

# Appendix A:

## Institutions' scores on the Rigor Standard

### What consumers need to know about teacher preparation

To learn more about how institutions are scored on this standard, including how the individual indicator is satisfied, please see its [scoring methodology](#).

Teaching is an immensely challenging profession that requires teachers to satisfy a long list of school and curricular demands, meet ever-rising expectations for student performance on state tests, consistently find the instructional sweet spot in a class of diverse students, and make the right choices time after time when faced with a barrage of decisions. To be prepared for these challenges on day one, teachers need to have completed a sufficiently rigorous course of study that mirrors the tough job of teaching.

Our evaluation of institutions on this standard measures the rigor of their preparation as indicated by the grade point average (GPA) differential between graduating teacher candidates and all other graduating students.<sup>1</sup> A failing score on Standard 19 is a signal that teacher candidates earn disproportionately high grades, indicating that a program is not making the demands in training that prepare its graduates for the demands they will face in the classroom.

### Scores on Standard 19: Rigor

(N=509 institutions; scores apply to all undergraduate teacher preparation programs included in *Teacher Prep Review 2014* at that institution).

State	Institution	Differential** (percentage points)	Score on NCTQ's Rigor Standard***	State	Institution	Differential** (percentage points)	Score on NCTQ's Rigor Standard***
AK	University of Alaska Anchorage	14	●	AR	Harding University	8	●*
AK	University of Alaska Fairbanks	19	○*	AR	Henderson State University	12	●*
AL	Alabama State University	8	●	AR	John Brown University	-1	●
AL	Athens State University	13	●*	AR	Ouachita Baptist University	2	●
AL	Auburn University	24	○	AR	Southern Arkansas University	31	○*
AL	Troy University	26	○	AR	University of Arkansas – Fort Smith	25	○*
AL	University of Alabama	12	●*	AR	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	19	○*
AL	University of Mobile	3	●*	AZ	Arizona State University	18	●
AL	University of Montevallo	5	●*	AZ	Northern Arizona University ★	5	●
AL	University of South Alabama	3	●*	AZ	Ottawa University – Phoenix	-3	●*
AR	Arkansas State University	7	●*	CA	California State University – Dominguez Hills	3	●*
AR	Arkansas Tech University	3	●*	CA	Humboldt State University	-2	●*

Legend: ★ Indicates institution is one of 33 institutions included in the analysis of coursework for the *Easy A's* report.

Scores: ● Meets standard; ● Partly meets standard; ○ Does not meet standard; \* Imputed score derived from less precise data.

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State	Institution	Differential** (percentage points)	Score on NCTQ's Rigor Standard***	State	Institution	Differential** (percentage points)	Score on NCTQ's Rigor Standard***
CA	University of the Pacific	20	○*	IA	Briar Cliff University	-8	●*
CO	Adams State University	30	○	IA	Central College	11	●*
CO	Colorado Christian University	30	○	IA	Clarke University	28	○
CO	Colorado Mesa University	12	●	IA	Grand View University	38	○
CO	Colorado State University – Pueblo	-1	●	IA	Iowa State University	5	●*
CO	Metropolitan State University of Denver	-5	●*	IA	Iowa Wesleyan College	12	●*
CO	University of Northern Colorado	16	●	IA	Loras College	16	○*
CT	Central Connecticut State University	18	○*	IA	Luther College	-4	●*
CT	Eastern Connecticut State University	-1	●*	IA	Northwestern College	-9	●*
CT	University of Hartford	18	○*	IA	St. Ambrose University	29	○
CT	Western Connecticut State University	28	○	IA	University of Northern Iowa	3	●
DC	American University	10	●	IA	Wartburg College	22	○
DE	Delaware State University	43	○*	ID	Boise State University	1	●
DE	University of Delaware	3	●*	ID	Brigham Young University - Idaho	3	●
DE	Wilmington University	2	●	ID	Idaho State University	8	●
FL	Bethune-Cookman University	2	●	ID	Lewis-Clark State College	7	●
FL	Daytona State College	9	●	ID	Northwest Nazarene University	21	○
FL	Edison State College	6	●	ID	University of Idaho	7	●
FL	Florida Atlantic University ★	20	○*	IL	Augustana College	5	●
FL	Florida Gulf Coast University	25	○*	IL	Aurora University	16	●
FL	Florida International University	18	○*	IL	Benedictine University	7	●*
FL	Florida Southern College	-1	●*	IL	Blackburn College	30	○
FL	Florida State College at Jacksonville	-2	●	IL	Bradley University	14	●*
FL	Florida State University	26	○	IL	Concordia University Chicago	19	●
FL	Northwest Florida State College	-1	●	IL	DePaul University	-13	●
FL	Southeastern University	28	○	IL	Eastern Illinois University	7	●*
FL	University of North Florida	31	○	IL	Elmhurst College	13	●
FL	University of South Florida	8	●	IL	Governors State University	2	●*
FL	University of South Florida St. Petersburg	9	●	IL	Greenville College	10	●
FL	University of West Florida	-5	●*	IL	Illinois College	2	●*
GA	Albany State University	-1	●	IL	Illinois State University	15	○*
GA	Armstrong Atlantic State University	14	●*	IL	Illinois Wesleyan University	25	○*
GA	Augusta State University (Georgia Regents University Augusta)	-12	●*	IL	Knox College	-7	●
GA	Clayton State University	13	●	IL	Lewis University	33	○*
GA	Columbus State University	17	●	IL	Loyola University Chicago	20	●
GA	Covenant College	-19	●*	IL	McKendree University	42	○
GA	Dalton State College	4	●*	IL	Millikin University	41	○
GA	Emmanuel College	5	●	IL	Monmouth College	-5	●*
GA	Georgia College and State University	20	●	IL	North Central College	12	●*
GA	Georgia Southern University	26	○*	IL	North Park University	28	○*
GA	Georgia State University ★	33	○*	IL	Northeastern Illinois University	7	●
GA	Mercer University	14	●*	IL	Northwestern University	1	●*
GA	Middle Georgia State (Macon State) College	11	●	IL	Olivet Nazarene University	23	○
GA	Reinhardt University	14	●*	IL	Rockford College	3	●*
GA	University of Georgia	21	○	IL	Southern Illinois University Carbondale	7	●*
GA	University of North Georgia (Gainesville State)	16	●	IL	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	17	○*
GA	University of West Georgia ★	11	●	IL	Trinity Christian College	-4	●
HI	Brigham Young University – Hawaii	-14	●	IL	University of Illinois at Chicago	19	●
				IL	University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign ★	0	●*
				IL	Western Illinois University	10	●*

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IL	Wheaton College	13	●	LA	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	-1	●*
IN	Ball State University	10	●*	LA	Louisiana Tech University	11	●*
IN	Bethel College	28	○	LA	Nicholls State University	14	●
IN	Butler University	12	●	LA	Northwestern State University of Louisiana	30	○*
IN	Calumet College of St. Joseph	52	○	LA	University of Louisiana at Monroe	18	●
IN	Franklin College	-7	●	MA	Assumption College	18	●
IN	Indiana State University	17	●	MA	Boston College	-1	●*
IN	Indiana University – Bloomington ★	24	○*	MA	Bridgewater State University ★	7	●*
IN	Indiana University – Kokomo	3	●*	MA	Emmanuel College	30	○
IN	Indiana University – Northwest	34	○	MA	Fitchburg State University	34	○*
IN	Indiana University – South Bend	-1	●*	MA	Framingham State University	13	●*
IN	Indiana University – Southeast	-1	●	MA	Gordon College	13	●
IN	Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne	3	●*	MA	Stonehill College	19	○*
IN	Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis	2	●*	MA	Worcester State University	4	●*
IN	Indiana Wesleyan University	14	●	MD	Hood College	6	●*
IN	Marian University Indianapolis	-6	●*	MD	Mount St. Mary's University	5	●*
IN	Purdue University	0	●*	MD	Salisbury University	12	●*
IN	Purdue University – North Central	15	●	MD	Stevenson University	25	○
IN	Saint Mary's College	11	●	MD	University of Maryland – Baltimore County	10	●*
IN	Taylor University	15	●	MD	University of Maryland – College Park	-6	●
IN	University of Evansville	6	●*	ME	Husson University	-2	●*
IN	University of Indianapolis	14	●	ME	University of Maine at Farmington	14	●
IN	University of Southern Indiana	17	●	ME	University of Maine at Presque Isle	18	●
IN	Vincennes University	-2	●	MI	Alma College	2	●*
KS	Benedictine College	-1	●	MI	Central Michigan University ★	13	●*
KS	Bethany College	22	○*	MI	Ferris State University	17	●
KS	Emporia State University ★	16	●	MI	Lake Superior State University	18	○*
KS	Fort Hays State University	19	○*	MI	Michigan State University ★	-1	●*
KS	Kansas State University	5	●	MI	Saginaw Valley State University	17	●
KS	MidAmerica Nazarene University	32	○	MI	Spring Arbor University	-11	●
KS	Ottawa University	1	●*	MI	University of Michigan – Flint	19	○*
KS	Pittsburg State University	7	●	MI	Wayne State University ★	11	●*
KS	Southwestern College	3	●*	MI	Western Michigan University	7	●
KS	Sterling College	26	○	MN	Augsburg College	12	●*
KS	University of Kansas	7	●	MN	Bethel University	2	●
KS	Washburn University	24	○*	MN	College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University	0	●*
KS	Wichita State University	12	●*	MN	Concordia College at Moorhead	1	●
KY	Campbellsville University	27	○*	MN	Concordia University St. Paul	10	●
KY	Eastern Kentucky University	16	●	MN	Gustavus Adolphus College	23	○
KY	Lindsey Wilson College	14	●*	MN	Minnesota State University Moorhead	15	●
KY	Murray State University	38	○	MN	Southwest Minnesota State University	22	○
KY	Northern Kentucky University	12	●*	MN	University of Minnesota – Duluth	7	●
KY	Union College	14	●	MN	University of Northwestern – St. Paul	2	●
KY	University of Kentucky	2	●*	MN	Winona State University	19	●
KY	University of Louisville	49	○*	MO	College of the Ozarks	7	●
KY	Western Kentucky University	14	●*	MO	Evangel University	23	○
LA	Grambling State University	-5	●*	MO	Fontbonne University	-1	●*
LA	Louisiana State University – Shreveport	0	●*	MO	Maryville University of St. Louis	7	●*



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MO	Missouri Baptist University	12	●*	ND	Valley City State University	2	●*
MO	Missouri Southern State University	25	○	NE	Chadron State College	6	●*
MO	Missouri State University	11	●	NE	Doane College	3	●*
MO	Missouri Western State University	7	●*	NE	Hastings College	5	●
MO	Northwest Missouri State University	16	●	NE	Midland University	9	●
MO	Park University	24	○	NE	University of Nebraska at Kearney	18	●
MO	Southeast Missouri State University	14	●*	NE	University of Nebraska Omaha	10	●*
MO	Southwest Baptist University	0	●*	NE	Wayne State College	16	●
MO	St. Louis University	2	●*	NH	Rivier University	1	●
MO	University of Missouri – Columbia	31	○	NH	Southern New Hampshire University	27	○*
MO	University of Missouri – Kansas City	3	●	NJ	Caldwell University	10	●
MO	University of Missouri – St. Louis	29	○	NJ	College of New Jersey	9	●
MS	Alcorn State University	-4	●*	NJ	Kean University	26	○*
MS	Blue Mountain College	20	○*	NJ	Monmouth University	18	○*
MS	Delta State University	12	●	NJ	Rider University	23	○
MS	Jackson State University	17	●	NJ	Rowan University	9	●
MS	Mississippi State University	-2	●*	NJ	Seton Hall University	27	○*
MS	Mississippi Valley State University	9	●	NJ	William Paterson University of New Jersey	22	○
MS	University of Mississippi	5	●	NM	Eastern New Mexico University	-8	●*
MS	University of Southern Mississippi	-2	●*	NM	New Mexico Highlands University	11	●*
MT	Montana State University	24	○	NM	New Mexico State University	5	●*
MT	Montana State University – Northern	23	○	NM	University of New Mexico ★	6	●
MT	Montana State University Billings	10	●	NV	Nevada State College	14	●
MT	University of Great Falls	33	○	NV	University of Nevada – Las Vegas	-2	●
MT	University of Montana – Western	26	○	NY	CUNY – Brooklyn College	1	●*
NC	Appalachian State University	24	○	NY	CUNY – City College ★	8	●*
NC	Catawba College	4	●	NY	CUNY – York College	12	●*
NC	East Carolina University ★	21	○*	NY	Dowling College	6	●*
NC	Elizabeth City State University	22	○	NY	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	-6	●*
NC	Elon University	37	○*	NY	Houghton College	15	●
NC	Greensboro College	22	○	NY	Medaille College	10	●
NC	High Point University	17	○*	NY	Nyack College	21	○
NC	Lees-McRae College	32	○	NY	Pace University	12	●*
NC	North Carolina A&T State University	26	○	NY	Roberts Wesleyan College	29	○*
NC	North Carolina Central University	46	○	NY	Siena College	13	●*
NC	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	21	○*	NY	St. John Fisher College	26	○
NC	University of North Carolina at Asheville	6	●	NY	St. John's University	18	○*
NC	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	13	●*	NY	St. Thomas Aquinas College	17	●
NC	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	26	○*	NY	SUNY – College at Buffalo	38	○*
NC	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	27	○*	NY	SUNY – Fredonia	17	●
NC	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	39	○	NY	SUNY – New Paltz ★	19	●
NC	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	24	○*	NY	SUNY – Oswego	8	●*
NC	Western Carolina University	32	○	NY	SUNY – Potsdam	4	●
NC	Winston-Salem State University	38	○	NY	SUNY College at Brockport ★	37	○
ND	Dickinson State University	15	●	NY	SUNY College at Cortland	15	●
ND	Mayville State University	26	○*	NY	SUNY College at Old Westbury	7	●
ND	Minot State University	21	○	NY	Utica College	16	●
ND	North Dakota State University	12	●	OH	Ashland University	7	●
ND	University of Mary	11	●	OH	Baldwin Wallace University	11	●*
ND	University of North Dakota	13	●*	OH	Bowling Green State University ★	9	●*

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OH	Cedarville University	10	●*	PA	Clarion University of Pennsylvania	14	●
OH	Central State University	21	○	PA	Drexel University	1	●
OH	Cleveland State University ★	17	○*	PA	Duquesne University	5	●*
OH	College of Mount St. Joseph	7	●*	PA	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	38	○
OH	Heidelberg University	23	○*	PA	Eastern University	14	●*
OH	Kent State University	36	○	PA	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania ★	33	○
OH	Lake Erie College	20	○*	PA	Elizabethtown College	27	○
OH	Malone University	32	○*	PA	Geneva College	19	○*
OH	Miami University of Ohio	8	●*	PA	Juniata College	16	●
OH	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	13	●	PA	Keystone College	17	○*
OH	Muskingum University	-11	●*	PA	King's College	27	○
OH	Ohio Northern University	14	●*	PA	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania ★	24	○
OH	Ohio University	7	●*	PA	Lincoln University of Pennsylvania	12	●
OH	Otterbein University	25	○*	PA	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	3	●*
OH	Shawnee State University	28	○*	PA	Lycoming College	16	○*
OH	University of Akron ★	8	●*	PA	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	42	○
OH	University of Cincinnati	14	●	PA	Marywood University	5	●*
OH	University of Dayton	24	○	PA	Mercyhurst University	8	●
OH	University of Findlay	22	○	PA	Messiah College	28	○
OH	University of Mount Union	-4	●*	PA	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	14	●
OH	University of Rio Grande	28	○	PA	Muhlenberg College	15	●
OH	University of Toledo	20	●	PA	Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg	44	○*
OH	Walsh University	12	●	PA	Point Park University	17	●
OH	Wittenberg University	10	●*	PA	Saint Vincent College	6	●*
OH	Wright State University	17	●	PA	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	45	○*
OH	Xavier University	-2	●*	PA	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	26	○*
OH	Youngstown State University	10	●*	PA	Temple University	1	●*
OK	Cameron University	2	●	PA	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown	43	○
OK	East Central University	4	●*	PA	Valley Forge Christian College	1	●*
OK	Northeastern State University	15	●	PA	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	42	○*
OK	Northwestern Oklahoma State University	7	●	PA	Widener University	9	●*
OK	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	6	●*	PA	Wilkes University	47	○
OK	Oklahoma State University	-1	●*	PA	York College of Pennsylvania	30	○
OK	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	-3	●	RI	Roger Williams University	25	○*
OK	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	4	●	RI	Salve Regina University	15	●
OK	University of Central Oklahoma	5	●	RI	University of Rhode Island	4	●*
OR	Concordia University	-8	●	SC	Clemson University ★	21	○
OR	Corban University	23	○	SC	Coastal Carolina University	26	○*
OR	George Fox University	20	○	SC	College of Charleston	2	●
OR	Oregon State University	30	○*	SC	Converse College	-16	●*
OR	University of Portland	0	●	SC	Francis Marion University	5	●*
OR	Western Oregon University	29	○*	SC	South Carolina State University	31	○*
PA	Alvernia University	26	○	SC	University of South Carolina – Aiken	2	●
PA	Arcadia University	5	●*	SC	University of South Carolina – Columbia	22	○*
PA	Baptist Bible College and Seminary	26	○	SC	University of South Carolina – Upstate	11	●*
PA	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania ★	37	○	SC	Winthrop University	5	●*
PA	Cabrini College	29	○*	SD	Augustana College	3	●
PA	California University of Pennsylvania	39	○*	SD	Black Hills State University	12	●
PA	Carlow University	12	●*	SD	Dakota State University	3	●
PA	Cedar Crest College	54	○	SD	Northern State University	30	○

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SD	University of Sioux Falls	10	●	UT	Utah State University	-3	●*
SD	University of South Dakota	-5	●	UT	Weber State University	6	●
TN	Austin Peay State University	2	●*	VA	Virginia State University	25	○*
TN	Carson-Newman University	-2	●	VT	Castleton State College	19	●
TN	East Tennessee State University ★	6	●*	VT	Johnson State College	31	○
TN	Freed-Hardeman University	2	●	VT	Saint Michael's College	19	●
TN	Lee University	3	●	VT	University of Vermont	0	●
TN	Lipscomb University	15	●	WA	Central Washington University	20	●
TN	Middle Tennessee State University ★	22	○*	WA	Eastern Washington University	18	●
TN	Tennessee Technological University ★	12	●*	WA	Gonzaga University	4	●*
TN	Tennessee Wesleyan College	8	●	WA	Heritage University	14	●
TN	Trevecca Nazarene University	21	○	WA	Northwest University	7	●*
TN	University of Memphis	9	●*	WA	Pacific Lutheran University	31	○*
TN	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	16	●	WA	Seattle Pacific University	13	●
TX	Abilene Christian University	16	●	WA	Washington State University ★	44	○*
TX	Angelo State University	5	●*	WA	Western Washington University	9	●
TX	Baylor University	13	●	WA	Whitworth University	22	○
TX	Hardin-Simmons University	-1	●	WI	Concordia University Wisconsin	25	○
TX	Howard Payne University	8	●*	WI	Edgewood College	27	○
TX	LeTourneau University	-4	●*	WI	Lakeland College	39	○
TX	Lubbock Christian University	1	●*	WI	Maranatha Baptist University	4	●
TX	Prairie View A&M University	4	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire	33	○
TX	Sam Houston State University	5	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Green Bay	24	○
TX	St. Edward's University	9	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Madison	4	●*
TX	Stephen F. Austin State University ★	28	○*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee	6	●*
TX	Sul Ross State University	-2	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh	37	○*
TX	Tarleton State University	6	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Platteville	21	○*
TX	Texas A&M University ★	19	○*	WI	University of Wisconsin – River Falls	16	●
TX	Texas A&M University – Commerce	5	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Stout	1	●*
TX	Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi	12	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater	19	○*
TX	Texas A&M University – Kingsville	-1	●*	WV	Bluefield State College	25	○
TX	Texas Christian University	15	●	WV	Concord University	14	●
TX	Texas State University - San Marcos	10	●*	WV	Fairmont State University	28	○
TX	Texas Tech University	28	○*	WV	Glenville State College	-2	●*
TX	Texas Woman's University	5	●*	WV	Marshall University	11	●*
TX	University of Houston	18	○*	WV	Shepherd University	10	●
TX	University of Houston - Clear Lake	0	●*	WV	West Liberty University	18	○*
TX	University of Houston - Victoria	15	○*	WV	West Virginia State University	15	●*
TX	University of North Texas	9	●*	WV	West Virginia Wesleyan College	-7	●
TX	University of St. Thomas	8	●*	WY	University of Wyoming	-4	●*
TX	University of Texas – Pan American ★	3	●*				
TX	University of Texas at Arlington	34	○*				
TX	University of Texas at Brownsville	0	●*				
TX	University of Texas at El Paso	7	●*				
TX	University of Texas at San Antonio	9	●*				
TX	University of Texas at Tyler	19	○*				
TX	West Texas A&M University	26	○*				
UT	Brigham Young University	3	●				
UT	Dixie State College of Utah	8	●				

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NY	Hunter College – CUNY ★
NY	CUNY – Lehman College ★
NY	CUNY– Queens College ★

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## Differences between analyses for Rigor Standard evaluations and Easy A's report findings

Although both the analysis for the Rigor Standard and the analysis of grading for the report *Training Our Future Teachers: Easy A's and What's Behind Them* are similar and use the same data source, several features of their methodologies differ. These differences are explored in more detail in this standard's [methodology](#). Due to these differences, aggregation of findings in the Easy A's report and ratings from the Rigor Standard are largely but not perfectly aligned.

## Sample for this standard

The score applies to all of an institution's undergraduate teacher preparation programs that are included in the *Teacher Prep Review 2014*. This standard scores 509 institutions. Of these, 257 institutions (50 percent) are scored using precise data, while 252 are rated using less precise data. Institutions that are included in the *Review* but not scored on this standard are often omitted because some necessary data could not be identified in their commencement brochures or because they had fewer than 20 teacher candidates graduating in the year being analyzed.

The institutions included in this analysis represent a broad swath of colleges and universities, including public and private, small and large, and more and less selective institutions. The tables below describe the sample of the institutions evaluated based on selectivity, institution type, and size.

Table 1. Institutional selectivity<sup>2</sup>

Selectivity	Number of institutions
Most competitive	4
Highly competitive	22
Very Competitive	106
Competitive	258
Noncompetitive	24
Less Competitive	64
Not identified	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>509</b>

2 Barron's. (2014). *Profiles of American Colleges 2015*. New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc.

Table 2. Institution size<sup>3</sup>

Size	Number of institutions
Private (not-for-profit)	208
Public	301
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>509</b>

Table 3. Institution size<sup>4</sup>

Size	Number of institutions
Very small	26
Small	160
Medium	191
Large	131
Special focus institution	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>509</b>

3 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. (2012) *Carnegie Classifications Data File*. Retrieved October 30, 2014 from <http://classifications.carnegiefoundation.org/>

4 Ibid