

# Teacher training report: California earns a D+

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California ranks below 31 other public-school systems and earns just a D-plus in ensuring teacher quality, according to a new report aimed at spurring states to improve teacher preparation.

The Washington, D.C. based National Council on Teacher Quality's 2017 State Teacher Policy Yearbook evaluated and graded states on teacher preparation, evaluation, compensation and other factors that contribute to successful teaching. Since its last survey in 2015, the nonprofit, non-partisan council found that California and most states stagnated in their progress.

In an emailed response Tuesday, California Board of Education President Michael Kirst called the organization that produced the report "an advocacy group with its own arbitrary criteria for state grades."

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