

Colorado School Finance Project

Ed Week: Quality Counts 2008 - Colorado's Perspective (Data 2005-06)

	Overall State Grade/Rank		Finance			Teaching Profession Accountability for Quality	The Teaching Profession		Transitions and Alignment
	Overall Grade (A-F)	Overall Grade Ranking	Percent of total taxable resources spent on education	Per Pupil Spending	Per Pupil Spending Above or Below (-) Colorado	State Ranking	Teacher Salary Parity-Teacher earnings as % of salaries in comparable occupations	Student to Primary Teacher Ratio	Transitions and Alignment
US Average	C+		3.6%	\$8,973	\$1,034	73.0			73.3%
Colorado	C-	73.1	3.0%	\$7,939		68.0	82.8%	16.5	64.3%
Arizona	D	71.6	3.4%	\$6,232	-\$1,707	66.9	80.8%	17.9	71.4%
California	D+	73.4	3.3%	\$7,081	-\$858	70.8	100.0%	19.9	71.4%
Kansas	C+	73.3	3.8%	\$8,862	\$923	67.0	86.0%	13.7	60.7%
Montana	C-	70.7	3.7%	\$8,951	\$1,012	66.9	110.2%	12.2	60.7%
Nebraska	B-	69.3	3.5%	\$9,930	\$1,991	69.1	89.4%	12.2	53.6%
Nevada	D+	69.4	2.8%	\$7,141	-\$798	72.0	87.1%	17.3	67.9%
New Mexico	C	75.2	3.7%	\$8,431	\$492	77.1	87.4%	14.3	82.1%
North Dakota	C	74.2	3.1%	\$9,181	\$1,242	69.1	86.9%	11.1	67.9%
Oklahoma	D+	75.5	3.3%	\$7,331	-\$608	80.1	82.1%	15.9	75.0%
South Dakota	C	71.8	2.9%	\$8,736	\$797	63.9	82.1%	11.5	60.7%
Texas	C-	75.9	3.3%	\$7,687	-\$252	73.1	80.8%	15.2	78.6%
Utah	D	70.7	3.3%	\$5,463	-\$2,476	71.8	86.7%	20.3	57.1%
Wyoming	B-	72.8	3.8%	\$11,126	\$3,187	61.9	100.9%	11.8	60.7%
CO Ranks:	37		43	36	n/a	36.0	45	n/a	41
	Highest: NY 84.9 Lowest: DC 68.1					Highest: 91.9 Lowest: 57.0	1) 10 states at 100% or above Parity: Alaska, California, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, NY, Ohio, Pennsylvania, RI, WY. 2) 38 states have student to teacher ratios less than or equal to CO.		

Chance for Success Index			
	US Average	Colorado	
Overall Grade	C+	B	
Overall Rank	78.4	82.5	
	US Average	Colorado	CO Rank
Above 200% of Poverty Level	60.1%	64.4%	15
Children w/1 parent post secondary	43.3%	49.6%	13
Children w/1 parent working full-time, year round	71.8%	73.8%	16
3 & 4 yr olds in preschool	46.1%	42.9%	24
Eligible children enrolled in Kindergarten	75.7%	74.1%	36