

# Remedial Education



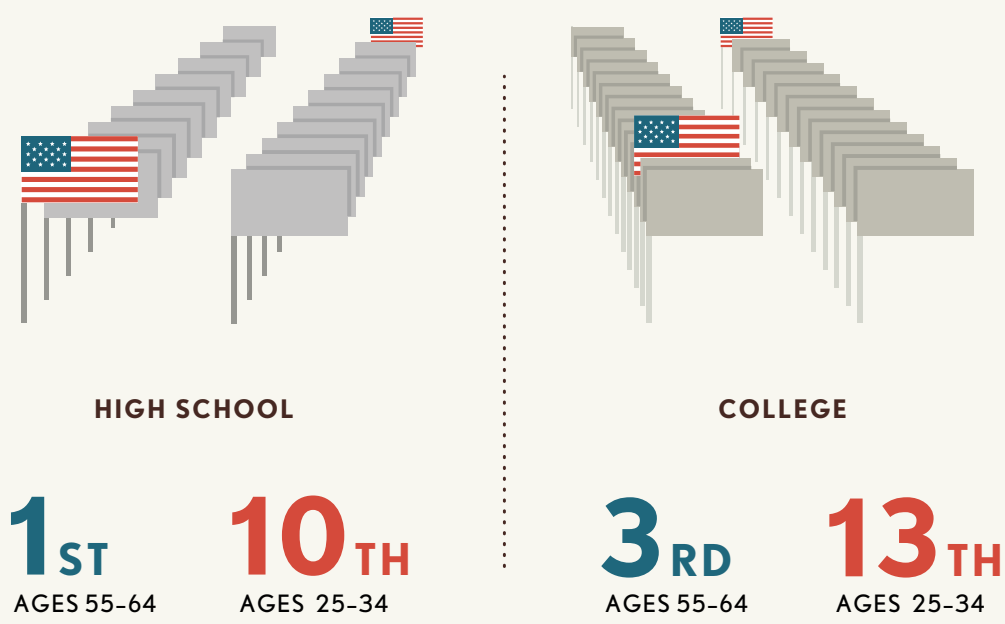
Renewing America Scorecard:  
Can the U.S. Education System Regain Its World Lead?

## Weak Report Card

The U.S. education system used to lead the world.  
Now it is getting poor marks.

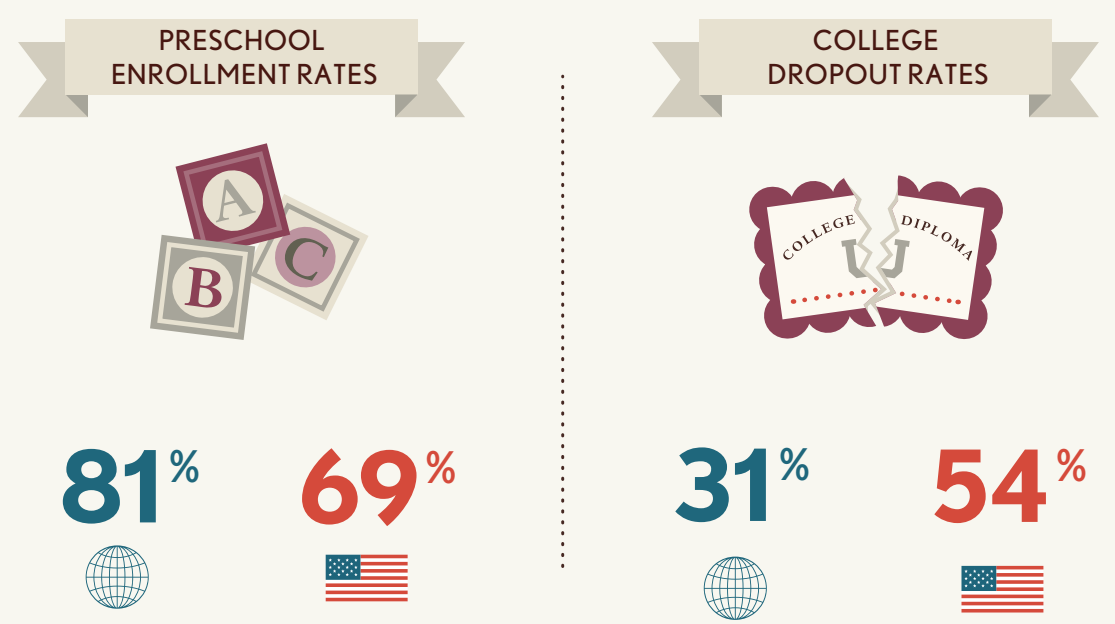
### SLIPPING IN THE RANKS

U.S. ranking, worldwide, educational attainment:



### FAILING EARLY, FAILING LATE

United States versus the developed world:

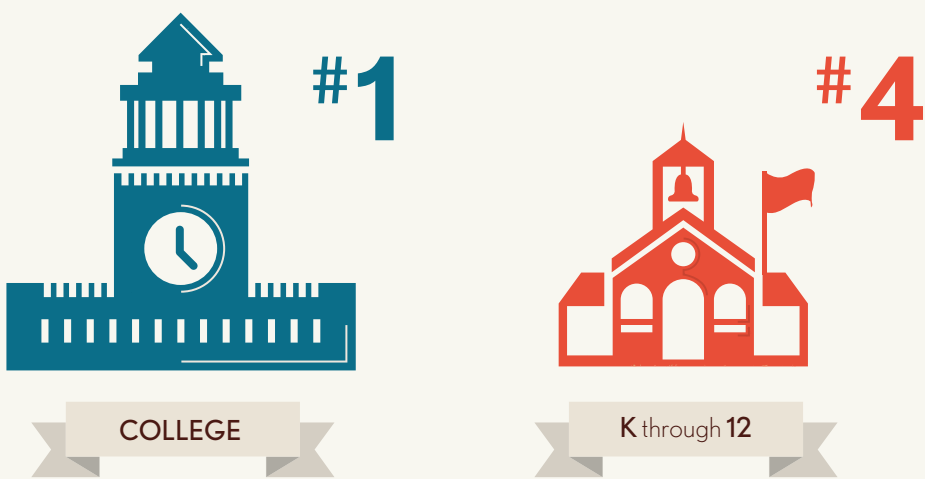


## Difficult Arithmetic

U.S. education spending is adequate,  
but the resources are not distributed equitably.

### ECONOMICS: SATISFACTORY

U.S. ranking, worldwide, per-student education spending:



### LONG DIVISION: NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

The real per-student spending gap between the least and most selective colleges keeps increasing.

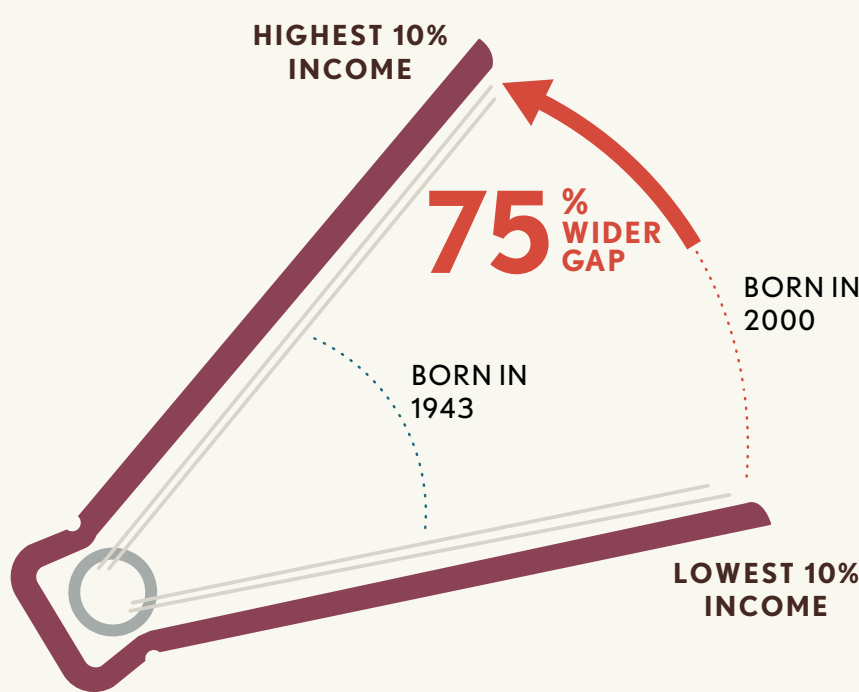


## Grading on a Curve

Socioeconomic status has a bigger effect on achievement  
in the United States than in most of the developed world.

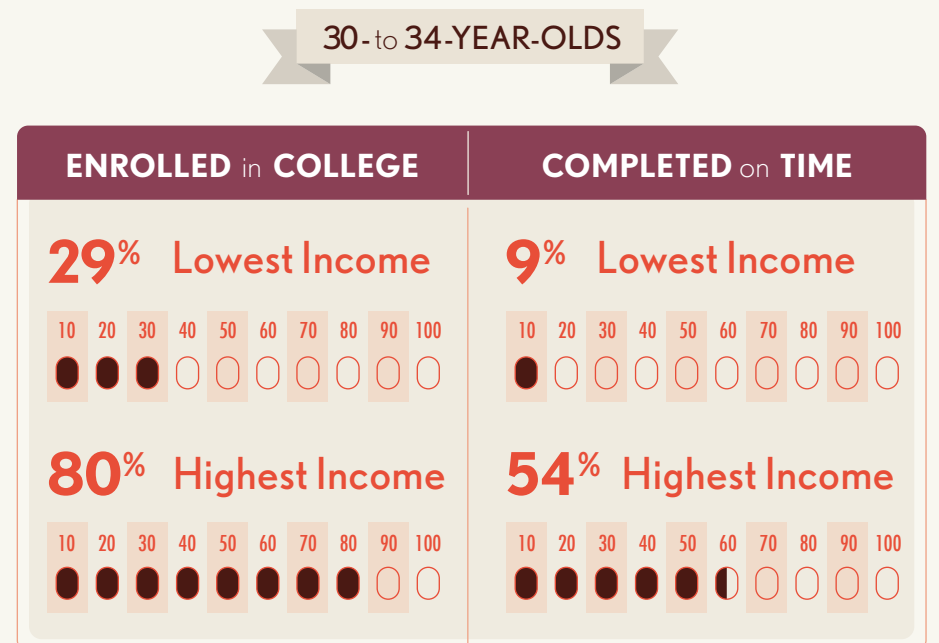
### ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

The test score achievement gap between  
low- and high-income students keeps increasing.



### ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

There is a strong correlation between parental income  
and student achievement in the United States.



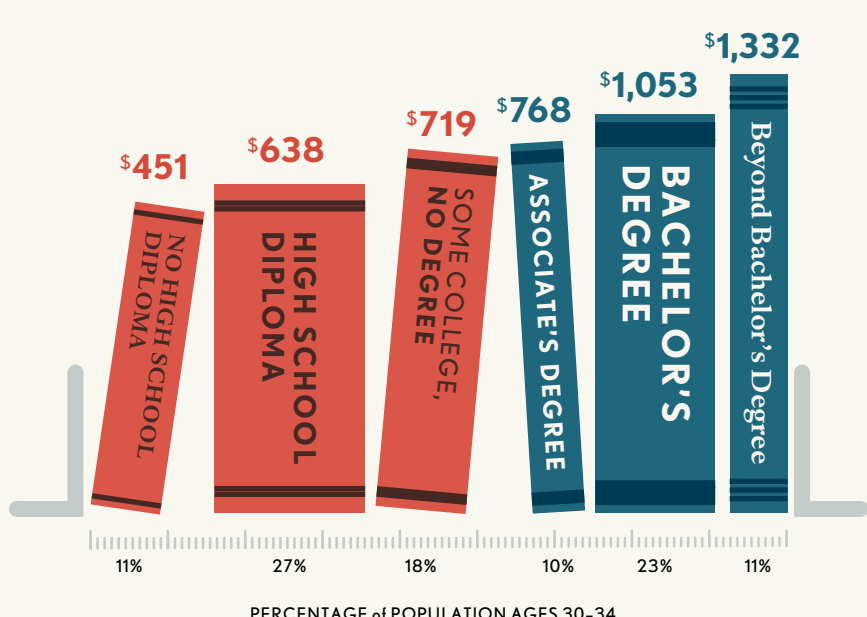
## Final Grade

A college education seems both necessary and unattainable  
to more and more Americans.

### HELD BACK

The lack of a college degree financially hinders  
more than half of all 30- to 34-year-olds.

MEDIAN WEEKLY EARNINGS BY DEGREE, 2011



### PASS / FAIL

More Americans see the value of a college education,  
but fewer think students can afford one.

CHANGES IN PUBLIC OPINION, 2000-2009

