



# K-12 EDUCATION 2012 BY THE NUMBERS

**132** school districts  
in Alabama

**7,441** school  
buses on  
routes

**\$7,641,065,942**

Total expenditures on  
public education in the  
2010–2011 school year



**744,696**

Average daily  
attendance of  
all public schools  
in Alabama



**\$10,260**

spent per child on  
education in Alabama

Average cost to educate a  
child in a public school from  
1<sup>st</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

**\$83,000**

**56%** of the  
Education Trust Fund  
is funded through the  
State Income Tax

**47,573**

public school  
teachers in  
Alabama

**15.7** pupil/teacher ratio  
in elementary and  
secondary schools

Average teacher salary in Alabama

**\$48,003**

**3,015**

*administrative  
personnel* in  
Alabama's public schools

**217,615**

*high school  
students* enrolled in  
Alabama's public schools

**71%**

total high school graduation  
rate for Alabama

**58%** of Alabama  
public school  
children qualify  
for **free or reduced lunches**

**77%** of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students score  
**"Proficient" or better** in  
Reading and Math on the  
Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test (ARMT)

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
PLACE

in the nation for gains in 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
reading scores for the 2011 National  
Assessment of Educational Progress  
(NAEP) report

**25%**

of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students  
score **"Proficient" or  
better** in Reading on  
the 2011 NAEP report