

Press Release: 13 Top National Education Nonprofits Identified by 103 Experts

Education is the transmission of civilization. -Will Durant

The US has a high reading literacy rate at 98% of the population over age 15, but ranks below average in science and mathematics understanding compared to other developed countries. In 2008, there was a 77% graduation rate from high school, which was below that of most developed countries.

Compared to many other areas, donors give to education at a relatively high rate. In 2009, about 13% of total giving was to education nonprofits. That's about \$40 billion out of the \$300 billion total. (From the Giving USA 2010 report.)

In 2008, we ran our research to identify high-impact education nonprofits working at the national level. Two years later, we have now re-run the research and are releasing these results. **We surveyed 103 national education experts** (with an average of 21 years of work experience in the field) to identify those organizations that were making the biggest impact. These experts (funders, researchers, nonprofit senior staff, government officials, etc.) **identified 13 top education nonprofits (out of 154 total reviewed nonprofits)** working on the national level.

We invited experts to recommend nonprofits working on literacy, school readiness, school reform, the achievement gap, human capital, instructional improvement, curricular content development, low-performing schools turnarounds, data, standards and assessments, after school programming, summer programming, parental involvement, and more. Types of nonprofits could include research, policy, advocacy, training, traditional nonprofits or community based organizations, the traditional after-school kind of nonprofits/CBOs, or even the public/charter schools themselves.

The following is the list of the top-recommended high-impact nonprofits working on education at the national level. "Agree" is the number of experts who agree that the nonprofit has had the most impact in this field. "Disagree" is the number of experts who disagree that the nonprofit has had the most impact in this field.

13 Top High-Impact Nonprofits	# of Experts who Agree	# of Experts who Disagree	Year Founded	Location
Teach for America	54	5	1990	New York, NY
<i>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*</i>	49	4	1994	Seattle, WA
KIPP Schools	48	5	1994	San Francisco, CA
The New Teacher Project	45	2	1997	New York, NY
Harlem Children's Zone	45	5	1970	New York, NY
Education Trust	39	3	1990	Washington, DC
NewSchools Venture Fund	32	4	1998	San Francisco, CA
New Leaders for New Schools	34	7	2000	New York, NY
Achieve	26	4	1996	Washington, DC
<i>Broad Foundation*</i>	29	12	1999	Los Angeles, CA
New Teacher Center	17	5	1998	Santa Cruz, CA
Uncommon Schools	18	8	1997	New York, NY
Achievement First	17	7	2003	Brooklyn, NY

**Philanthropedia enables donors to donate to all top-recommended nonprofits, however the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Broad Foundation, both top-recommended nonprofits, do not accept donations from individuals.*

We invite you to visit the profiles of each of these top organizations on our website to read the expert reviews here: <http://www.myphilanthropedia.org/top-nonprofits/national/education>. Experts commented on the impact each nonprofit has had, what the nonprofit's other organizational strengths are, and how each organization could further improve.

We also invite your feedback. Please tell us what you think and what experiences you've had with these great organizations! We can be reached at feedback@myphilanthropedia.org.

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