



# SCHOOL FUNDING “ADEQUACY” DECISIONS Since 1989

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Plaintiff Victory (21)	State Defendant Victory (7)	Pending (9)
Alaska Arizona Arkansas Georgia* Idaho* Kansas Kentucky Maryland Massachusetts (1993) <sup>†</sup> Missouri Montana New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina Ohio South Carolina* Texas (1989) <sup>†</sup> Vermont Wyoming	Alabama Florida Illinois Massachusetts (2005) <sup>†</sup> Pennsylvania Rhode Island Texas (2005) <sup>†</sup>	Alaska* Arizona* Colorado Connecticut Kentucky* Louisiana Missouri* Nebraska North Dakota

This chart reflects the highest state court’s decisions or un-appealed lower court decision.

\*Alaska and Arizona plaintiffs won capital funding cases; operational funding cases are pending. Kentucky and Missouri plaintiffs won new funding systems years ago; new suits allege that those systems have changed and become unconstitutional. Georgia’s high court denied state’s motion to dismiss and remanded for trial.

<sup>†</sup>Massachusetts and Texas have each had two high court adequacy cases.

Source: Molly A. Hunter, State-By-State Status of School Finance Litigations (Campaign for Educational Equity 2006). See [www.schoolfunding.info](http://www.schoolfunding.info) for the latest developments.