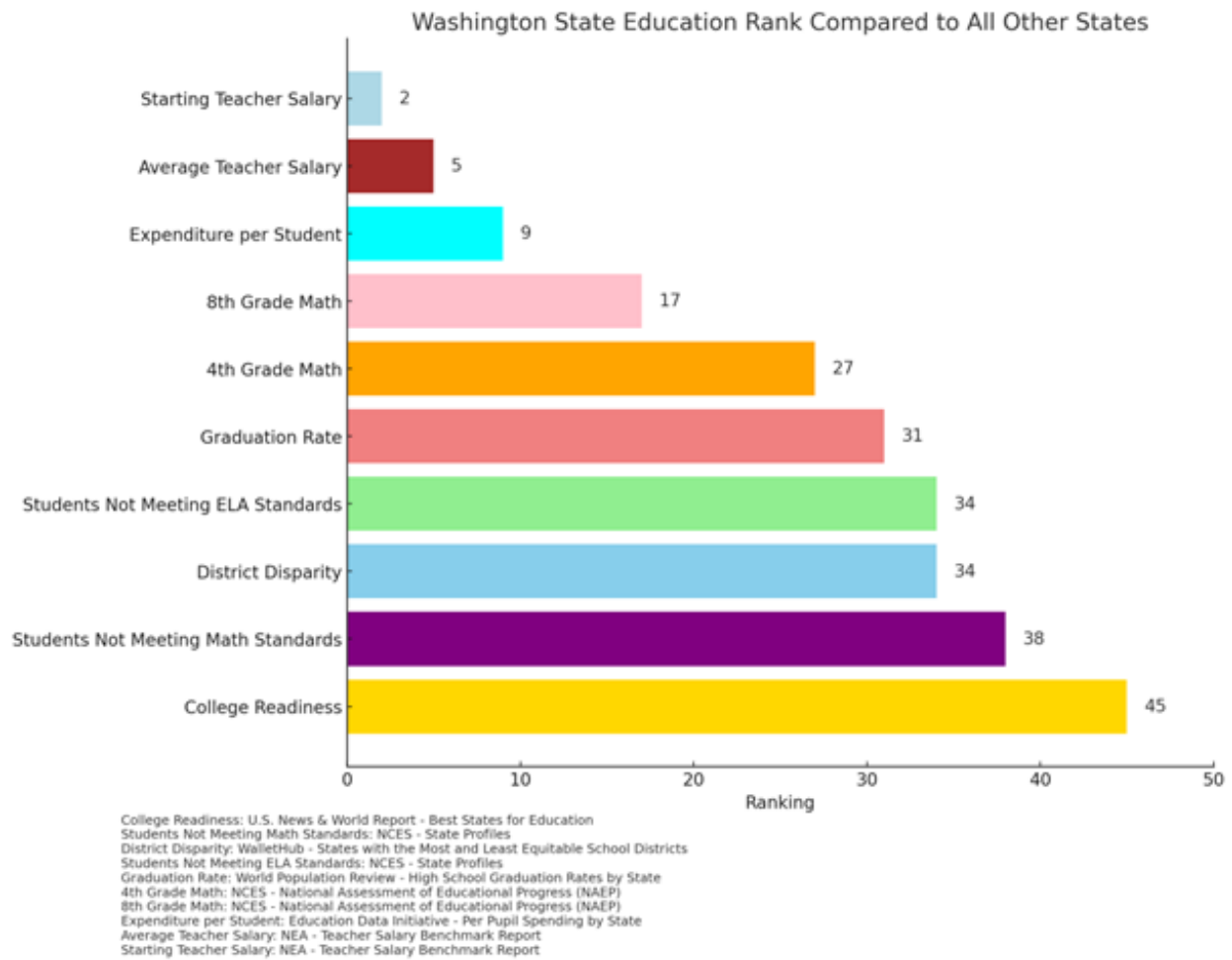


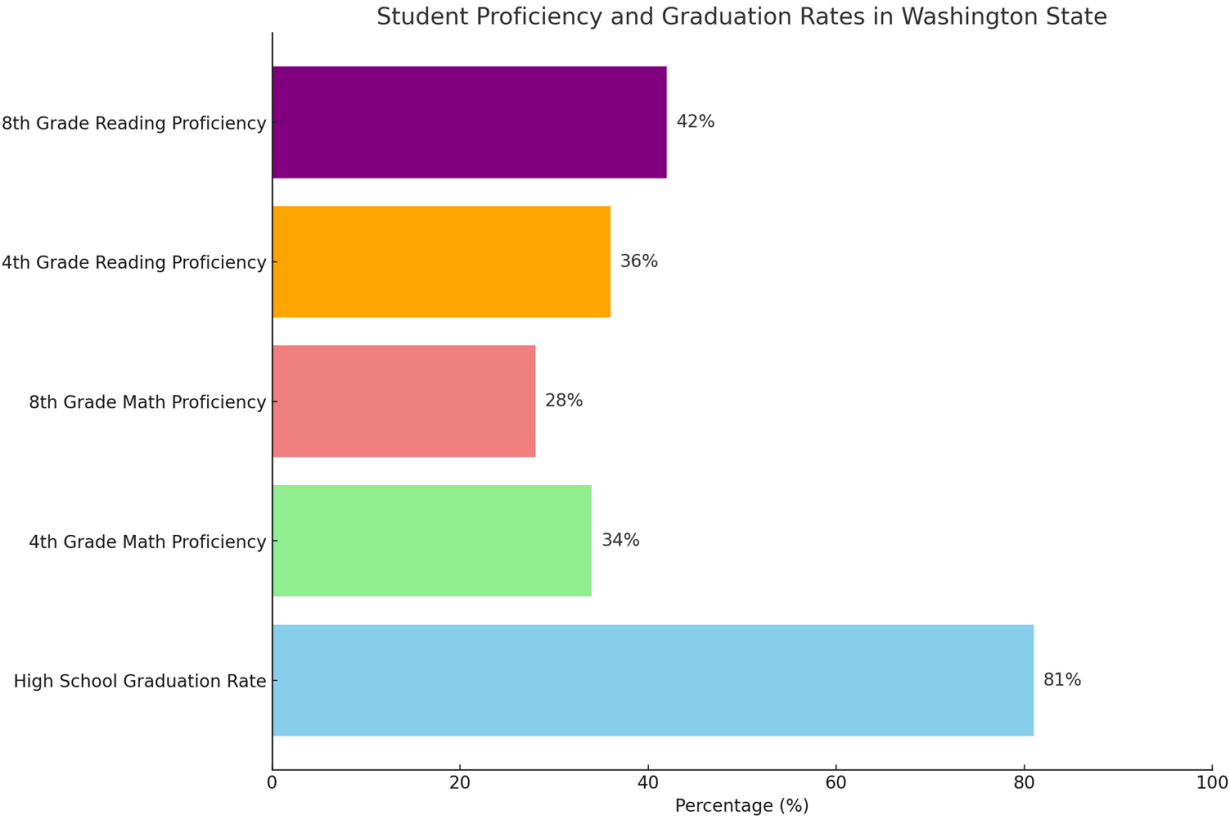
# Are Washington Students Getting What Taxpayers Pay For?

According to a 2022 WalletHub study, Washington ranked 31st in overall school system quality despite ranking 15th in government spending on education. The state is described as a "high-spending state with weak schools."

The state spends an average of \$18,354 per student, which is higher than the national average. Washington ranks second in the country for starting teacher salaries and fifth for average teacher salaries. In contrast, we rank in the bottom half in all but one measure of education.



This is what we are paying for! We need to do better! Washington has top-rated colleges, and with robust financial aid, we rank near the bottom (45th) for students attending college within one year of graduating high school. Are we spending too little time on Math, Science and English?



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