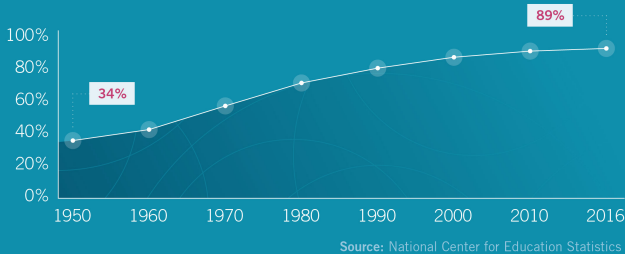


Giving Schools an Honest Grade

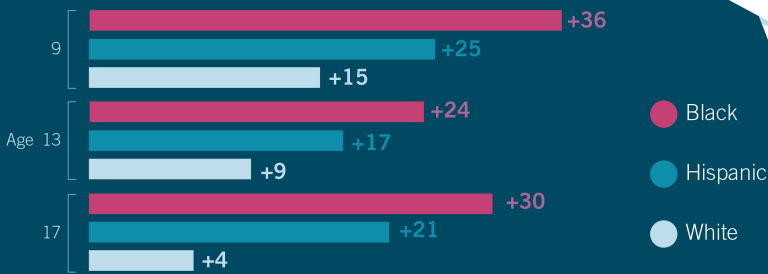
Public schools have done a remarkable job raising education levels of the entire U.S. population.

Percentage of U.S. adults aged 25+ who hold a high school diploma



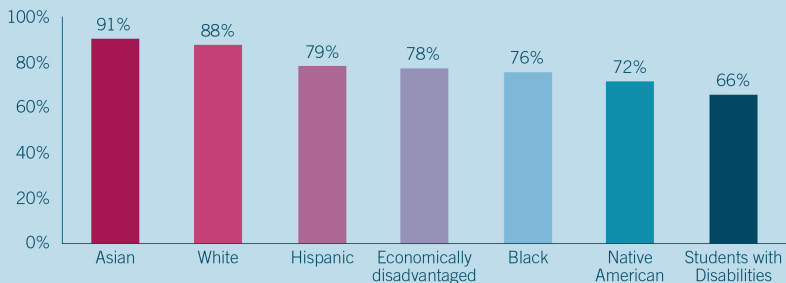
For every major racial and ethnic group in the U.S., student achievement is higher today than it was in the 1970s.

Reading: Changes in NAEP scores by age, 1971-2012*



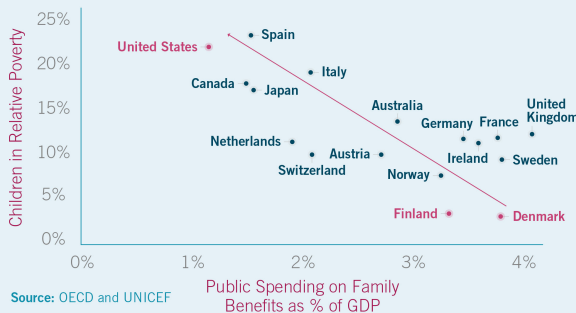
A lot of work lies ahead to equalize outcomes.

Estimated On-Time Graduation Rates, 2012-13



Getting to the next level will require policymakers to address out-of-school factors influencing achievement, including high levels of student poverty and meager support for families.

Child Poverty & Public Spending on Families, by Nation 2016



1,355,821

U.S. public school students were homeless in 2017, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act

Despite challenges, public schools have achieved great things. It's time to give them an honest grade.