Grand Canyon Education, Inc.

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Nasdaq; other; SIC 8200, Services-Educational Services; CIK 0001434588

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strongest fifth of 334 graded peers in other

rank 19 of 334; percentile 5.4; sampling error 2.7 points; lower is stronger

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A, the bull



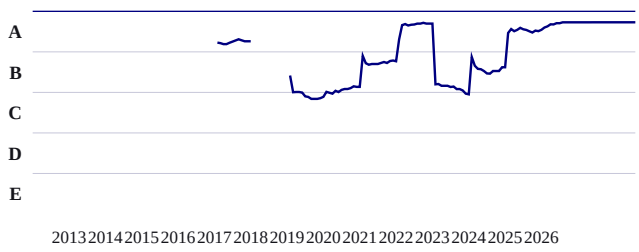
Scoreboard	
Profitability	C percentile 50.3
Solvency	A percentile 6.9
Growth and financing	B/C percentile 40.1
Reliability	0.91 AUC filers with $591M to $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.94; 160 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.01% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$591M to $2.67B assets total assets $992.3M
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered; fortress balance sheet not computable: distress
Inputs computable	8 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Feb 18, 2026 246 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Jul 30, 2026
Last close	$159.79 2026-10-21; market equity $4.2B; no price enters the letter

Share price, twelve months to the rescan



Split-adjusted close. Each lollipop is a rescan and carries the letter held then.

Letter at every rescan, 2012 to 2026



Sector percentile at each rescan, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only.

Business, in the company's words

opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Feb 18, 2026

Grand Canyon Education, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("GCE" or the "Company") is a publicly traded education services company dedicated to serving colleges and universities. GCE has developed significant technological solutions, infrastructure and operational processes to provide services to these institutions on a large scale.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight

Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 50.3						
Gross profitability	not computable	27.1%				
one or more required annual facts are missing						
Return on invested capital	not computable	10.0%				
latest aligned inputs end 2020-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31						
Accruals ratio	(5.7%)	(5.8%)		50.3	502	2025-12-31

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Gross margin stability, five years	not computable	2.2 pts				
five annual gross margins are required; found 0						
Solvency, sleeve percentile 6.9						
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.04%				
latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required						
Altman Z double-prime	15.74	2.05		2.1	384	2025-12-31
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	2.52x				
latest aligned inputs end 2020-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31						
Interest coverage	not computable	2.18x				
interest expense must exceed $100,000						
Current ratio	3.65x	1.33x		11.8	503	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 40.1						
Revenue growth, three-year compound	6.7%	5.1%		41.2	399	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	8.7%	8.9%		49.1	219	2025-12-31
Reinvestment rate	(7.3%)	11.9%		60.3	190	2025-12-31
Asset growth, three years	6.0%	4.1%		39.2	435	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year	(5.5%)	(0.5%)		10.8	354	2026-02-13

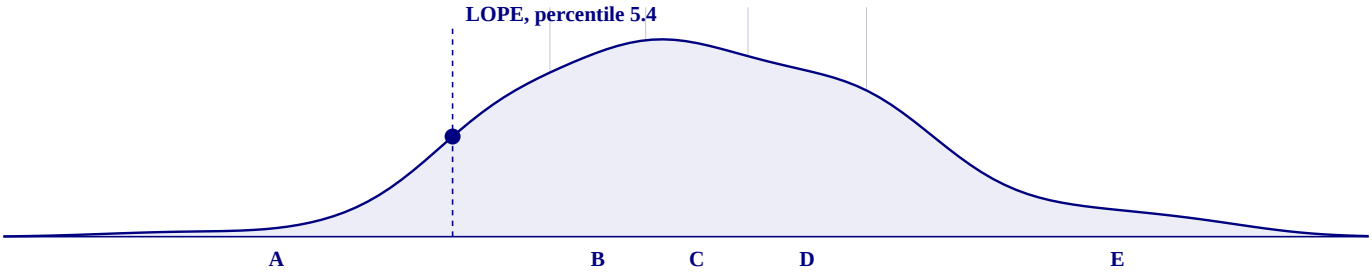
Warnings

1 of 7 checks triggered; none of them enters the letter

Check	Measured
Fortress balance sheet	cash minus debt is 137,995,000 USD; Altman Z is not used

Among 334 peers

other; letters are fifths of this list



Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.

Rank	Company	Percentile	Letter	Warnings
14	Accenture plc (ACN)	3.9	A	fortress balance sheet
15	Preformed Line Products Co. (PLPC)	4.2	A	fortress balance sheet
16	Clean Harbors Inc. (CLH)	4.5	A	
17	Airbnb, Inc. (ABNB)	4.8	A	fortress balance sheet
18	Trex Co. Inc. (TREX)	5.1	A	
19	Grand Canyon Education, Inc. (LOPE)	5.4	A	fortress balance sheet
20	Flywire Corp. (FLYW)	5.7	A	fortress balance sheet
21	Idaho Strategic Resources, Inc. (IDR)	6.0	A	
22	Covista Inc. (CVSA)	6.3	A	
23	Phreesia, Inc. (PHR)	6.6	A	
24	Lincoln Educational Services Corp. (LINC)	6.9	A	fortress balance sheet

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What the price implies

at the 2026-10-21 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(32.5%)	2.0%	19
Distance from 52-week high	(27.6%)	(25.0%)	46
EBIT to enterprise value	6.5%	4.3%	71
Free cash flow yield	5.7%	4.0%	63
Book value to price	0.16	0.35	27
Sales to price	0.27	0.72	22
Composite equity issuance, five years	(58.7%)	(8.8%)	1
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.54)	(0.13)	19

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2025-12-31	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$171.1M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$278.7M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	84 (10-Q received Jul 30, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$43.1M

Sources

every fact behind the inputs; each row links to its filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$277.4M	2020-12-31	2023-02-16	10-K	23-001452
2	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$333.1M	2020-12-31	2023-02-16	10-K	23-001452
3	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$75.9M	2020-12-31	2023-02-16	10-K	23-001452
4	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$107.8M	2020-12-31	2021-02-17	10-K	21-001135
5	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.6B	2020-12-31	2024-02-13	10-K	24-001060
6	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$245.8M	2020-12-31	2022-02-16	10-K	22-001269
7	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$140.9M	2019-12-31	2020-02-20	10-K	20-001013
8	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.4B	2019-12-31	2023-02-16	10-K	23-001452
9	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$122.3M	2019-12-31	2021-02-17	10-K	21-001135
10	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$216.2M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
11	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$273.5M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
12	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$992.3M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
13	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$1.0B	2024-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
14	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$400.2M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
15	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$109.8M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
16	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$2.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
17	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$265.9M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
18	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$746.9M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047

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19	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$245.4M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
20	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$20.8M	2020-12-31	2023-02-16	10-K	23-001452
21	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$249.3M	2023-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
22	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$33,000	2023-12-31	2024-02-13	10-K	24-001060
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
24	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.0B	2024-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
25	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$960.9M	2023-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
26	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$911.3M	2022-12-31	2025-02-19	10-K	25-001150
27	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	$34.8M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
28	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$290.0M	2024-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
29	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	$37.2M	2024-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
30	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$243.7M	2023-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	$44.5M	2023-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$220.8M	2022-12-31	2025-02-19	10-K	25-001150
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	$35.2M	2022-12-31	2025-02-19	10-K	25-001150
34	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$31.2M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
35	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$279.9M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
36	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$63.7M	2025-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
37	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$420.0M	2024-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
38	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$111.0M	2024-12-31	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
39	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$930.5M	2023-12-31	2025-02-19	10-K	25-001150
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$832.7M	2022-12-31	2024-02-13	10-K	24-001060
41	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	27,143,454	2026-02-13	2026-02-18	10-K	26-017047
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	28,724,845	2025-02-14	2025-02-19	10-K	25-001150

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