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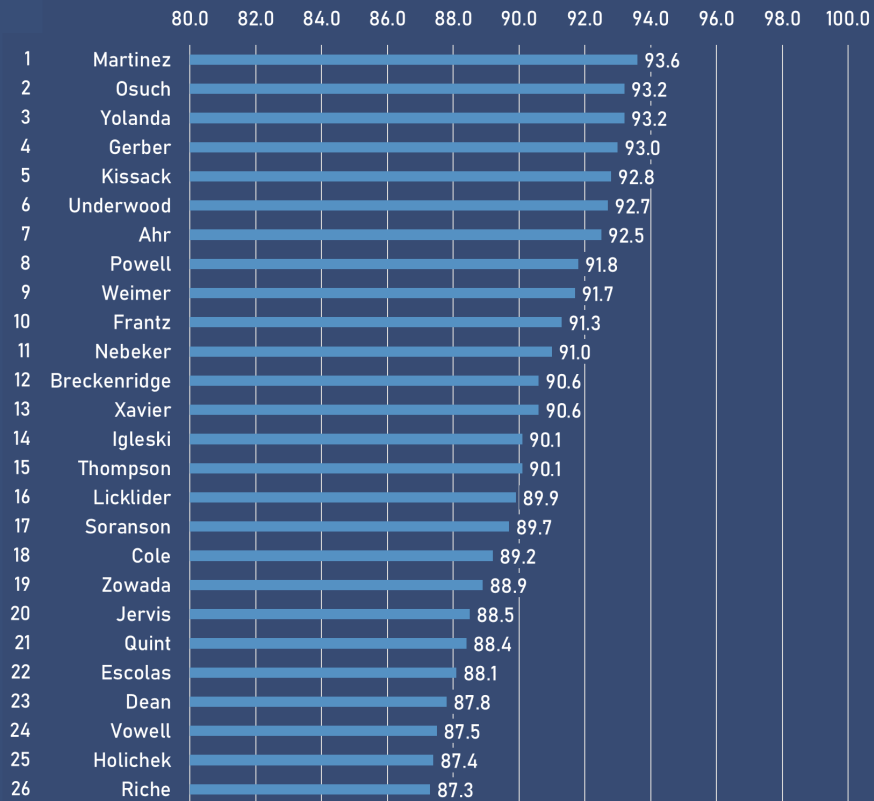
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Recommended Districts to Receive the Noble
Corporation Awards for Educational Excellence

We first considered each district's overall performance on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills as an indication of academic excellence. Below is a numerically ranked list of each district's scores, measured in percentages.

Similarly, we considered the amount of students that went on to attend college after high school graduation. Again, these percentages are presented below in a ranked list.

ITBS Percent By District



Percent Of Students To College By District

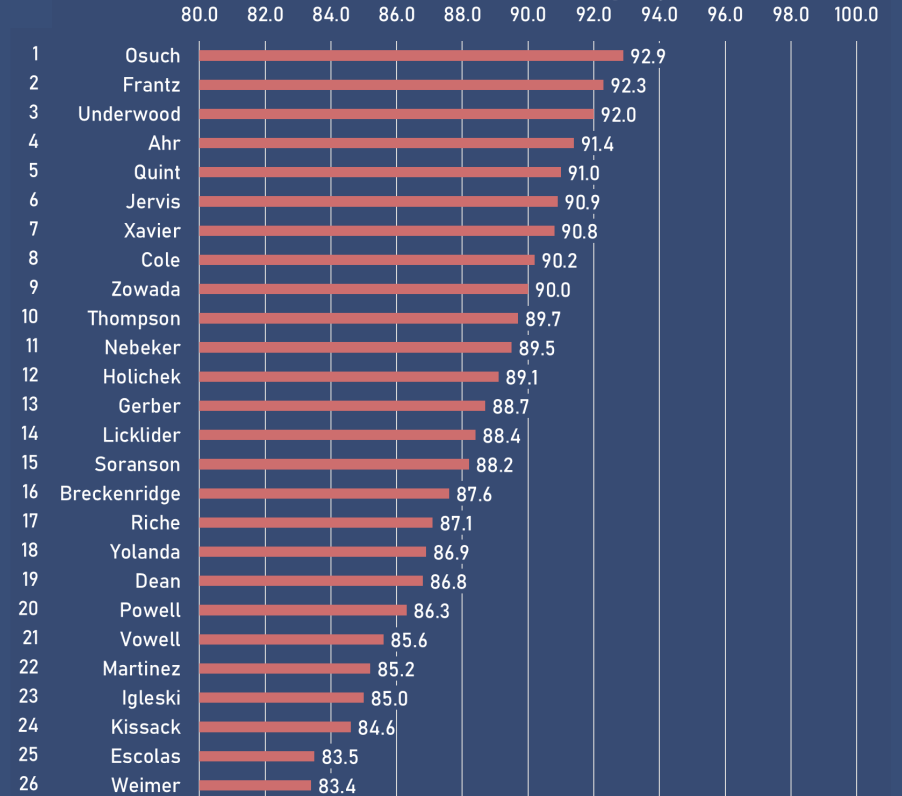
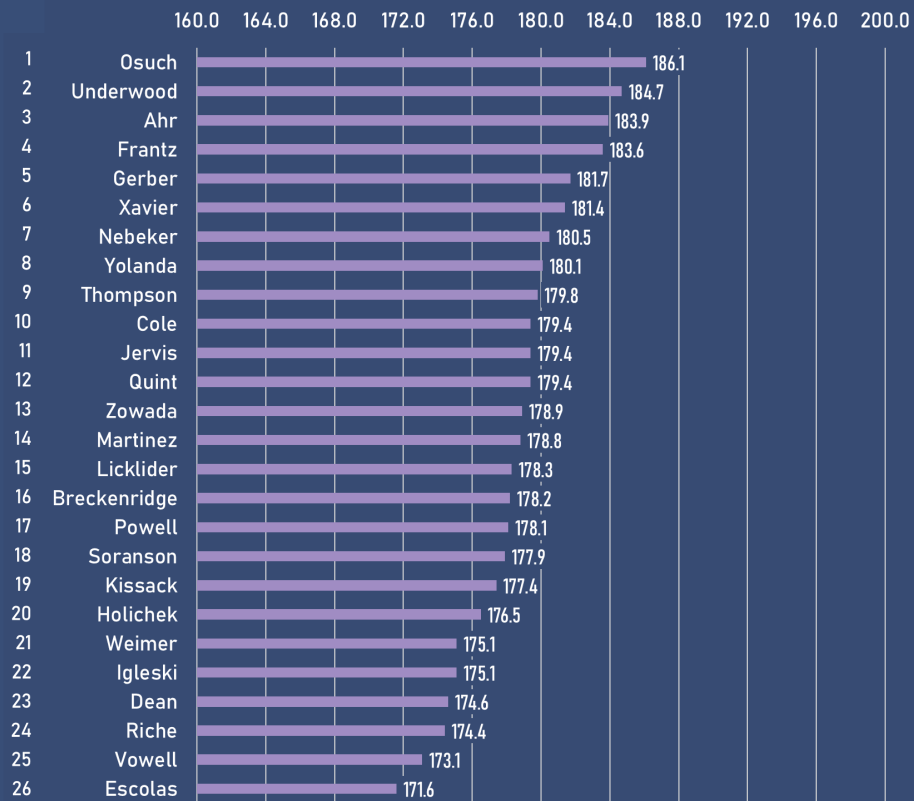


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Because the ITBS scores and amount of students who attend college after graduation are comparable measures of excellence, we combined them below in a ranked list for easy comparison to annual costs.

We also considered the annual cost per pupil; by comparing this to the combined score on the left, we will illustrate which districts are supporting academic success with high cost efficiency. Below is a ranked list by district.

Combined ITBS and Students To College By District



Annual Cost Per Pupil In Dollars By District

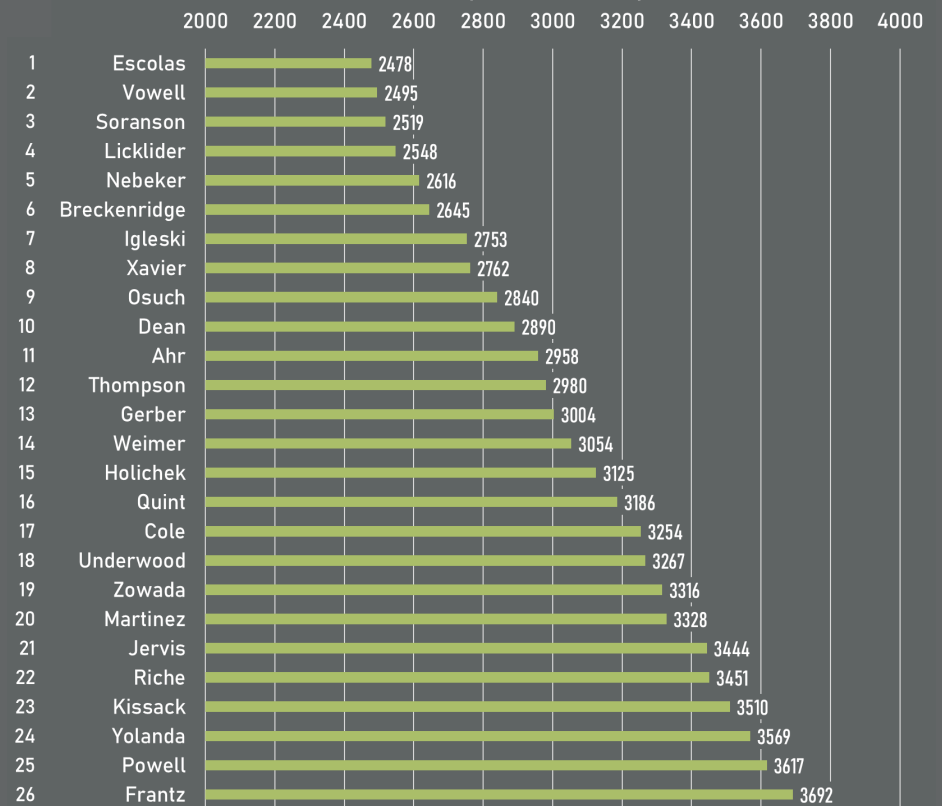


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By using the combined ITBS scores and percentage of high school graduates as an overall measure of academic success and comparing that number to the annual cost per pupil, we were able to map out likely candidates to receive the Awards for Educational Excellence.

Combined Academic Excellence And Cost Per Pupil

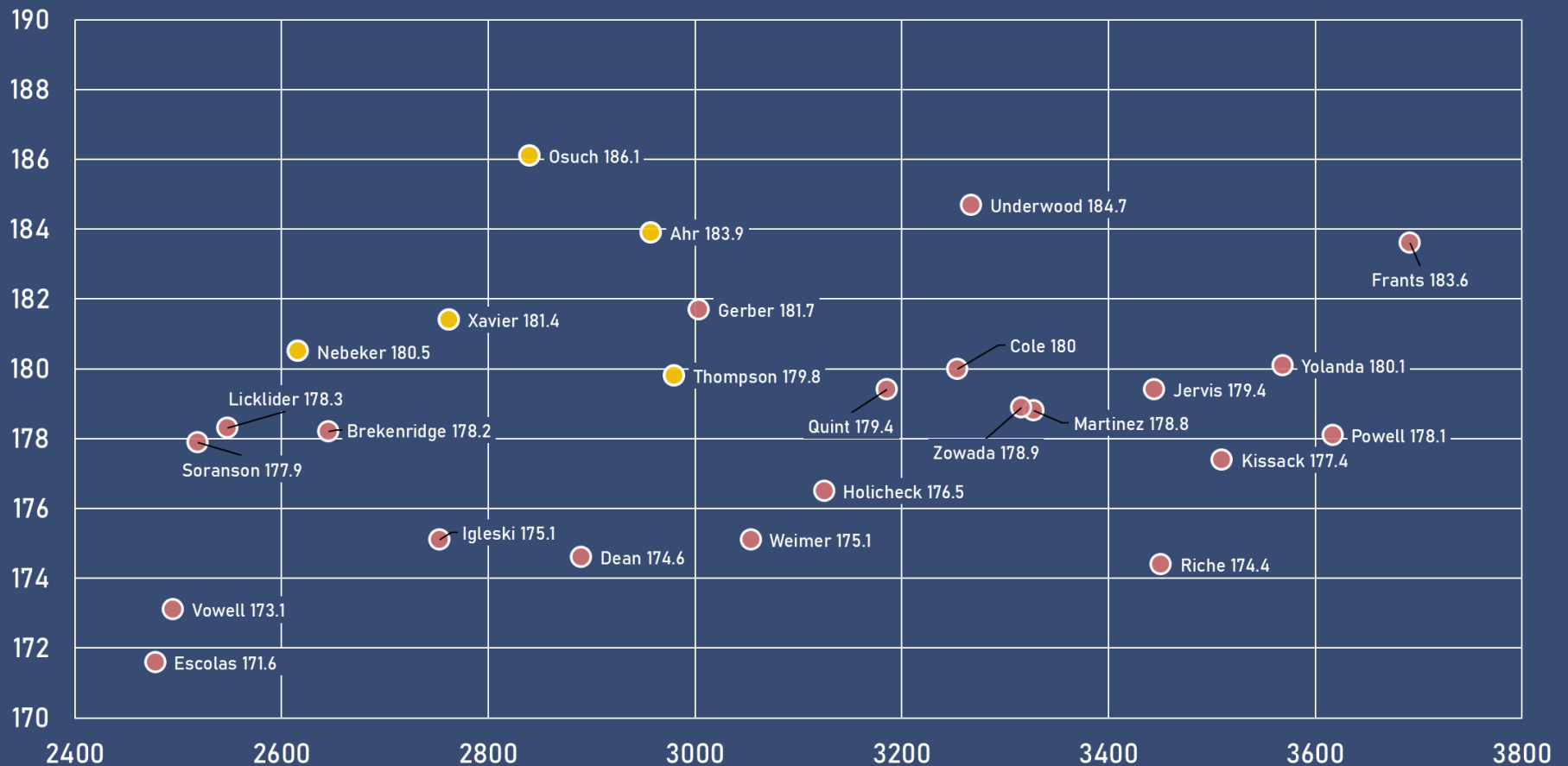
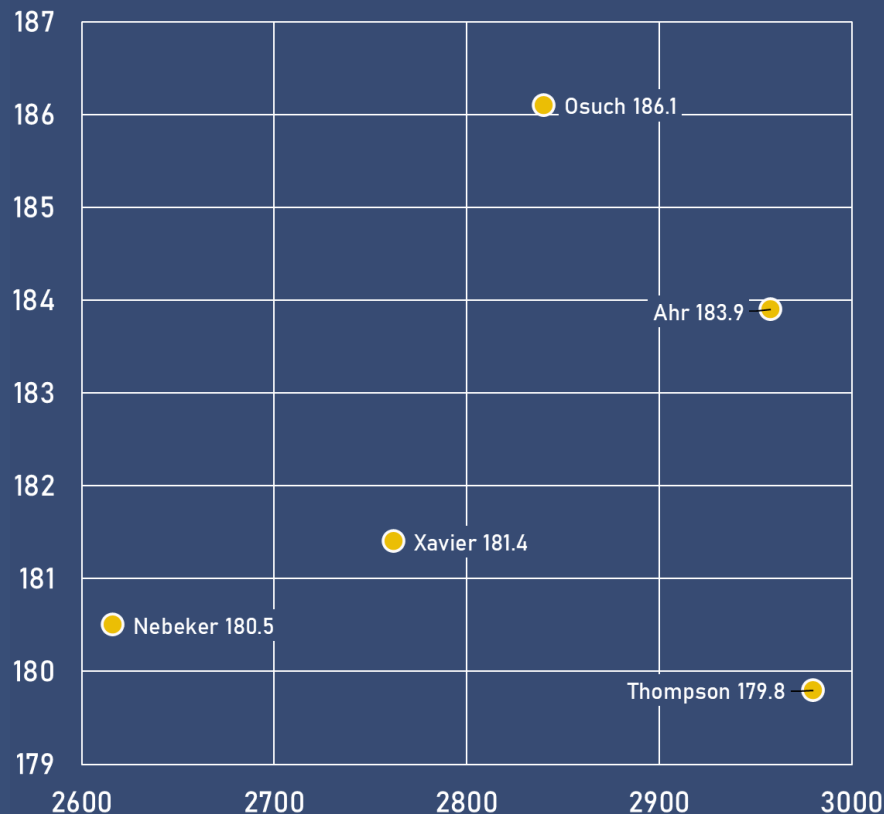


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Final Recommendation for the Noble Corporation Awards for Educational Excellence

Combined Academic Excellence And Cost Per Pupil



Top Recipient Recommendation: *Osuch*

Osuch district has the highest ITBS and Students to College percentage combined, while annually spending less than \$3,000 per pupil.

Runners-Up Recommendation: *Ahr, Xavier, Nebeker, and Thompson.*

These four school districts have a high ITBS and students to college percentage combined, and have kept their annual spending per pupil under the \$3,000 mark as well.

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