

Network for Public Education (NPE), in a [July 2026 Report](#), measures each stat's commitment to democratically governed schools (Public common schools): Not unexpectedly, Ohio earns an "F" rating.

For nearly a decade, NPE has held statehouses accountable for how they treat public schools and the children who depend on them.

The categories on which states are rated are:

1. Privatization
2. Protection for homeschooling students
3. School funding
4. Conditions for teaching and learning

Ohio is among 17 states that earned a rating of "F". Two states, Nebraska and Vermont, earned an "A".

Ohio's majority legislature leaders are responsible for this shameful grade in Ohio. Their neglect of the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools is the problem. Three decades ago, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that Ohio's elementary and secondary schools are neither thorough nor efficient, primarily due to a system in which the funding formula is overly dependent on property tax and a grossly flawed formula.

The Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding Pla could have fixed the system; however, the majority legislature leadership scrapped the plan o fund EdChoice vouchers for wealthy folks.