

Colorado School Funding Facts at your fingertips:

Colorado spends **\$551 less per pupil** than the national average, for comparison:

Kansas spends **\$844** more per pupil than Colorado

Montana spends **\$759** more per pupil than Colorado

Nebraska spends **\$1627** more per pupil than Colorado

New Mexico spends **\$178** more per pupil than Colorado

Wyoming spends **\$2321** more per pupil than Colorado

Ranks **44th** in percentage of taxable income on K-12.

Ranks **44th** in the nation in technology for schools.

Ranks **49th** in spending for teacher salaries and benefits.

(In relation to personal income)

(Source 1-3 Ed Week, Quality Counts, 2003-04; 4 US Census Bureau 2004-05)



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Why do our schools need more than Amendment 23 and Ref C?

Amendment 23 (A-23) – was simply designed to stop state K-12 cuts and to restore Colorado to **1988** funding levels. It was to close a “gap,” not to provide “adequate” funding for schools – i.e., to ensure all children are able to meet academic standards.

Ref C – allows the state to fund the **minimum** required by A-23. This year it also allowed for some modest increases in preschool, special ed and school construction. It does not “adequately” fund K-12.

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