. School District	87	95	18	77	GOLD
Simi Valley	Simi Valley Unified	58	61	25	69	GREEN	Sioux City	Sioux City Comm. School District	42	45	30	29	GREEN
Sonoma	Sonoma Valley Unified	76	80	30	69	BLUE	Waterloo	Waterloo Comm. School District	47	50	29	37	GREEN
Stockton	Stockton City Unified	3	1	54	11	RED	IDAHO						
Sunnyvale	Fremont Union High	93	98	46	93	GOLD	Boise	Boise Independent District	64	67	32	68	GREEN
Thousand Oaks	Conejo Valley Unified	78	81	31	87	BLUE	Coeur D Alene	Coeur D Alene District	77	86	8	44	BLUE
Torrance	Torrance Unified	78	83	23	73	BLUE	Idaho Falls	Idaho Falls District	66	75	4	52	GREEN
Vallejo	Vallejo City Unified	4	4	42	34	RED	Nampa	Nampa School District	24	30	11	31	YELLOW
							Pocatello	Pocatello District	37	40	24	44	GREEN

CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING	CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING
ILLINOIS													
Arlington Heights	Township High School Dist. 214	.91	.87	.88	.83	GOLD	Springfield	Springfield	.11	.5	.83	.13	YELLOW
Aurora	Indian Prairie C U School District 204	.95	.93	.81	.93	GOLD	Taunton	Taunton	.27	.24	.63	.39	GREEN
Barrington	Barrington C U School Dist. 220	.98	.97	.90	.94	GOLD	Westfield	Westfield	.66	.61	.80	.59	GREEN
Belleville	Belleville Township HS Dist. 201	.50	.44	.72	.53	GREEN	Weymouth	Weymouth	.77	.71	.85	.74	BLUE
Champaign	Champaign Comm Unit School District 4	.76	.70	.86	.63	BLUE	Worcester	Worcester	.15	.6	.87	.41	YELLOW
Chicago	City of Chicago School Dist. 299	.12	.3	.89	.43	YELLOW	MARYLAND						
East Saint Louis	East St Louis School Dist. 189	.7	.2	.82	.1	RED	Annapolis	Anne Arundel County Public Schools	.78	.73	.77	.79	BLUE
Elgin	School District 46	.33	.28	.65	.62	GREEN	Baltimore	Baltimore City Public School System	.7	.3	.75	.13	RED
Glen Ellyn	Glenbard Township HS Dist. 87	.71	.63	.84	.87	BLUE	Bel Air	Harford County Public Schools	.80	.80	.50	.75	BLUE
Joliet	Joliet Township HS Dist. 204	.17	.9	.88	.21	YELLOW	Ellicott City	Howard County Public Schools System	.87	.80	.90	.94	GOLD
Lake Zurich	Lake Zurich C U School District 95	.91	.87	.87	.95	GOLD	Rockville	Montgomery County Public Schools	.96	.94	.89	.91	GOLD
Naperville	Naperville C U Dist. 203	.97	.99	.80	.97	GOLD	Towson	Baltimore County Public Schools	.82	.77	.83	.79	BLUE
Normal	McLean County Unit Dist. No 5	.89	.89	.59	.78	GOLD	Upper Marlboro	Prince Georges County Public Schools	.34	.27	.73	.69	GREEN
Palatine	Township HS Dist. 211	.89	.84	.89	.88	GOLD	Westminster	Carroll County Public Schools	.83	.81	.69	.75	GOLD
Peoria	Peoria School District 150	.18	.9	.90	.30	YELLOW	MAINE						
Plainfield	Plainfield School Dist. 202	.32	.28	.45	.88	GREEN	Portland	Portland Public Schools	.37	.29	.76	.67	GREEN
Rock Island	Rock Island School District 41	.30	.25	.75	.33	GREEN	Lewiston	Lewiston School Department	.24	.22	.60	.20	YELLOW
Rockford	Rockford School Dist. 205	.17	.10	.79	.28	YELLOW	Bangor	Bangor School Department	.58	.53	.67	.55	GREEN
Saint Charles	St Charles C U School Dist. 303	.83	.79	.76	.92	GOLD	MICHIGAN						
Springfield	Springfield School District 186	.31	.23	.79	.62	GREEN	Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor Public Schools	.87	.83	.75	.91	GOLD
Wheaton	Community Unit School Dist. 200	.95	.93	.87	.94	GOLD	Battle Creek	Battle Creek Public Schools	.8	.6	.64	.16	RED
INDIANA							Birmingham	Birmingham City School District	.96	.95	.81	.98	GOLD
Bloomington	Monroe County Com School Corp.	.62	.68	.6	.77	GREEN	Clarkston	Clarkston Community School District	.86	.87	.52	.86	GOLD
Carmel	Carmel Clay Schools	.88	.97	.6	.98	GOLD	Clinton Twp.	Chippewa Valley Schools	.64	.66	.37	.72	GREEN
Columbus	Bartholomew Con School Corp.	.43	.48	.10	.61	GREEN	Dearborn	Dearborn City School District	.44	.38	.72	.51	GREEN
Evansville	Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp.	.29	.35	.16	.36	GREEN	Detroit	Detroit City School District	.5	.1	.73	.3	RED
Fishers	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	.75	.82	.4	.96	BLUE	Farmington	Farmington Public School District	.96	.96	.79	.91	GOLD
Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne Community Schools	.27	.34	.5	.35	GREEN	Flint	Flint City School District	.5	.3	.66	.7	RED
Fort Wayne	MSD Southwest Allen County	.85	.92	.12	.96	GOLD	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids Public Schools	.32	.29	.59	.47	GREEN
Gary	Gary Community School Corp.	.2	.1	.53	.4	RED	Grand Rapids	Forest Hills Public Schools	.96	.98	.69	.94	GOLD
Greenwood	Center Grove Com School Corp.	.63	.70	.6	.85	GREEN	Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe Public Schools	.96	.96	.80	.97	GOLD
Indianapolis	Indianapolis Public Schools	.8	.3	.71	.24	RED	Highland	Huron Valley Schools	.72	.71	.53	.73	BLUE
Indianapolis	MSD Lawrence Township	.44	.46	.20	.73	GREEN	Holland	West Ottawa Public School District	.56	.53	.50	.74	GREEN
Indianapolis	MSD Washington Township	.67	.69	.27	.86	BLUE	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Public School District	.39	.35	.59	.60	GREEN
Kokomo	Kokomo-Center Township Con School Corp.	.19	.18	.43	.37	YELLOW	Lansing	Lansing Public School District	.13	.9	.65	.22	YELLOW
Lafayette	Tippecanoe School Corp.	.59	.66	.7	.72	GREEN	Midland	Midland Public Schools	.93	.95	.63	.79	GOLD
Plainfield	Plainfield Community School Corp.	.66	.75	.8	.62	GREEN	Muskegon	Muskegon City School District	.6	.4	.62	.6	RED
Valparaiso	Valparaiso Community Schools	.76	.82	.10	.83	BLUE	Plymouth	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	.77	.75	.55	.91	BLUE
Zionsville	Zionsville Community Schools	.86	.94	.13	.96	GOLD	Pontiac	Pontiac City School District	.4	.1	.67	.15	RED
KANSAS							Port Huron	Port Huron Area School District	.43	.45	.40	.28	GREEN
Hutchinson	Hutchinson Public Schools	.41	.36	.74	.24	GREEN	Portage	Portage Public Schools	.81	.85	.32	.79	BLUE
Kansas City	Kansas City	.15	.9	.84	.5	YELLOW	Saginaw	Saginaw City School District	.7	.7	.54	.4	RED
Lawrence	Lawrence	.90	.88	.81	.66	GOLD	Traverse City	Traverse City Area Public Schools	.82	.88	.26	.73	GOLD
Manhattan	Manhattan	.79	.74	.77	.65	BLUE	Troy	Troy School District	.95	.93	.79	.97	GOLD
Olathe	Olathe	.92	.90	.85	.73	GOLD	Walled Lake	Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	.73	.68	.70	.85	BLUE
Overland Park	Blue Valley	.98	.98	.86	.99	GOLD	Warren	Warren Consolidated Schools	.56	.50	.74	.61	GREEN
Shawnee Mission	Shawnee Mission Public Schools	.96	.95	.84	.82	GOLD	MINNESOTA						
Topeka	Topeka Public Schools	.77	.75	.70	.48	BLUE	Bloomington	Bloomington	.70	.67	.60	.84	BLUE
Wichita	Wichita	.25	.19	.72	.32	YELLOW	Burnsville	Burnsville	.78	.75	.62	.81	BLUE
KENTUCKY							Duluth	Duluth	.79	.78	.65	.47	BLUE
Ashland	Boyd County	.39	.36	.66	.30	GREEN	Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie	.87	.88	.48	.91	GOLD
Bowling Green	Warren County	.52	.58	.11	.59	GREEN	Eik River	Eik River	.69	.71	.38	.69	BLUE
Buckner	Oldham County	.82	.90	.12	.81	BLUE	Mankato	Mankato	.88	.93	.40	.65	GOLD
Elizabethtown	Hardin County	.24	.26	.32	.38	YELLOW	Maple Grove	Osseo	.65	.61	.62	.84	GREEN
Erlanger	Kenton County	.52	.56	.16	.70	GREEN	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	.14	.4	.83	.51	YELLOW
Florence	Boone County	.40	.46	.6	.64	GREEN	New Hope	Robbinsdale	.59	.55	.58	.78	GREEN
Frankfort	Franklin County	.32	.36	.19	.53	GREEN	Rochester	Rochester	.82	.84	.45	.83	BLUE
Hopkinsville	Christian County	.18	.26	.2	.17	YELLOW	Rosemount	Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan	.88	.88	.57	.88	GOLD
Lexington	Fayette County	.74	.69	.74	.74	BLUE	St. Cloud	St. Cloud	.78	.74	.74	.70	BLUE
Louisville	Jefferson County	.29	.22	.72	.56	GREEN	St. Paul	St. Paul	.21	.12	.84	.51	YELLOW
Madisonville	Hopkins County	.40	.42	.44	.17	GREEN	St. Paul	Mounds View	.93	.97	.48	.85	GOLD
Owensboro	Davies County	.67	.70	.33	.53	BLUE	MISSOURI						
LOUISIANA							Blue Springs	Blue Springs R-IV	.85	.89	.39	.78	GOLD
Alexandria	Rapides Parish School Board	.21	.24	.30	.17	YELLOW	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau 63	.64	.66	.38	.55	GREEN
Amite	Tangipahoa Parish School Board	.12	.20	.10	.13	YELLOW	Chesterfield	Parkway C-2	.86	.83	.72	.96	GOLD
Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge Parish School Board	.27	.25	.47	.51	GREEN	Columbia	Columbia 93	.89	.88	.68	.76	GOLD
Benton	Bossier Parish School Board	.34	.36	.29	.43	GREEN	Eureka	Rockwood R-VI	.85	.88	.42	.93	GOLD
Covington	Saint Tammany Parish School Board	.55	.50	.70	.58	GREEN	Florissant	Hazelwood	.30	.28	.48	.59	GREEN
Donaldsonville	Ascension Parish School Board	.34	.41	.9	.25	GREEN	Independence	Independence 30	.44	.43	.53	.36	GREEN
Harvey	Jefferson Parish School Board	.6	.4	.56	.37	RED	Jefferson City	Jefferson City	.68	.70	.40	.59	BLUE
Houma	Terrebonne Parish School Board	.10	.15	.24	.15	RED	Joplin	Joplin R-VIII	.34	.40	.12	.35	GREEN
Lafayette	Lafayette Parish School Board	.45	.45	.46	.45	GREEN	Kansas City	Kansas City 33	.25	.20	.80	.19	YELLOW
Lake Charles	Calcasieu Parish School Board	.30	.32	.39	.27	GREEN	Kansas City	North Kansas City 74	.72	.73	.46	.64	BLUE
Monroe	Ouachita Parish School Board	.43	.47	.28	.32	GREEN	Kansas City	Park Hill	.90	.90	.63	.80	GOLD
New Orleans	Orleans Parish School Board	.1	.2	.25	.19	RED	Lee's Summit	Lee's Summit R-VII	.80	.82	.45	.78	BLUE
Shreveport	Caddo Parish School Board	.18	.15	.54	.27	YELLOW	Springfield	Springfield R-XII	.71	.80	.9	.42	BLUE
MASSACHUSETTS							St Charles	Francis Howell R-III	.76	.76	.44	.83	BLUE
Andover	Andover	.98	.97	.89	.96	GOLD	St Joseph	St. Joseph	.50	.55	.24	.27	GREEN
Attleboro	Attleboro	.37	.30	.70	.70	GREEN	St Louis	St. Louis City	.6	.1	.81	.11	RED
BillERICA	BillERICA	.80	.77	.71	.80	BLUE	St Louis	Mehlville R-IX	.67	.72	.21	.70	BLUE
Boston	Boston	.19	.6	.97	.72	YELLOW	Webster Groves	Webster Groves	.95	.94	.78	.89	GOLD
Brockton	Brockton	.30	.23	.85	.25	GREEN	Wentzville	Wentzville R-IV	.59	.62	.26	.63	GREEN
Cambridge	Cambridge	.40	.28	.98	.79	GREEN	MISSISSIPPI						
Fall River	Fall River	.21	.14	.86	.10	YELLOW	Flora	Madison County School Dist.	.36	.39	.13	.72	GREEN
Framingham	Framingham	.91	.85	.96	.84	GOLD	Greenville	Greenville Public Schools	.1	.1	.40	.10	RED
Holyoke	Holyoke	.30	.22	.92	.15	GREEN	Gulfport	Harrison County School Dist.	.14	.21	.7	.23	YELLOW
Hyannis	Barnstable	.54	.48	.74	.60	GREEN	Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg Public School Dist.	.14	.9	.69	.32	YELLOW
Jefferson	Wachusett	.86	.86	.56	.90	GOLD	Jackson	Jackson Public School Dist.	.4	.6	.29	.26	RED
Lawrence	Lawrence	.6	.1	.86	.2	RED	Meridian	Meridian Public School Dist.	.9	.8	.54	.12	RED
Lowell	Lowell	.22	.13	.88	.29	YELLOW	Pascagoula	Pascagoula Separate School Dist.	.23	.21	.56	.18	YELLOW
Newtonville	Newton	.98	.96	.97	.97	GOLD	Purvis	Lamar County School District	.38	.42	.17	.50	GREEN
Peabody	Peabody	.37	.28	.78	.75	GREEN	Tupelo	Tupelo Public School Dist.	.39	.35	.63	.42	GREEN
Pittsfield	Pittsfield	.58	.51	.80	.51	GREEN	Vanceleave	Jackson County School Dist.	.28	.35	.7	.29	GREEN
Quincy	Quincy	.55	.45	.89	.75	GREEN	Vicksburg	Vicksburg Warren School Dist.	.4	.7	.28	.27	RED

CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING	CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING
Reno	Washoe County School District	.47	.54	.4	.47	.GREEN	Centerville	Centerville City School District	.93	.95	.59	.93	.GOLD
NEW YORK							Cincinnati	Cincinnati City School District	.15	.6	.88	.40	.YELLOW
Albany	Albany City School District	.34	.25	.89	.42	.GREEN	Cincinnati	Oak Hills Local School District	.64	.64	.42	.83	.GREEN
Bohemia	Connetquot CSD	.74	.65	.91	.80	.BLUE	Cleveland	Cleveland Municipal School District	.5	.1	.76	.3	.RED
Brooklyn	New York City Public Schools	.11	.3	.79	.55	.YELLOW	Columbus	Columbus City School District	.10	.6	.70	.31	.RED
Buffalo	Buffalo City School District	.8	.2	.79	.20	.RED	Dayton	Dayton City School District	.18	.14	.73	.10	.YELLOW
Centereach	Middle Country CSD	.44	.39	.59	.73	.GREEN	Dublin	Dublin City School District	.92	.90	.83	.96	.GOLD
Central Valley	Monroe-Woodbury CSD	.76	.72	.69	.84	.BLUE	Elyria	Elyria City School District	.43	.38	.72	.33	.GREEN
Chappaqua	Chappaqua CSD	.98	.97	.97	.98	.GOLD	Lewis Center	Olentangy Local School District	.90	.90	.62	.92	.GOLD
East Amherst	Williamsville CSD	.88	.84	.74	.94	.GOLD	Lorain	Lorain City School District	.10	.3	.88	.8	.RED
East Northport	Commack UFSD	.91	.87	.84	.92	.GOLD	Mason	Mason City School District	.84	.83	.59	.93	.GOLD
East Setauket	Three Village CSD	.96	.95	.89	.97	.GOLD	Medina	Medina City School District	.90	.89	.66	.83	.GOLD
Elmira	Elmira City School District	.34	.27	.80	.41	.GREEN	Mentor	Mentor Ex VIII School District	.73	.71	.60	.78	.BLUE
Fairport	Fairport CSD	.93	.95	.55	.94	.GOLD	Parma	Parma City School District	.49	.42	.71	.58	.GREEN
Hempstead	Hempstead UFSD	.73	.68	.89	.25	.BLUE	Pickerington	Pickerington Local School District	.84	.84	.51	.90	.GOLD
Ithaca	Ithaca City School District	.94	.93	.80	.79	.GOLD	Strongsville	Strongsville City School District	.93	.93	.68	.90	.GOLD
Jamestown	Jamestown City School District	.55	.52	.72	.23	.GREEN	Sylvania	Sylvania City School District	.91	.92	.64	.89	.GOLD
Kingston	Kingston City School District	.63	.57	.84	.52	.GREEN	Toledo	Toledo City School District	.7	.3	.72	.15	.RED
Levittown	Levittown UFSD	.79	.70	.94	.86	.BLUE	Toledo	Washington Local School District	.56	.51	.71	.51	.GREEN
Massapequa	Massapequa UFSD	.89	.82	.92	.92	.GOLD	University Heights	Cleveland Hts.-University Hts. City	.44	.34	.84	.85	.GREEN
Mastic Beach	William Floyd UFSD	.28	.24	.69	.35	.GREEN	Westerville	Westerville City School District	.85	.85	.58	.87	.GOLD
New City	Clarkstown CSD	.94	.92	.82	.96	.GOLD	Willoughby	Willoughby-Eastlake City School District	.67	.63	.68	.66	.BLUE
New Rochelle	New Rochelle City School District	.60	.51	.89	.73	.GREEN	Worthington	Worthington City School District	.92	.87	.86	.95	.GOLD
Newburgh	Newburgh City School District	.29	.22	.84	.39	.GREEN	Youngstown	Youngstown City School District	.20	.15	.76	.8	.YELLOW
Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls City School District	.15	.11	.64	.23	.YELLOW	OKLAHOMA						
North Syracuse	North Syracuse CSD	.50	.47	.58	.62	.GREEN	Bartlesville	Bartlesville	.62	.71	.2	.64	.GREEN
Patchogue	Patchogue-Medford UFSD	.65	.61	.70	.64	.GREEN	Broken Arrow	Broken Arrow	.57	.64	.1	.68	.GREEN
Poughkeepsie	Arlington CSD	.85	.86	.51	.83	.GOLD	Edmond	Edmond	.85	.95	.1	.85	.GOLD
Rochester	Rochester City School District	.15	.10	.68	.23	.YELLOW	Lawton	Lawton	.26	.34	.4	.24	.GREEN
Rochester	Greece CSD	.75	.71	.70	.62	.BLUE	Midwest City	Mwc/Del City	.51	.61	.2	.25	.GREEN
Saratoga Springs	Saratoga Springs City School District	.87	.84	.74	.80	.GOLD	Moore	Moore	.35	.42	.1	.50	.GREEN
Schenectady	Schenectady City School District	.13	.6	.72	.41	.YELLOW	Norman	Norman	.78	.88	.1	.61	.BLUE
Smithtown	Smithtown CSD	.94	.91	.87	.93	.GOLD	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City	.1	.4	.2	.14	.RED
Syracuse	Syracuse City School District	.15	.9	.75	.26	.YELLOW	Tulsa	Union	.60	.67	.1	.66	.GREEN
Utica	Utica City School District	.10	.16	.17	.12	.RED	OREGON						
Webster	Webster CSD	.80	.76	.72	.89	.BLUE	Beaverton	Beaverton School District 48J	.84	.92	.11	.75	.GOLD
West Seneca	West Seneca CSD	.61	.58	.59	.66	.GREEN	Bend	Bend Admin. School District 1	.80	.90	.10	.61	.BLUE
Westbury	East Meadow UFSD	.67	.57	.95	.87	.BLUE	Eugene	Eugene School District 04J	.87	.94	.25	.59	.GOLD
Yonkers	Yonkers City School District	.14	.5	.89	.42	.YELLOW	Medford	Medford School District 549	.49	.56	.14	.28	.GREEN
OHIO							Milwaukie	North Clackamas School District 012	.42	.47	.13	.50	.GREEN
Akron	Akron City School District	.43	.36	.85	.37	.GREEN	Portland	Portland School District 1J	.72	.72	.48	.70	.BLUE
Canton	Canton City School District	.35	.30	.81	.8	.GREEN	Salem	Salem/Keizer School District 24J	.75	.82	.24	.41	.BLUE

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CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING	CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING
Springfield	Springfield School District 019	59	68	14	14	GREEN	Galveston	Galveston Indep. School District	28	27	44	43	GREEN
Tigard	Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J	87	94	20	76	GOLD	Harlingen	Harlingen Cons Indep. School District	17	23	14	10	YELLOW
PENNSYLVANIA							Houston	Houston Indep. School District	17	21	19	49	YELLOW
Abington	Abington School District	87	83	72	86	GOLD	Houston	Cypress-Fairbanks Indep. School District	74	79	21	77	BLUE
Allentown	Allentown City School District	19	14	66	34	YELLOW	Houston	Spring Branch Indep. School District	79	78	60	62	BLUE
Allentown	Parkland School District	96	95	84	84	GOLD	Katy	Katy Indep. School District	89	92	44	81	GOLD
Altoona	Altoona Area School District	41	36	71	35	GREEN	Keller	Keller Indep. School District	75	82	6	85	BLUE
Bethlehem	Bethlehem Area School District	64	57	81	65	GREEN	Kilgore	Kilgore Indep. School District	64	67	42	21	GREEN
Boyetown	Boyetown Area School District	80	75	82	74	BLUE	Killeen	Killeen Indep. School District	27	24	61	27	GREEN
Butler	Butler Area School District	66	62	74	49	GREEN	Klein	Klein Indep. School District	79	85	21	79	BLUE
Chambersburg	Chambersburg Area School District	72	68	77	54	BLUE	Laredo	United Indep. School District	16	21	14	25	YELLOW
Downingtown	Downingtown Area School District	94	90	90	95	GOLD	Lewisville	Lewisville Indep. School District	86	85	63	82	GOLD
Doylestown	Central Bucks School District	94	92	82	94	GOLD	Longview	Pine Tree Indep. School District	55	59	21	51	GREEN
Drexel Hill	Upper Darby School District	27	17	86	70	GREEN	Lubbock	Lubbock Indep. School District	51	51	49	25	GREEN
East Stroudsburg	East Stroudsburg Area School District	43	34	88	62	GREEN	McAllen	McAllen Indep. School District	43	47	35	15	GREEN
Easton	Easton Area School District	67	62	84	52	BLUE	McKinney	McKinney Indep. School District	84	87	48	62	GOLD
Erie	Erie City School District	36	30	82	27	GREEN	Midland	Midland Indep. School District	55	60	25	30	GREEN
Greensburg	Hempfield Area School District	90	85	90	76	GOLD	Odessa	Ector County Indep. School District	14	20	16	8	YELLOW
Harrisburg	Central Dauphin School District	73	66	87	70	BLUE	Pearland	Pearland Indep. School District	78	85	15	76	BLUE
Harrisburg	Harrisburg City School District	9	1	94	11	RED	Pflugerville	Pflugerville Indep. School District	61	64	20	79	GREEN
Hazleton	Hazleton Area School District	29	25	63	41	GREEN	Plano	Plano Indep. School District	90	90	63	91	GOLD
Lancaster	Lancaster School District	17	9	87	25	YELLOW	Richardson	Richardson Indep. School District	69	67	61	75	BLUE
Lansdale	North Penn School District	90	84	91	89	GOLD	Round Rock	Round Rock Indep. School District	85	86	50	88	GOLD
Levittown	Bristol Township School District	31	21	91	48	GREEN	San Angelo	San Angelo Indep. School District	34	40	12	35	GREEN
Mechanicsburg	Cumberland Valley School District	96	95	79	88	GOLD	San Antonio	North East Indep. School District	62	62	47	61	GREEN
New Cumberland	West Shore School District	69	62	83	78	BLUE	San Antonio	Alamo Heights Indep. School District	90	93	45	88	GOLD
Perkasie	Pennridge School District	86	81	85	78	GOLD	Seguin	Seguin Indep. School District	49	51	41	21	GREEN
Philadelphia	Philadelphia City School District	17	11	74	38	YELLOW	Sherman	Sherman Indep. School District	70	72	44	43	BLUE
Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh School District	24	13	97	41	YELLOW	Southlake	Carroll Indep. School District	91	93	49	98	GOLD
Pittsburgh	North Allegheny School District	97	95	95	92	GOLD	Sugar Land	Fort Bend Indep. School District	71	76	15	82	BLUE
Reading	Reading School District	4	3	57	3	RED	Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls Indep. School District	70	73	46	32	BLUE
Richboro	Council Rock School District	97	96	91	97	GOLD	UTAH						
Scranton	Scranton School District	30	22	87	31	GREEN	Ogden	Weber School District	37	44	1	56	GREEN
State College	State College Area School District	97	96	92	77	GOLD	Park City	Park City School District	80	87	11	92	BLUE
West Chester	West Chester Area School District	94	90	93	90	GOLD	Salt Lake City	Granite School District	29	37	1	39	GREEN
Wilkes Barre	Wilkes-Barre Area School District	60	53	88	42	GREEN	VIRGINIA						
York	York City School District	6	1	78	21	RED	Arlington	Arlington County Public Schools	76	66	98	93	BLUE
RHODE ISLAND							Ashland	Hanover County Public Schools	80	76	72	76	BLUE
North Kingstown	North Kingstown School District	95	92	88	82	GOLD	Charlottesville	Albemarle County Public Schools	93	91	89	77	GOLD
Pawtucket	Pawtucket School District	16	13	66	12	YELLOW	Chesapeake	Chesapeake City Public Schools	74	69	78	60	BLUE
Providence	Providence School District	8	3	76	17	RED	Chesterfield	Chesterfield County Public Schools	79	76	66	77	BLUE
Warwick	Warwick School District	60	51	88	72	GREEN	Culpeper	Culpeper County Public Schools	71	66	84	42	BLUE
SOUTH CAROLINA							Fairfax	Fairfax County Public Schools	88	80	95	92	GOLD
Aiken	Aiken County School District	31	31	37	48	GREEN	Hampton	Hampton City Public Schools	57	52	76	44	GREEN
Anderson	Anderson County School District 05	63	63	58	30	GREEN	Harrisonburg	Harrisonburg City Public Schools	94	93	87	54	GOLD
Ballentine	Lexington County School District 05	83	81	64	77	GOLD	Leesburg	Loudoun County Public Schools	95	92	94	93	GOLD
Beaufort	Beaufort County School District	39	32	77	60	GREEN	Manassas	Prince William County Public Schools	72	65	83	79	BLUE
Charleston	Charleston County School District	29	23	67	61	GREEN	Newport News	Newport News City Public Schools	41	34	77	40	GREEN
Columbia	Richland County School District 01	19	11	81	38	YELLOW	Norfolk	Norfolk City Public Schools	29	23	84	23	GREEN
Columbia	Richland County School District 02	48	42	62	78	GREEN	Richmond	Henrico County Public Schools	74	70	68	79	BLUE
Conway	Horry County School District	40	38	57	33	GREEN	Richmond	Richmond City Public Schools	27	19	91	26	GREEN
Greenville	Greenville County School District	29	33	21	53	GREEN	Roanoke	Roanoke County Public Schools	89	86	80	74	GOLD
Lexington	Lexington County School District 01	76	75	55	68	BLUE	Suffolk	Suffolk City Public Schools	52	47	74	31	GREEN
Rock Hill	York County School District 03	36	38	35	47	GREEN	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach City Public Schools	63	56	82	71	GREEN
Summerville	Dorchester County School District 02	51	56	12	55	GREEN	Yorktown	York County Public Schools	87	85	67	84	GOLD
SOUTH DAKOTA							VERMONT						
Rapid City	Rapid City Area School District 51-4	76	87	3	44	BLUE	Burlington	Burlington School District	94	97	60	65	GOLD
Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls School District 49-5	61	68	5	67	GREEN	WASHINGTON						
TENNESSEE							Bellevue	Bellevue School District 405	81	81	49	91	BLUE
Chattanooga	Hamilton County School District	26	26	47	32	GREEN	Bothell	Northshore School District 417	92	95	56	85	GOLD
Clarksville	Montgomery County Schools	35	43	8	32	GREEN	Everett	Everett School District 2	53	49	59	58	GREEN
Cleveland	Bradley County School District	17	24	5	16	YELLOW	Federal Way	Federal Way School District 210	61	66	23	55	GREEN
Columbia	Maury County School District	32	34	36	34	GREEN	Issaquah	Issaquah School District 411	89	96	23	93	GOLD
Dyersburg	Dyersburg City School District	61	67	26	12	GREEN	Kennewick	Kennewick School District 17	77	78	53	39	BLUE
Franklin	Williamson County School Dist.	70	74	17	89	BLUE	Kent	Kent School District 415	65	69	24	64	GREEN
Gallatin	Sumner County School District	52	57	16	47	GREEN	Redmond	Lake Washington School District 414	86	89	37	91	GOLD
Jackson	Jackson-Madison Consolidated	13	11	47	48	YELLOW	Seattle	Seattle School District 1	73	69	62	82	BLUE
Johnson City	Johnson City School District	58	57	52	43	GREEN	Seattle	Highline School District 401	54	54	46	51	GREEN
Knoxville	Knox County School District	45	48	27	47	GREEN	Silverdale	Central Kitsap School District 401	79	81	46	60	BLUE
Memphis	Memphis City School District	16	14	54	24	YELLOW	Spokane	Spokane School District 81	63	62	60	37	GREEN
Memphis	Shelby County School District	27	30	18	67	GREEN	Tacoma	Tacoma School District 10	22	18	63	40	YELLOW
Murfreesboro	Rutherford County School Dist	57	63	8	58	GREEN	Vancouver	Vancouver School District 37	58	59	42	34	GREEN
Nashville	Nashville-Davidson County School Dist.	18	12	69	59	YELLOW	WISCONSIN						
Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge City School District	83	78	83	65	GOLD	Appleton	Appleton Area	92	91	73	81	GOLD
Sevierville	Sevier County School District	34	39	23	29	GREEN	Eau Claire	Eau Claire Area	93	92	83	73	GOLD
Springfield	Robertson County School Dist.	9	16	10	33	RED	Fond Du Lac	Fond Du Lac	93	92	79	62	GOLD
TEXAS							Green Bay	Green Bay Area	91	91	78	61	GOLD
Abilene	Abilene Indep. School District	55	54	52	27	GREEN	Janesville	Janesville	82	79	76	61	BLUE
Amarillo	Amarillo Indep. School District	68	73	36	22	BLUE	Kenosha	Kenosha	82	79	80	53	BLUE
Arlington	Arlington Indep. School District	53	57	21	54	GREEN	La Crosse	La Crosse	83	78	83	62	GOLD
Austin	Austin Indep. School District	61	60	50	72	GREEN	Madison	Madison Metropolitan	95	94	86	64	GOLD
Austin	Eanes Indep. School District	95	98	53	98	GOLD	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	18	16	60	21	YELLOW
Baytown	Goose Creek CISD	33	35	42	18	GREEN	Oshkosh	Oshkosh Area	82	79	73	69	BLUE
Beaumont	Beaumont Indep. School District	24	21	52	40	YELLOW	Sheboygan	Sheboygan Area	74	68	85	50	BLUE
Boerne	Boerne Indep. School District	54	50	58	79	GREEN	Stevens Point	Stevens Point Area	93	93	74	67	GOLD
Brownsville	Brownsville Indep. School District	1	4	25	3	RED	Wausau	Wausau	91	89	84	60	GOLD
Bryan	Bryan Indep. School District	69	75	35	23	BLUE	WEST VIRGINIA						
College Station	College Station Indep. School District	90	96	36	63	GOLD	Beckley	Raleigh County School District	31	30	54	14	GREEN
Conroe	Conroe Indep. School District	82	91	14	63	BLUE	Charleston	Kanawha County School District	53	53	47	46	GREEN
Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Indep. School District	28	33	21	24	GREEN	Huntington	Cabell County School District	46	44	58	29	GREEN
Dallas	Dallas Indep. School District	11	9	54	32	YELLOW	Parkersburg	Wood County School District	54	54	51	26	GREEN
El Paso	El Paso Indep. School District	16	16	45	24	YELLOW	Winfield	Putnam County School District	72	73	46	60	BLUE
Fort Worth	Fort Worth Indep. School District	23	27	20	33	YELLOW	WYOMING						
Frisco	Frisco Indep. School District	86	84	62	93	GOLD	Laramie	Albany County School District #1	73	69	74	64	BLUE
							Cheyenne	Laramie County School District #1	60	58	59	45	GREEN
							Casper	Natrona County School District #1	44	43	54	39	GREEN

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gether in their appropriate category — **Graduate Outcome**, **Resource Index** and **Community Index** — and compared against the other 2,800 districts in order to come up with an overall ranking.

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These rankings were then converted into percentile rankings — 99 being the highest, 1 being the lowest — to show how that district compares with other districts nationwide within that category. These percentile numbers are shown for each district in the charts accompanying this article (beginning on page 7).

Finally, for ease of comparison, the districts are divided into five groups according to their final EQ score. School districts ranking in the upper 17 percent were awarded Gold Medals, while districts ranking in the upper one-third were awarded Blue Ribbons. These are the most outstanding school districts in the United States.

On the opposite end of the scale, school districts that ranked in the bottom 25 percent were given a Yellow Light, while districts in the bottom 10 percent received a Red Light designation.

The remaining school districts — accounting for 42 percent of all districts surveyed — were given a Green Light designation. These districts can be considered average.

A FEW LAST WORDS

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT ANY RANKING is that, despite the underpinning of large volumes of data, it is still somewhat subjective in the sense that the people who design the study get to decide what factors are important, as well as the relative weight of those factors.

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The Final Rankings

EQ scores are based upon a district's relative ranking in the following major categories:

- EQ — **Education Quotient**: Overall score as a percentile
- GO — **Graduate Outcome**: What students learned and did they graduate
- RI — **Resource Index**: Community's financial commitment to education
- CI — **Community Index**: Affluence and education level of the adult community

In the *Education Quotient*, we long ago decided to put the most weight on the outcome. In other words, what did the students learn and did they graduate?

That's not to say that we didn't look at other factors, like teacher salaries, class size and per-pupil spending. We did, but we look at those as simply part of the means to the end, and not the end itself.

Finally, there is a natural tendency for people to look at school districts that fared poorly in these ratings and blame the teachers. We would suggest, instead, that they first look in the mirror if they really want to solve the problem of underperforming schools. The real solution rests with the parents and how much interest they take in their children's education.

During the past 16 years of doing this study, there is a clear and established relationship between how well a school district performs and the income and education level of the parents. This correlation is strong, despite the fact that these highly successful suburban school districts generally spend less per pupil than do the worst-performing school districts.

