# Stepping Up:

## The Nation's Top K-12 Education Foundations




*Advocating the importance of K-12 education foundations while recognizing those that do it best*

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## Notes from the Study Author

Simply put, we have a lot of data on K-12 education foundations, mostly on the nation's top 50 performers -- which we will begin calling the 'Industry's Top-50' as we continue to release our ongoing research.

I want to thank the nation's top K-12 foundation executives for completing surveys and phone interviews with me over the past four years. The surveys often take 20-30 minutes to complete; and the phone interviews rarely stop at 60 minutes. We really like data on K-12 education foundations and we are sorta nerds about it.

I hope local education foundations are able to use this study and data to make the case to grow their efforts that often add so much to the public education experience.



Next year will be the fifth consecutive year of Stepping Up's annual study of K-12 education foundations. An extended version of the study will include what we have learned in these five years.

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*Stepping Up is the nation's only annual study that ranks K-12 education foundations.*

## Introduction

Stepping Up is the nation's only annual study and ranking of K-12 education foundations. The study ranks the top 50 education foundations in the nation, and the top 10 in each of four divisions that allow for foundation comparisons of similar size.

This year's study includes 191 K-12 education foundations from 219 school districts, which represent the education foundations in the top 200 largest school districts (by student population), as well as top-performing foundations in smaller school districts.

"Our goal is to provide a non-biased national study of all top foundations regardless of the size of the district they support," said Dewey Caruthers, author of the study and president + ceo of caruthers institute, which conducts ongoing research of K-12 education foundations.

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*Study mission:*
*Advocating for the importance of K-12 education foundations while recognizing those that do it best.*

# Top 25 Education Foundations

1 Pinellas Education Foundation (FL)
2. Alliance for Education (WA)
3. Irvine Public Schools Foundation (CA)
4. Achieve Minneapolis (MN)
5. Chattanooga Hamilton County Public Education Fund (TN)
6. Boise Public Schools Foundation (ID)
7. Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools (NE)
8. Omaha Schools Foundation (NE)
9. DC Public Education Fund (DC)
10. Denver Public Schools Foundation (CO)
10. Barbers Hill Education Foundation (TX)
12. Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools (FL)
13. Clark County Public Education Foundation (NV)
14. Hillsborough Education Foundation (FL)
15. Granite Education Foundation (UT)
16. Oakland Public Education Fund (CA)
17. Silicon Valley Education Foundation (CA)
18. Albuquerque Public Schools Foundation (NM)
18. Foundation for Springfield Public Schools (MO)
20. Brevard Schools Foundation (FL)
21. Polk Education Foundation and Business Partnership (FL)
22. Public Education Foundation of Marion County (FL)
23. Frisco Education Foundation (TX)
24. The Fund for Public Schools (NY)
25. The Boston Educational Development Foundation (MA)



# Remaining Top 50 Education Foundations

26. St. Louis Public Schools Foundation (MO)
27. The Foundation for Tulsa Schools (OK)
28. Davis Education Foundation (UT)
29. Education Foundation of Collier County (FL)
30. Irving Schools Foundation (TX)
31. Foundation for Newark's Future (NJ)
32. New Visions for Public Schools (NY)
33. All Hands Raised (OR)
34. San Francisco Education Fund (CA)
35. The Great Schools Partnership Charitable Trust (TN)
36. Children First Fund: The Chicago Public Schools Foundation (IL)
36. Morris Educational Foundation (NJ)
38. San Antonio Education Partnership (TX)
39. Fund for Educational Excellence (MD)
39. Ogden School Foundation (UT)
41. Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (TX)
42. Philadelphia Education Fund (PA)
43. Northside Education Foundation (TX)
44. Lawrence Township School Foundation (IN)
45. Education Foundation of Sarasota County (FL)
46. Alpine School District Foundation (UT)
47. Humble ISD Education Foundation (TX)
48. Weber School District Foundation (UT)
49. Spring Branch Education Foundation (TX)
50. Educational Foundation of Lake County (FL)
50. West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (CA)



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*Achieve Minneapolis and Chattanooga Hamilton County Public Education Fund have both ranked in the top five three years in a row.*



**$539 million**

*Amount held in assets by K-12 education foundations in this study in 2015 (most recent data available)*

## Top 5 Analysis

Dominating the top five for four consecutive years, Pinellas Education Foundation (Florida) has ranked first every year since the inception of this study.

Two foundations rank in the top five three years in a row. Achieve Minneapolis (Minnesota) has ranked in the top five three years in a row and is fourth this year (third and fifth in 2016 and 2015). Chattanooga Hamilton County Public Education Fund (Tennessee) ranked fifth this year and has ranked fifth and second in 2016 and 2015.

New to the study this year, Irvine Public Schools Foundation (California) ranks third.

Alliance for Education (Seattle, Washington) who made their first appearance in 2016's study has ranked second this year and fourth in 2016.

*Pinellas Education Foundation*
*Ranks first four years in a row.*

## Top 10 Analysis

Omaha Schools Foundation (Nebraska) ranks in the top ten four years in a row, ranking eighth this year.

Ranking in the top ten three years in a row, Denver Public Schools Foundations (Colorado) places 10th in 2017 and ninth and 10th in 2016 and 2015.

Boise Public Schools Foundation (Idaho) again ranks sixth for both 2017 and 2016.

Two foundations move into the top ten in 2017. Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools (Nebraska) ranks seventh, up from 13th in 2016. DC Public Education Fund (DC) moved up two spots to ninth.

Barbers Hill Education Foundation (Texas) jumped into the top ten this year. They previously ranked in Division 3 and 26th nationally. This year they rank 10th and are in Division 1. One reason for this, Barbers Hill increased their revenue from $996,000 to $7 million.

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**$392 million**

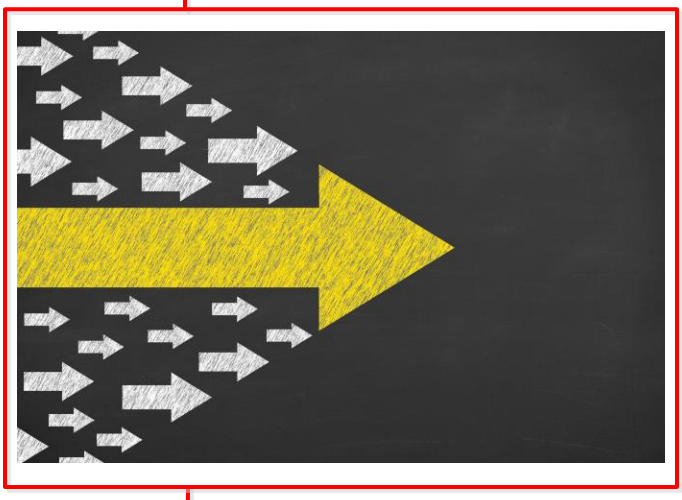
*Revenue raised by K-12 education foundations in this year's study in 2015 (most recent data available)*

## Top 25 Analysis

Five education foundations rank in the top 25 four years in a row.

- Hillsborough Education Foundation (Florida) 14th , 21st, 6th, 6th
- Clark Co. Public Education Foundation (Nevada) 13th , 17th, 14th, 2nd
- Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools (Florida) 12th , 14th, 16th, 10th
- The Fund for Public Schools (New York City) 24th, 16th, 10th, 7th
- The Boston Educational Development Foundation (Massachusetts) 25th, 18th, 23rd , 11th

New to the top 25, Polk Education Foundation (Florida) jumps from the top 50 to the top 25 ranking 21st .



*In the nation's top 25, only 4 foundations serve school districts with more than 100,000 students.*

Two foundations have ranked in the top 25 for three consecutive years: (2017, 2016, 2015 respectively)

- Albuquerque Public Schools Foundation (New Mexico) ranked 18th, 15th, 7th
- DC Public Education Fund (DC) ranked 9th, 11th, 9th

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*10 foundations ranked in the top 50 for 4 years in a row.*

## Top 50 Analysis

This year's top 50 includes something new: a foundation from Division 4 ($500,000 or less). Morris Educational Foundation (New Jersey) ranks 36th up from 51st last year. What Morris appears to lack in revenues, they make up for it in per student funds.

There are 10 foundations that ranked in the top 50 for four consecutive years (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014):

- Alpine School District Foundation (Utah) 46th, 23rd, 34th, 18th
- Great Schools Partnership Charitable Trust (Tennessee) 35th, 27th, 24th, 13th
- San Francisco Education Fund (California) ranked 34th, 28th, 26th, 9th
- Cy-Fair Education Foundation (Texas) ranked 41st, 29th, 31st, 23rd
- San Antonio Education Partnership (Texas) ranked 38th, 30th, 30th, 21st



- Philadelphia Education Fund (Pennsylvania) ranked 42nd, 31st, 29th, 5th
- Northside Education Foundation (Texas) 43rd, 33rd, 33rd, 24th
- Fund for Educational Excellence (Maryland) 39th, 38th, 27th, 35th
- Polk Education Foundation and Business Partnership (Florida) 21st, 41st, 38th, 17th
- New Visions for Public Schools (New York) 32nd, 25th, 22nd, 19th

**Stepping Up studies K-12 education foundations more often and more in-depth than anyone in the nation**

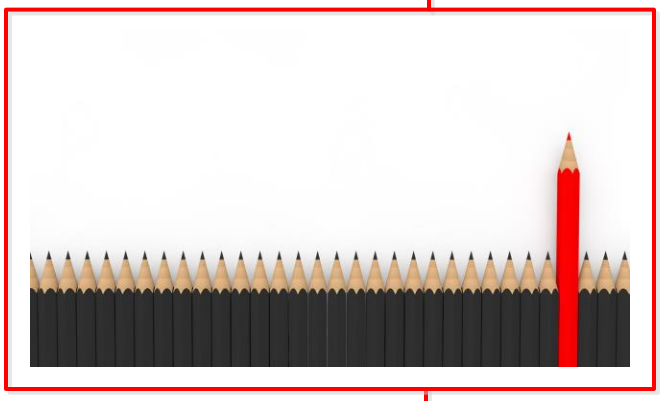
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*Six foundations ranked in the top 50 for three years in a row.*

## Top 50 Analysis (cont.)

There are six foundations that have ranked in the top 50 for three consecutive years (2017, 2016, 2015):

- Frisco Education Foundation (Texas) 23rd, 24th, 39th
- Spring Branch Education Foundation (Texas) 49th, 42nd, 17th
- Ogden School Foundation (Utah) 39th, 33rd, 28th
- Public Education Foundation of Marion County (Florida) 22nd, 43rd, 37th
- Humble ISD Education Foundation (Texas) ranked 47th, 45th, 34th
- The Foundation for Tulsa Schools (Oklahoma) ranked 27th, 36th, 15th



In it's first year of being included in Stepping Up, Barbers Hill Education Foundation (serving a school district of 4,000 students) ranked 26th. This year Barbers Hill not only increased their revenues enough to make a leap from Division 3 to Division 1, but they also made a leap in the rankings, up to 10th.

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## Division 1: Top 10 National Ranking

(Division 1 is foundations with $2 million or more in revenues)

1. Pinellas Education Foundation (FL)
2. Alliance for Education (WA)
3. Irvine Public Schools Foundation (CA)
4. Achieve Minneapolis (MN)
5. Chattanooga Hamilton County Public Education Fund (TN)
6. Boise Public Schools Foundation (ID)
7. Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools (NE)
8. Omaha Schools Foundation (NE)
9. DC Public Education Fund (DC)
10. Denver Public Schools Foundation (CO)
10. Barbers Hill Education Foundation (TX)

## Division 2: Top 10 National Ranking

*(Division 2 is foundations with $1 million to $1,999,999 in revenues)*

1. Foundation for Springfield Public Schools (MO)
2. Public Education Foundation of Marion County (FL)
3. San Francisco Education Fund (CA)
4. Ogden School Foundation (UT)
5. Northside Education Foundation (TX)
6. Education Foundation of Sarasota County (FL)
7. Alpine School District Foundation (UT)
8. Humble ISD Education Foundation (TX)
9. Weber School District Foundation (UT)
10. Spring Branch Education Foundation (TX)



## Division 3: Top 10 National Ranking

(Division 3 is foundations with $500,000 - $999,999 in revenues)

1. Frisco Education Foundation (TX)
2. Irving Schools Foundation (TX)
3. Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (TX)
4. Lawrence Township School Foundation (IN)
5. Shawnee Mission Education Foundation (KS)
6. The Advancement Center for Washington Township Schools (IN)
7. Fort Bend ISD Education Foundation (TX)
8. Indianapolis Public Schools Education Foundation (IN)
9. Lewisville Education Foundation (TX)
10. Futures Foundation for Volusia County Schools (FL)

## Division 4: Top 10 National Ranking

*(Division 4 is foundations with less than $500,000 in revenues)*

1. Morris Educational Foundation (NJ)
2. Dare Education Foundation (NC)
3. Lafayette Education Foundation (LA)
4. Hamilton Southeastern Schools Foundation (IN)
5. Garland ISD Education Foundation (TX)
6. South Bend Education Foundation (IN)
7. Springfield Education Foundation (OR)
8. Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools (IN)
9. Mesquite ISD Education Foundation (TX)
10. Clear Creek Education Foundation (TX)



## Division Analysis

Texas has the most top 10 Division appearances with 12 foundations in three divisions, although the state had only one in Division 1 – Barbers Hill Education Foundation.

Indiana has 6 foundations in Divisions 3 and 4 for the second year in a row.

Florida has 4 foundations in Divisions 1, 2, and 3 but none in Division 4.

Utah has 3 foundations in Division 2.

States with two foundations ranking in any Division top 10: California and Nebraska.

States with one foundation ranking in the top 10 in any of the four divisions: Minnesota, Washington, Tennessee, Idaho, Missouri, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Oregon, New Jersey, North Carolina.



*Texas had more foundations ranked in divisions than Indiana: 12 and 6 respectively.*

Northside Education Foundation (Texas) has ranked in the top 10 in Division 2 for four consecutive years (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014); and Spring Branch Education Foundation (Texas) for three years (2017, 2016, 2015).

**$165 million**

*Amount spent on grants and programs (less salaries) by K-12 education foundations in this study in 2015 (most recent data available)*

*The Dashboard was developed through interviews with 18 executive directors and presidents at foundations ranking in the top 50.*

## National Performance Dashboard Customized for Your K-12 Education Foundation

Stepping Up has developed a National Performance Dashboard, which is an extension of the study. The Dashboard is custom-made for your education foundation, and provides additional data and analysis beyond the study to help with the following:

1. **ENHANCE FOUNDATION MARKETING:** Foundations executives can use the Dashboard to better promote their national and division rankings in their communities.

2. **INCREASE FUNDRAISING:** The Dashboard has data beyond the study that can strengthen foundation proposals and grant applications.

3. **ADD DATA-DRIVEN DECISION-MAKING:** Boards will have Stepping Up national data, specific to their foundations, to inform key decisions.

4. **GET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GROWTH:** The Dashboard includes analysis and recommendations to help foundations grow and improve.

# National Performance Dashboard

## For K-12 Education Foundations

The Dashboard includes a custom PowerPoint presentation that compares your K-12 education foundation to national benchmarks – both to the nation's top-performers and to those foundations of similar size.

The Dashboard also includes supporting quotes from your foundation's key stakeholders like school superintendents, school board members, elected officials and others who can share the value the foundation brings to the school district and the community.

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## Study Methodology

Stepping Up uses eight performance categories to rank the foundations nationally and in each division. The eight performance categories address four of the most important issues to K-12 foundations:

- Resources to enhance public education (annual revenues, revenues per student)
- Long-term financial sustainability (total assets, assets per student, investment income)
- Resources invested into programs (total grants, programs and similar amounts paid and per student – both less salaries and benefits)
- Human capital (volunteers)

Per student calculations are added to better reveal the impact a foundation is having based on the number of students in the district. "Some foundations raise large amounts of money but when compared to the number of students in their districts it becomes clear the impact on most students is minimal," Caruthers said.

**Performance Categories:**

1. Total Revenues
2. Revenues per Student
3. Total Assets
4. Assets per Student
5. Grant and Program Expenses
6. Grant and Program Expenses per Student
7. Investment Income
8. Volunteers

The rankings are the collective score of all eight performance categories. The foundations that appear in the most categories were ranked highest, emphasizing the importance of being well-rounded.

Data for the Stepping Up study is from the foundations 990, which is a financial report non-profits use annually to report to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The 2017 Stepping Up study uses the most recent 990 data available for all foundations included in this study, which is from 2015.

In addition to the national rankings, there are four revenue-based divisions, followed by a number of foundations in each division this year:

Division 1: $2 million or more (44 foundations)
Division 2: $1 million to $1,999,999 (27 foundations)
Division 3: $500,000 to $999,999 (31 foundations)
Division 4: Less than $500,000 (89 foundations)

*This year's study uses data from foundations 990s from 2015, the most recent data available.*

**58,00**

*Number of volunteers utilized by K-12 education foundations in this study in 2015 (most recent data available)*

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## About author Dewey Caruthers

Dewey Caruthers is a national thought-leader on three issues:

+ K-12 education foundations
+ Arrests for common youth misbehavior
+ Child obesity

His work on the three issues has been funded by national, state and local foundations; children's hospitals and hospital foundations; state and local government agencies; and private-sector companies. Additionally, his program models have been evaluated by major universities and independent evaluators.

He regularly contributes op-eds and participates in news conferences, as well as being sought as an expert to speak at national and state conferences on his areas of expertise.



*Dewey leads ongoing research of K-12 education foundations, which he believes have unrealized potential to provide solutions for public education that are far greater than recognized.*

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| Rank by size | School District | Students | Education Foundation |
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| 1 | New York City Department Of Ed. NY | 1,059,478 | The Fund for Public Schools |
| 1 | New York City Department of Ed. NY | 1,059,478 | New Visions for Public Schools |
| 2 | Los Angeles Unified School District CA | 677,646 | Los Angeles County Education Foundation |
| 2 | Los Angeles Unified School District CA | 677,646 | Los Angeles Fund for Public Education |
| 3 | Chicago Public School District 299 IL | 357,518 | Children First Fund |
| 4 | Dade County School District FL | 351,850 | The Education Fund |
| 5 | Clark County School District NV | 340,665 | Clark County Public Education Foundation |
| 6 | Broward County School District FL | 264,439 | Broward Education Foundation |
| 7 | Houston ISD TX | 227,452 | Houston ISD Foundation |
| 8 | Hillsborough County School District FL | 204,656 | Hillsborough Education Foundation |
| 9 | Orange County School District FL | 188,348 | Foundation for Orange County Public Schools |
| 10 | Dallas ISD TX | 180,951 | Dallas Education Foundation |
| 11 | Philadelphia City School District PA | 180,643 | Philadelphia Education Fund |
| 12 | Palm Beach County School District FL | 177,647 | Education Foundation of Palm Beach County |
| 13 | Fairfax County Public Schools VA | 177,341 | Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools |
| 14 | Hawaii Department of Education HI | 169,935 | Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation |
| 15 | Wake County Schools NC | 168,262 | Wake Education Partnership |
| 16 | Gwinnett County School District GA | 165,905 | Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund |
| 17 | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools NC | 161,626 | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools Foundation |
| 18 | Montgomery County Public Schools MD | 147,631 | MCPS Educational Foundation |
| 19 | Shelby County School District TN | 140,221 | Shelby County Schools Education Foundation |
| 20 | San Diego City Unified School District CA | 125,311 | San Diego Education Fund |
| 21 | Duval County School District FL | 124,140 | Jacksonville Public Education Fund |
| 22 | Prince George's County Public Schools MD | 124,041 | Excellence In Ed. Foundation for PGCPS INC |
| 23 | Detroit City School District MI | 115,163 | The Detroit Public Schools Foundation |
| 24 | Cobb County School District GA | 110,388 | Cobb County Public School Ed. Foundation |
| 25 | Northside ISD TX | 109,598 | Northside Education Foundation |
| 26 | Cypress-Fairbanks ISD TX | 107,394 | Cy-Fair Educational Foundation |
| 27 | Albuquerque Public Schools NM | 103,625 | Albuquerque Public Schools Foundation |
| 28 | Baltimore County Public Schools MD | 102,548 | Ed. Fnd. of Baltimore County Public Schools |
| 29 | Fulton County School District GA | 101,670 | Fulton Education Foundation |
| 30 | DeKalb County School District GA | 100,405 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 31 | Polk County School District FL | 99,656 | Polk Ed. Foundation and Business Partnership |
| 32 | Jefferson County School District KY | 98,792 | Jefferson County Public Education Foundation |
| 33 | Pinellas County School District FL | 97,265 | Pinellas Education Foundation |
| 34 | Milwaukee School District WI | 96,983 | Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation |

219 school districts included in study

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| 35 | Lee County School District FL | 93,505 | Foundation for Lee County Public Schools |
| 36 | Fort Worth ISD TX | 90,788 | Fort Worth ISD Education Foundation |
| 37 | Austin ISD TX | 88,435 | Austin Partners in Education |
| 38 | Alpine School District UT | 84,691 | Alpine School District Foundation |
| 39 | Denver County School District 1 CO | 83,093 | Denver Public Schools Foundation |
| 40 | Nashville-Davidson School District TN | 82,872 | Nashville Public Education Foundation |
| 40 | Nashville-Davidson School District TN | 82,872 | PENCIL Foundation |
| 41 | Prince William County Public Schools VA | 82,693 | Education Foundation for Prince William County |
| 42 | Long Beach Unified School District CA | 81,417 | Long Beach Education Foundation |
| 43 | Davis School District UT | 79,629 | Davis Education Foundation |
| 44 | Guilford County Schools NC | 79,189 | The Enrichment Fund for Guilford County Schools |
| 45 | Jefferson County School District R-1 CO | 78,493 | The Jefferson Foundation |
| 46 | Anne Arundel County Public Schools MD | 77,524 | 21st Century Education Foundation |
| 47 | Mesa Unified District AZ | 77,306 | Mesa Foundation for Educational Excellence |
| 48 | Fresno Unified School District CA | 77,053 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 49 | Baltimore City Public Schools MD | 76,938 | Fund for Educational Excellence |
| 50 | Greenville County School District SC | 76,934 | Greenville County Schools Foundation |
| 51 | Fort Bend ISD TX | 76,395 | Fort Bend ISD Education Foundation |
| 52 | Granite School District UT | 75,235 | Granite Education Foundation |
| 53 | Katy ISD TX | 74,384 | Katy ISD Education Foundation |
| 54 | Loudoun County Public Schools VA | 73,251 | Loudoun Education Foundation |
| 55 | Brevard County School District FL | 72,434 | Brevard Schools Foundation |
| 56 | North East ISD TX | 71,430 | North East Educational Foundation |
| 57 | Pasco County School District FL | 69,919 | Pasco Education Foundation |
| 58 | Washoe County School District NV | 68,760 | Washoe K-12 Education Foundation |
| 59 | Boston School District MA | 68,489 | The Boston Educational Development Foundation |
| 60 | Seminole County School District FL | 66,860 | Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools |
| 61 | Aldine ISD TX | 66,530 | Aldine Education Foundation |
| 62 | Tucson Unified District AZ | 66,028 | Educational Enrichment Foundation |
| 63 | Arlington ISD TX | 65,403 | Arlington ISD Education Foundation |
| 64 | Virginia Beach City Public Schools VA | 64,571 | Virginia Beach Public Schools Ed. Foundation |
| 65 | Douglas County School District RE-1 CO | 64,068 | Douglas County Educational Foundation |
| 66 | Elk Grove Unified School District CA | 63,636 | Vision 2000 Educational Foundation |
| 67 | District of Columbia Public Schools DC | 63,463 | DC Public Education Fund |
| 68 | Volusia County School District FL | 62,720 | Futures Foundation for Volusia County Schools |
| 69 | Jordan School District UT | 62,178 | Jordan Education Foundation |
| 70 | Columbus City School District OH | 59,707 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 71 | Forsyth County Schools NC | 59,169 | Forsyth Education Partnership |
| 72 | Knox County School District TN | 58,793 | The Great Schools Partnership Charitable Trust |
| 73 | San Francisco Unified School District CA | 58,780 | San Francisco Education Fund |
| 74 | Conroe ISD TX | 58,502 | Conroe ISD Education Foundation |
| 75 | Santa Ana Unified School District CA | 57,248 | Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation |

191 K-12 education foundations included in study

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| 76 | San Bernardino City Unified School District CA | 57,139 | BLU Education Foundation |
| 77 | Chesterfield County Public Schools VA | 55,395 | Chesterfield Public Education Foundation |
| 78 | San Antonio ISD TX | 55,251 | San Antonio Education Partnership |
| 78 | San Antonio ISD TX | 55,251 | SAISD Foundation |
| 79 | Mobile County School District AL | 55,110 | Mobile Area Education Foundation |
| 80 | Oakland Unified School District CA | 54,895 | Oakland Public Education Fund |
| 81 | Pasadena ISD TX | 54,786 | Pasadena ISD Education Foundation |
| 82 | Plano ISD TX | 54,714 | Plano ISD Education Foundation |
| 83 | Osceola County School District FL | 54,453 | The Foundation for Osceola Education |
| 84 | Omaha Public Schools NE | 54,266 | Omaha Schools Foundation |
| 85 | Cherry Creek School District 5 CO | 54,092 | Cherry Creek Schools Foundation |
| 86 | Garland ISD TX | 53,208 | Garland ISD Education Foundation |
| 87 | Lewisville ISD TX | 52,998 | Lewisville Education Foundation |
| 88 | Clayton County School District GA | 52,973 | Clayton County Public Schools Foundation |
| 89 | Wichita Unified School District 259 KS | 52,915 | Wichita Educational Foundation |
| 90 | Frisco ISD TX | 52,384 | Frisco Education Foundation |
| 91 | Capistrano Unified School District CA | 52,365 | Capistrano Unified School District Foundation |
| 92 | Howard County Public Schools MD | 52,313 | Bright Minds Foundation |
| 93 | Cleveland Municipal School District OH | 51,979 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 94 | Socorro ISD TX | 51,808 | SISD Foundation |
| 95 | El Paso ISD TX | 51,644 | El Paso ISD Education Foundation |
| 96 | Seattle School District WA | 51,573 | Alliance for Education |
| 97 | Round Rock ISD TX | 51,435 | Round Rock ISD Education Foundation |
| 98 | Minneapolis Public School District MN | 49,997 | Achieve Minneapolis |
| 99 | Alief ISD TX | 49,593 | Alief Education Foundation |
| 100 | Charleston County School District SC | 49,253 | Charleston Metro Ed. Fnd. |
| 101 | Oklahoma City Public Schools OK | 48,819 | The Fnd. for Oklahoma City Public Schools |
| 102 | Cumberland County Schools NC | 48,704 | Cumberland County Education Foundation |
| 103 | Jefferson Parish School District LA | 48,517 | Jefferson Parish Public Education Foundation |
| 104 | Henrico County Public Schools VA | 48,163 | Henrico Education Foundation |
| 105 | Brownsville ISD TX | 47,592 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 106 | Corona-Norco Unified School District CA | 47,484 | Corona-Norco Schools Educational Foundation |
| 107 | Sacramento City Unified School District CA | 46,970 | Sacramento Unified Education Foundation |
| 108 | Atlanta City School District GA | 46,695 | Atlanta Partnership of Business and Education |
| 109 | Manatee County School District FL | 46,639 | Manatee Education Foundation |
| 110 | Portland School District 1J OR | 45,464 | All Hands Raised |
| 111 | Cherokee County School District GA | 45,245 | Cherokee County Educational Foundation |
| 112 | Forsyth County School District GA | 45,141 | Forsyth County Education Foundation |
| 113 | East Baton Rouge Parish School District LA | 44,993 | Fnd. for East Baton Rouge School System |
| 114 | Collier County School District FL | 44,952 | Education Foundation of Collier County |
| 115 | Indianapolis Public Schools IN | 44,783 | Indianapolis Public Schools Ed. Foundation |

8 performance categories

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|---|---|---|---|
| 116 | Chandler Unified District AZ | 44,729 | Chandler Education Foundation |
| 117 | Newark City School District NJ | 44,548 | Foundation for Newark's Future |
| 117 | Newark City School District NJ | 44,548 | Newark Trust for Education |
| 118 | St. Paul Public School District MN | 44,021 | Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation |
| 119 | Northglenn-Thornton School District 12 CO | 43,829 | Five Star Education Foundation |
| 120 | Corpus Christi ISD TX | 43,517 | Corpus Christi Education Foundation |
| 121 | Anchorage School District AK | 43,254 | Anchorage School Business Partnership |
| 122 | Klein ISD TX | 43,091 | Klein Education Foundation |
| 123 | St. Lucie County School District FL | 43,064 | St. Lucie County Education Foundation |
| 124 | Adams-Arapahoe School District 28J CO | 43,042 | Aurora Public Schools Foundation |
| 125 | Hamilton County School District TN | 43,011 | Chattanooga Hamilton County Public Education Fund |
| 126 | Tulsa Public Schools OK | 42,973 | The Foundation for Tulsa Schools |
| 127 | Lake County School District FL | 42,969 | Educational Foundation of Lake County |
| 128 | Orleans Parish School District LA | 42,812 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 129 | San Juan Unified School District CA | 42,806 | San Juan Education Foundation |
| 130 | Garden Grove Unified School District CA | 42,702 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 131 | Stockton Unified School District CA | 42,471 | Stockton Public Schools Foundation |
| 132 | Beaverton School District 48J OR | 42,404 | Beaverton Education Foundation |
| 133 | Anoka-Hennepin Public School District MN | 42,319 | Anoka-Hennepin Educational Foundation |
| 134 | Marion County School District FL | 42,295 | Public Education Foundation of Marion County |
| 135 | Canyons School District UT | 42,272 | Canyons School District Education Foundation |
| 136 | Fontana Unified School District CA | 42,051 | Fontana Public Schools Education Foundation |
| 137 | Gilbert Unified District AZ | 41,794 | Gilbert Education Foundation |
| 138 | Union County Public Schools NC | 41,362 | Union County Public Education Foundation |
| 139 | Paradise Valley Unified District AZ | 41,325 | The Foundation for Public Education |
| 140 | United ISD TX | 41,252 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 141 | Salem-Keizer School District 24J OR | 41,221 | Salem Schools Foundation |
| 142 | Sarasota County School District FL | 40,554 | Education Foundation of Sarasota County |
| 143 | Horry County School District SC | 40,427 | Horry County K-12 Foundation |
| 144 | Escambia County School District FL | 39,911 | Escambia County Public Schools Fnd. for Excellence |
| 145 | Fayette County School District KY | 39,757 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 146 | Riverside Unified School District CA | 39,743 | Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation |
| 147 | Meridian Joint School District 2 ID | 39,629 | Education Foundation for Joint School District #2 |
| 148 | Durham Public Schools NC | 39,380 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 149 | Henry County School District GA | 39,134 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 150 | Frederick County Public Schools MD | 38,955 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 151 | Caddo Parish School District LA | 38,928 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 152 | Humble ISD TX | 38,795 | Humble ISD Education Foundation |
| 153 | Killeen ISD TX | 38,642 | Killeen ISD Education Foundation |
| 154 | Buffalo City School District NY | 38,183 | Buffalo Public Schools Foundation |
| 155 | San Jose Unified School District CA | 38,048 | Silicon Valley Education Foundation |
| 156 | Mount Diablo Unified School District CA | 38,013 | (NO FOUNDATION) |

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| 157 | Clear Creek ISD TX | 37,999 | Clear Creek Education Foundation |
| 158 | Deer Valley Unified District AZ | 37,771 | Deer Valley Education Foundation |
| 159 | Cincinnati City School District OH | 37,749 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 160 | Dysart Unified District AZ | 37,449 | Dysart Education Foundation |
| 161 | Chesapeake City Public Schools VA | 37,177 | Chesapeake Public Schools Education Foundation |
| 162 | Lincoln Public Schools NE | 37,129 | Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools |
| 163 | Mesquite ISD TX | 37,067 | Mesquite ISD Education Foundation |
| 164 | Chatham County School District GA | 37,010 | Education for A.L.L. Foundation |
| 165 | Edinburg CISD TX | 36,569 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 166 | St. Tammany Parish School District LA | 36,404 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 167 | Richardson ISD TX | 36,342 | RISD Excellence in Education Foundation |
| 168 | Keller ISD TX | 36,248 | Keller ISD Education Foundation |
| 169 | Spring ISD TX | 36,184 | Spring ISD Education Foundation |
| 170 | Moreno Valley Unified School District CA | 35,989 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 171 | Leander ISD TX | 35,909 | Leander ISD Educational Excellence Foundation |
| 172 | Peoria Unified School District AZ | 35,341 | Peoria Education Foundation |
| 173 | Harford County Public Schools MD | 35,315 | Greater Excellence in Education Foundation |
| 174 | Poway Unified School District CA | 35,271 | Poway Unified School District Foundation |
| 175 | Jefferson County School District AL | 35,220 | Jefferson County Schools Public Education Foundation |
| 176 | Nebo School District UT | 35,210 | Nebo Education Foundation |
| 177 | Clovis Unified School District CA | 34,646 | Foundation for Clovis Schools |
| 178 | School District U-46 IL | 34,613 | U-46 Educational Foundation |
| 179 | Leon County School District FL | 34,604 | The Foundation for Leon County Schools |
| 180 | Colorado Springs School District 11 CO | 34,489 | The Foundation for School District 11 |
| 181 | Clay County School District FL | 34,381 | Clay County Education Foundation |
| 182 | West Contra Costa Unified School District CA | 34,349 | West Contra Costa Public Education Fund |
| 183 | Williamson County School DistrictTN | 34,123 | Williamson County Education Foundation |
| 184 | Weber School District UT | 34,054 | Weber School District Foundation |
| 185 | Spring Branch ISD TX | 34,027 | Spring Branch Education Foundation |
| 186 | St. Johns County School District FL | 33,854 | Investing in Kids (INK!) |
| 187 | Irving ISD TX | 33,823 | Irving Schools Foundation |
| 188 | Johnston County Schools NC | 33,754 | Johnston County Education Foundation |
| 189 | Fremont Unified School District CA | 33,519 | Fremont Education Foundation |
| 190 | Desert Sands Unified School District CA | 33,461 | Desert Sands Unified School District Ed. Foundation |
| 191 | St. Louis City School District MO | 33,061 | St. Louis Public Schools Foundation |
| 192 | Twin Rivers Unified School District CA | 32,868 | Project Dream |
| 193 | Fort Wayne Community Schools IN | 32,700 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 194 | Irvine Unified School District CA | 32,163 | Irvine Public Schools Foundation |
| 196 | Rutherford County School DistrictTN | 31,979 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 197 | Rochester City School District NY | 31,812 | Rochester Education Foundation |
| 198 | Calcasieu Parish School District LA | 31,773 | (NO FOUNDATION) |
| 199 | Ector County ISD TX | 31,764 | Ector County ISD Education Foundation |
| 200 | Lubbock ISD TX | 31,615 | Lubbock ISD Foundation for Excellence |

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| Indian River County FL | 15,901 | Education Foundation of Indian River County |
| Martin County FL | 20,316 | Education Foundation of Martin County |
| Ogden School District UT | 14,401 | Ogden School Foundation |
| Morris School District NJ | 5,123 | Morris Educational Foundation |
| Springfield School District 19 OR | 11,498 | Springfield Education Foundation |
| Springfield R-XII School District MO | 26,304 | Foundation for Springfield Public Schools |
| Richmond City Public Schools VA | 21,606 | Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation |
| Boise City ISD 1 ID | 24,654 | Boise Public Schools Foundation |
| Washington Township Metropolitan School District IN | 10,357 | The Advancement Center for Washington Township Schools |
| Lawrence Township Metropolitan School District IN | 15,304 | Lawrence Township School Foundation |
| Hamilton Southeastern School District IN | 21,960 | Hamilton Southeastern Schools Foundation |
| Monroe County Community School Corporation IN | 12,502 | Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools |
| Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation IN | 23,193 | Public Education Foundation of Evansville |
| South Bend IN | 22,419 | South Bend Education Foundation |
| Shawnee Mission Public Schools KS | 21,439 | Shawnee Mission Education Foundation |
| Lafayette Parish LA | 30,794 | Lafayette Education Foundation |
| Barbers Hill ISD TX | 4,220 | Barbers Hill Education Foundation |
| Geneva Community Unit School District 304 IL | 6,000 | Geneva Academic Foundation |
| Dare County NC | 5,417 | Dare Education Foundation |

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