

2018 NICHE* School System Rankings

- MCS Ranking: **#3 of 135** in Alabama School Systems
- MCS Earned Grade: **“A+”**
 - Only 7 Schools Systems in the State Received a Grade of “A+”:

A+ (1) Mountain Brook City Schools	A+ (5) Hoover City Schools
A+ (2) Vestavia Hills City Schools	A+ (6) Auburn City Schools
A+ (3) MADISON CITY SCHOOLS	A+ (7) Muscle Shoals City Schools
A+ (4) Homewood City Schools	B+ (22) Huntsville City Schools

- Athens City Schools Achieved an “A-” grade.
- Huntsville City, Madison County & Decatur City Schools Earned a “B+” Grade
- Limestone County Schools Received a “C+” Report
- Nationwide: **MCS** Ranked 141 of 10,576 Nationwide – **Top 1.5%**

* <https://www.niche.com/k12/search/best-school-districts/s/alabama/>

Per Pupil Expenditures

Alabama NICHE Ranking	School System	Per Pupil Expenditure
1	Mountain Brook City Schools	\$12,811
2	Vestavia Hills City Schools	\$10,727
3	Madison City Schools	\$9,305
4	Homewood City Schools	\$11,075
5	Hoover City Schools	\$10,812
6	Auburn City Schools	\$9,106
7	Muscle Shoals City Schools	\$9,496
14 (A-)	Athens City Schools	\$9,671
22 (B+)	Huntsville City Schools	\$10,874

A+ SCHOOLS

- For A+ Rated Schools: Auburn & Madison City Schools Spend the Least \$\$ per Pupil
- Madison City Schools Spends Less \$\$ per Pupil than Area Schools with Lower NICHE Rankings

Ad Valorem Taxes in Alabama

Alabama NICHE Ranking	School System	County Education Tax Millage	City Education Tax Millage	Total Property Tax Millage
1	Mountain Brook City – Jefferson Co	8.2	44.7	99.0
2	Vestavia Hills City – Shelby Co	16.0	25.6	79.3
	Vestavia Hills City – Jefferson Co	23.3		92.6
3	Madison City – Madison Co	16	11.0	57.5
	Madison City – Limestone Co	16*		60.0
4	Homewood City – Jefferson Co	8.2	29.3	75.0
5	Hoover City – Shelby Co	22.0	24.0	66.5
	Hoover City – Jefferson Co	22.1		72.6
22	Huntsville City – Madison Co	16	11.5	58.0
	Huntsville City – Limestone Co	16*		60.5

* Not all of the 5.5mill Limestone County education tax is distributed pro rata (proportionately by student population)

Total City Revenue Ad Valorem & Sales Taxes

Alabama NICHE Ranking	School System	Total Prop Tax		Sales Tax % of Revenue
		Millage	% of Revenue	
1	Mountain Brook – Jefferson Co	99.0	50%	23%
2	Vestavia Hills – Shelby Co	79.3	58%	19%
	Vestavia Hills – Jefferson Co	92.6		
3	Madison City – Madison Co	57.5	29%	41%
	Madison City – Limestone Co	60.0		

- Top Two School Systems in Alabama are Much Less Dependent on Sales Tax Revenue to Fund Them and Their Associated Municipality.
- Madison City and Madison City Schools Greatly Depend on Sales Taxes vs Ad Valorem.