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The Comparative Guide to American Elementary & Secondary Schools

“Overall, the volume is indeed easy to use...This would be useful for both public and academic libraries.”

-ARBA

“Listed by alphabetized county name, district profiles provide contact information, graduation and drop-out rates, teacher-to-student ratios, librarian and counselor numbers, and per-student expenditures. An important addition to education policy collections.”

-*Library Journal*

“This is a valuable resource for those contemplating a move or for those engaged in educational research. This work is recommended for purchase by school districts, universities with colleges of education, and public libraries.”

- ARBA

“Anyone interested in public education will welcome this recent reference from Grey House Publishing...the main value of the entries are the demographics like the number of teachers, male and female student, English language learners, those eligible for school lunches...number of diploma recipients, and high school drop out rate...Well focused and easy to use statistical sources on important issues like this are always of value. The Comparative Guide to American Elementary & Secondary School[s]...should find a home in academic, as well as larger public libraries.”

- *Against the Grain*

“This is a comparative guide, not a ratings guide...As a comparative guide, it provides data and ratios on each school district and allows users to compare that data among districts to draw their own conclusions. Organized by state and then by country and then by district name, each succinct tabular profile reports the district’s grade span, number of schools, enrollment, number of teachers, student/teacher ratio, expenditures per student, number of librarians and guidance counselors, number of students per each of these specialists, percentage of enrollment in various racial/ethnic groups and the district’s percentile ranking on a national socio-economic indicator scale. Thus one can compare the Grand Island school district in Nebraska to, say, the Chappaqua Central district in Westchester County, New York...Since school district lines and political boundaries often overlap, an index to cities facilitates finding the profile of the district (or districts) serving a

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particular city. This will be a useful, factual complement to sources such as Places Rated Almanac and the New Rating Guide to Life in America's Small Cities."

- *Rettig on Reference*

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