The average expenditure per pupil nationally is $7,079, compared to statewide average expenditures of $6,991 in Missouri and $7,926 in Illinois. However, these averages do not reflect the differences in spending between districts. "Education Week" gave both Missouri and Illinois failing grades for their levels of equity in public school spending, reporting that the gaps between the richest and poorest districts in these states are among the worst in the country. These spending gaps deny equal educational opportunities to children residing in lower-income school districts. Schools with inadequate funding are less able to provide students with up to date libraries, curricula, computers, and other resources.