

FAST FACTS



EDUCATION SPENDING TRENDS AT A GLANCE



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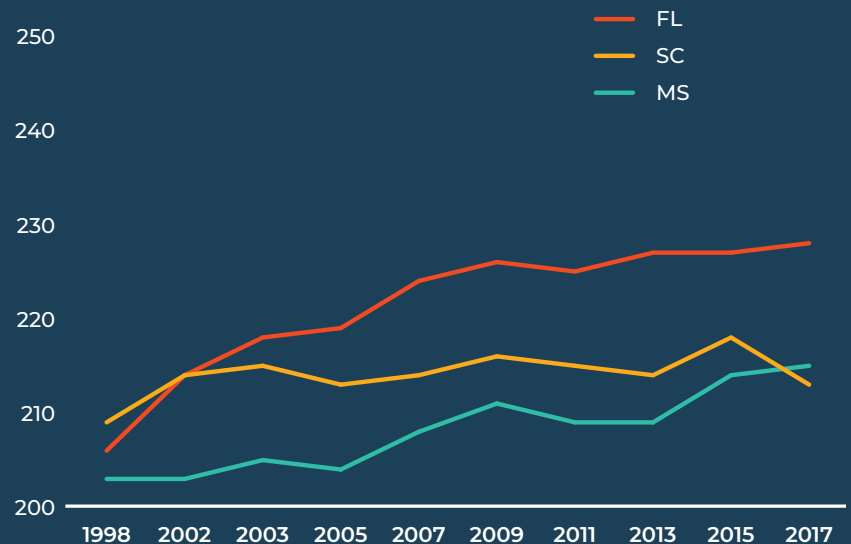
PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES ARE HIGH...WHILE PERFORMANCE IS POOR.

2017 Public School Spending Per Student By State
(Deep South States, FY 2017)

1	Virginia	\$11,886
2	Louisiana	\$11,199
3	South Carolina	\$10,590
4	Georgia	\$10,205
5	Arkansas	\$9,967
6	Alabama	\$9,511
7	Texas	\$9,375
8	Tennessee	\$9,184
9	Florida	\$9,075
10	North Carolina	\$9,072
11	Mississippi	\$8,771

Source: Governing; 2017 Annual Survey of School System Finances, U.S. Census Bureau

NAEP 4th Grade Reading Scores for SC, FL, MS
1998-2017



Source: US Department of Education, National Center for Educational Statistics

ANNUAL TOTAL FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL EDUCATION SPENDING

Source: SC Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Office, FY 2018-2019 (est.)

\$9,877,186,803 OR
\$13,656 PER STUDENT

GROWTH OF EDUCATION AS A PERCENT OF STATE BUDGET

Source: Natl Assn of State Budget Officers, FY 2000 and FY 2018.

17%
2000 → **20%**
2018

SPEND SMART, NOT MORE

TEACHER PAY AND ADMIN DATA →

TEACHER COMPENSATION IS FLAT...

ALL TEACHERS

Southeastern Avg \$50,119

South Carolina Avg \$50,050

Pay gap per year **\$69**

Source: Natl Assn of State Budget Officers, FY 2000 and FY 2018.

NEW SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHERS MAKE \$3,591 LESS THAN THE SOUTHEASTERN AVERAGE.

Source: NEA Teacher Salary Database, 2016-2017

...WHILE ADMINISTRATIVE SPENDING IS

HIGH

School Administrative Expenditure Rank Per Student (Southern States, FY 2017)

1	Virginia	\$697.00
2	Louisiana	\$678.00
3	South Carolina	\$661.00
4	Georgia	\$644.00
5	Alabama	\$594.00
6	Tennessee	\$556.00
7	Texas	\$534.00
8	Mississippi	\$531.00
9	North Carolina	\$526.00
10	Arkansas	\$521.00
11	Florida	\$504.00

Source: Governing, 2017 Annual Survey of School System Finances, U.S. Census Bureau

AND GROWING

School District Expenditure Growth 1993-2014 Compared

Inflation + Population Growth	97.85%
State GDP Growth	153.31%
School District Expenditure Growth	186.23%

Source: Acuitas Economics; RFA Local Government Finance Report

13 DISTRICTS HAVE FEWER THAN 1,500 STUDENTS

Source: PPI calculations from SCDE data

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER SAVINGS FROM CONSOLIDATING SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SAVINGS → \$338 MILLION OVER 5 YEARS

Source: State of the State, 2018.