

# How is my school doing?

## An Introduction to School Accountability

### HOW do we evaluate school performance?

To evaluate schools, we look at a range of factors, from traditional measures like test scores and graduation rates, to measures that tell us about a school's culture, like chronic absence and suspensions. All of these data are fed into our accountability system, which results in a star rating.

### WHAT is a Report Card?

An online platform for accountability data and other helpful information, such as our school culture survey, SurveyWorks, and details on school-level spending. These data help families understand the strengths and challenges facing their school.

### WHAT is a Star Rating?

A rating system, from 1 to 5 stars, that simplifies and summarizes overall school performance. Schools must perform well across all measures to earn a high star rating.

### WHY does this matter?

School accountability is required under federal law, and it's also key to helping schools improve. Our accountability system provides details on school performance and empowers you to make informed decisions for your family.



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Academic Performance	• Achievement	• Illustrates how students are performing on RICAS and SAT tests, and the DLM alternate assessment, in mathematics and ELA.
	• Growth	• Recognizes student progress in ELA and math, and holds schools accountable for making improvements.
	• English Language Proficiency	• Prioritizes support for English learners through growth in English language proficiency.
	• Science*	• Expands performance measures to include science - a core subject for all students.
Student Success	• Student absenteeism	• Students can't learn unless they're in school. Attendance has a significant impact on achievement.
	• Teacher absenteeism	• Chronic absence among teachers affects student performance, and is an indicator of school culture.
	• Suspension rate	• School should be a supportive, engaging place. Suspension is a last resort, and high suspension rates indicate a school culture challenge.
	• Exceeds expectations	• Recognizes students and schools performing at the highest levels in math and ELA.
College & Career Readiness	• Graduation rate	• Looks at 4-, 5-, and 6-year graduation rates, rewarding schools that get all students past the high school finish line.
	• Graduate proficiency*	• Measures how prepared high school graduates are, by how they perform on math and ELA tests.
	• Post-secondary success*	• Prioritizes college credits and industry-recognized credentials from career education programs.

\* Measure will be added in future years