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**Grey House Publishing announces the Fourth Edition of  
*The Comparative Guide to American Elementary & Secondary  
Schools***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Fourth Edition of *The Comparative Guide to American Elementary & Secondary Schools*. This useful resource brings together pertinent evaluative and demographic and comparative statistics from a wide range of sources for over 5,800 public school districts in the United States—all districts with more than 1,500 students, representing nearly 80% of all public schools in the country. It is the most comprehensive guide to the American public school system, offering valuable, current, and detailed information to education professionals, businesses and interested individuals nationwide.

This newly updated 2006 edition is the result of extensive, yearlong research, providing in-depth, hard-to-find information, all in a single volume. Each listing provides not only basic contact information (phone, fax, address, web site, and e-mail) but also other important data, such as number of students, student/staff ratio, drop-out rates and current spending. Plus, the entries include test scores from the *2005 National Assessment of Educational Progress*. The amount of information contained here, and the user-friendly format of *The Comparative Guide to American Elementary & Secondary Schools*, saves hours of research time and effort for its users.

The extensive ranking and comparative tables provided for each state, and then, in a section new to the 2006 edition, the entire nation are unique and make this comparative research guide a stand-out in its field.

The entries are organized into state chapters; each divided into three sections. The first state section covers all schools within the particular state, regardless of the number of students served. Information in this section includes: schools, students, diploma recipients, high school

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drop-out rate, staff, student/staff ratios, current spending and college entrance exam scores, as well as test scores from the *2005 National Assessment of Educational Progress*.

The second state section covers the individual school districts and is arranged alphabetically by county. This section includes only schools with 1,500 or more students. Each district profile includes basic contact information, along with data on nine other categories: grade span, district type, number and type of schools, number of teachers, number of librarians/media specialists and guidance counselors, current spending, enrollment, drop-out rates and diploma recipients by race/ethnicity, male/female ratio and number of high school diploma recipients by race.

The third state section ranks the schools covered in Section Two by 16 pieces of data, including male/female ratios and high school diploma recipients by race, two data points that are new to this 2006 edition.

To ensure easy access to all listings in *The Comparative Guide to American Elementary & Secondary Schools*, two indices have been included: School District Index (alphabetical listing of all school districts in the edition, along with the city in which they are located and the page on which their profile appears); and the City Index (alphabetical listing of all cities represented by the school districts featured in the *Guide*, along with the page number of the profile in which each city appears).

*The Comparative Guide to American Elementary & Secondary Schools* is an invaluable resource tool for anyone within the education profession, as well as businesses and families seeking information about school districts and the areas in which they operate. This one-stop reference has proven to be the premier guide in its field, containing an unprecedented amount of up-to-date information. Used in combination with any of Grey House Publishing's state profiles (*Profiles of New York, Profiles of Florida, Profiles of Texas* and *Profiles of Illinois*), *America's Top-Rated Cities*, *America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities* or *The Comparative Guide to American Suburbs*, this *Guide* will be an indispensable source of information, aiding in the creation of a detailed picture of an individual area.

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