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Forward's look at U.S. education

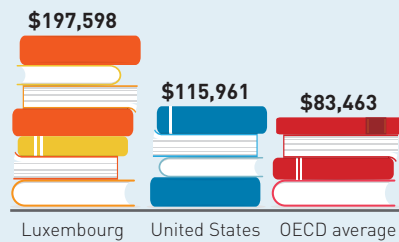
The United States spends less as a share of GDP, less on teacher salaries and only slightly more per student on education than other developed countries. The results are consistently disappointing.

INPUT

PUBLIC SPENDING ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP

8.8%
Norway
5.8%
OECD average*
5.5%
United States

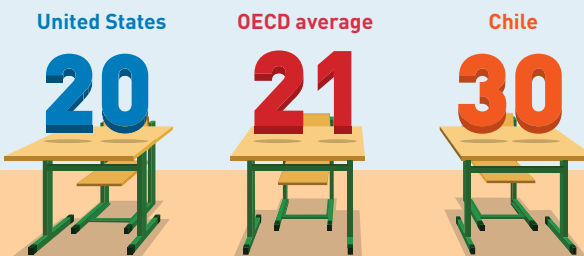
SPENDING PER STUDENT, AGES 6-15



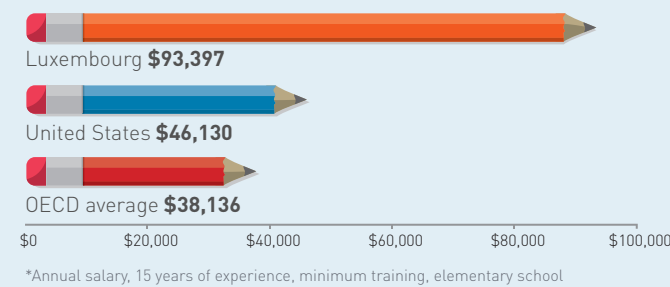
TEACHING DAYS PER YEAR*



CLASS SIZE*

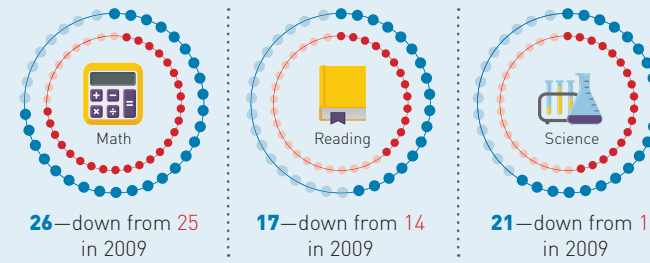


TEACHERS' SALARY*



OUTPUT

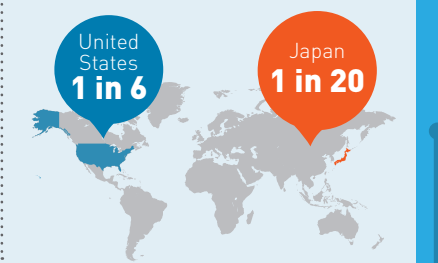
U.S. RANKINGS* IN...



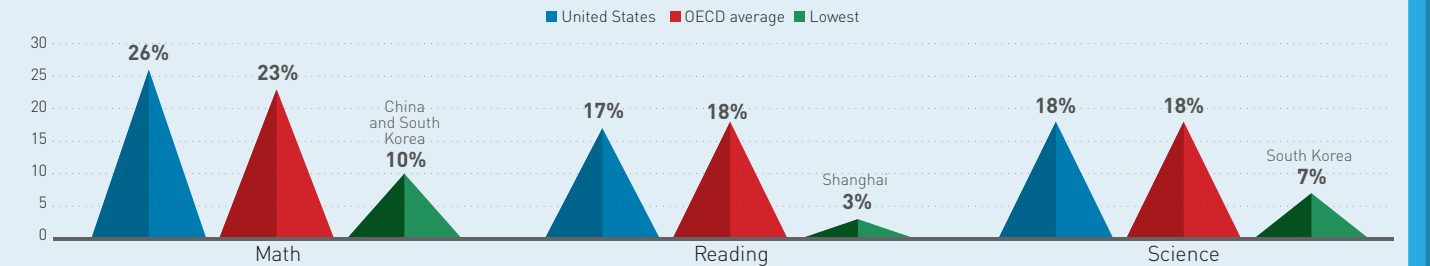
U.S. GLOBAL RANKING IN COGNITIVE SKILLS, LITERACY AND GRADUATION RATES*



ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY SCORES



PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO FAILED TO REACH STANDARD BASELINES IN...



KEY: ■ Highest ■ OECD average ■ United States

Sources: Program for International Student Assessment, OECD, 2013; Survey of Adult Skills, OECD, 2013; The Learning Curve, Economist Intelligence Unit, 2012

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