

Spending per pupil varies widely across the county, given challenges such as low-income students and English language learners. Some districts do better than others at achieving high test scores with lower spending. Below are four groupings of districts, based on income level. Within those groups, the districts are listed based on a cost-effectiveness index (not shown) that compares the district's statewide percentile on standardized test scores with its percentile on per-pupil spending.						
District	Attendance	Percent low income	Percent English learners	Per-pupil Spending	Spending percentile	Test score percentile
WEALTHIEST DISTRICTS						
Poway Unified	32,556	13%	10%	\$7,216	13%	91%
San Pasqual Union Elementary	544	20%	12%	\$7,812	34%	88%
Carlsbad Unified	10,405	23%	9%	\$7,927	39%	83%
San Dieguito Union High	12,085	6%	5%	\$8,108	46%	89%
Alpine Union Elementary	1,977	22%	3%	\$8,168	48%	83%
Coronado Unified	2,983	1%	1%	\$8,497	59%	91%
Encinitas Union Elementary	5,275	14%	11%	\$8,979	68%	94%
Del Mar Union Elementary	4,073	2%	9%	\$9,552	76%	99%
Cardiff Elementary	713	19%	12%	\$9,631	76%	97%
Solana Beach Elementary	2,748	8%	9%	\$11,112	85%	98%
Rancho Santa Fe Elementary	664	0%	4%	\$14,287	93%	99%
HIGH MIDDLE INCOME						
Santee Elementary	6,209	31%	7%	\$7,281	14%	84%
Bonsall Union Elementary	1,765	33%	20%	\$7,317	15%	81%
San Marcos Unified	17,291	43%	23%	\$7,493	22%	81%
Chula Vista Elementary	22,357	44%	35%	\$8,249	52%	80%
Jamul-Dulzura Union Elementary	852	34%	20%	\$7,861	36%	60%
Ramona Unified	6,074	39%	14%	\$8,099	46%	63%
Lakeside Union Elementary	3,987	43%	7%	\$8,478	59%	64%
Spencer Valley Elementary	29	32%	0%	\$16,455	95%	97%
Valley Center-Pauma Unified	4,083	44%	23%	\$8,850	66%	60%
Grossmont Union High	18,709	37%	16%	\$9,325	72%	24%
Fallbrook Union High	2,694	45%	18%	\$10,068	79%	29%
Dehesa Elementary	165	33%	11%	\$13,394	91%	39%
Julian Union High	166	27%	6%	\$16,301	95%	27%
LOWER MIDDLE INCOME						
La Mesa-Spring Valley	12,068	53%	20%	\$8,069	44%	60%
Fallbrook Union Elementary	5,446	50%	29%	\$8,084	45%	59%
Cajon Valley Union Elementary	15,115	55%	29%	\$7,888	37%	51%
Vista Unified	21,559	59%	29%	\$8,522	60%	51%
Oceanside Unified	19,006	49%	23%	\$8,492	59%	44%
Julian Union Elementary	353	51%	12%	\$15,219	94%	71%
Sweetwater Union High	39,164	52%	26%	\$8,612	61%	36%
San Diego Unified	110,420	63%	27%	\$9,855	78%	51%
Escondido Union High	7,642	56%	22%	\$8,517	60%	18%
Mountain Empire Unified	1,543	58%	27%	\$9,823	78%	9%
LOWEST INCOME DISTRICTS						
National Elementary	5,566	100%	67%	\$8,128	47%	54%
Lemon Grove Elementary	3,710	70%	27%	\$8,019	41%	38%
Vallecitos Elementary	206	75%	53%	\$8,744	64%	57%
San Ysidro Elementary	4,702	80%	58%	\$8,475	58%	49%
Escondido Union Elementary	17,267	69%	48%	\$7,938	39%	23%
South Bay Union Elementary	7,299	73%	43%	\$9,054	69%	49%
Warner Unified	185	75%	14%	\$15,338	94%	14%
Borrego Springs Unified	452	80%	41%	\$13,196	91%	10%