



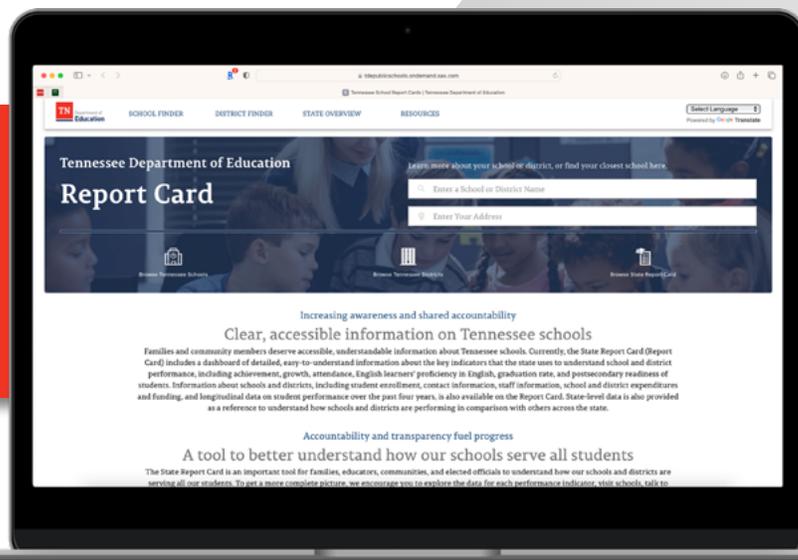
TENNESSEE STATE REPORT CARD

A Guide for Families

What is the State Report Card?

The Tennessee [State Report Card](#) is an important tool released each year to help parents and families, educators, elected officials, community members, and other education stakeholders understand how Tennessee's schools and districts are serving our students, and how the schools across the state are performing based on the most current data. The State Report Card includes a dashboard of detailed, easy-to-understand information about the school performance indicators: achievement, growth, attendance, discipline, and postsecondary readiness of students. This information is also used to inform a school's performance across all accountability indicators, as well as school and district accountability designations based on their performance. Information about student enrollment, staff information, and school and district expenditures and funding is also available on the State Report Card.

This guide focuses on Tennessee's State Report Card data elements so that families can have a better understanding about the performance of their child's school and district.



A tool to understand better how our schools serve all students



What are school performance indicators?

Schools are evaluated on various indicators that are essential to student success. The table below provides an overview of the key indicators included in the K-8 and high school accountability systems. Each school receives a score, ranging from 0 to 4, for each performance indicator reflecting its performance based on the most current data.

In this guide, you will learn more about how the indicator scores are calculated, how to interpret them, and what questions you may want to ask to get a better understanding of your child's performance.

School Performance Indicator	What does this indicator mean?	K-8 Schools	High Schools
 ACHIEVEMENT	The Achievement indicator represents the percentage of students who are meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations on state tests in math and English Language Arts (ELA).	✓	✓
 GROWTH	The Growth indicator represents the academic progress on state math and ELA tests that students are making within a school compared to the average progress of all students across the state within a given year.	✓	✓
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT (ELPA)	The ELPA indicator represents how English language learners are progressing in becoming proficient in English.	✓	✓
 CHRONICALLY OUT OF SCHOOL	The Chronically Out of School indicator measures the percent of students who miss 10% or more days of the school year.	✓	✓
 GRADUATION RATE	The Graduation Rate indicator includes the percentage of students who successfully finished high school with a regular high school diploma or an alternate academic diploma in four years plus a summer.	⊘	✓
 READY GRADUATE	The <i>Ready Graduate</i> rate includes the percent of students in the graduating cohort who are college and/or career ready before graduating from high school.	⊘	✓

⊘ Indicator not included in a school performance score calculation.



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT INDICATOR

What does this mean?



The Achievement indicator represents the percentage of students who met or exceeded grade-level expectations on state TCAP math and ELA tests, also known as success rate. At each school, all students and individual student groups, such as historically underserved student group and racial/ethnic groups, each receive a rating on this indicator.

Why is this important?



It shows the extent to which students have met or exceeded grade-level expectations in math and ELA courses based on the Tennessee Academic Standards.

How does a school earn the highest score of 4 for Achievement?



Schools receive the highest score of 4 by either:

- having an overall success rate equal or greater than 45%; or
- making significant progress in increasing their success rate (i.e., on track to decrease the percentage of students not meeting grade-level expectations by half in four years).

What is the weight of the Achievement indicator in overall school score calculation?



The Achievement indicator is weighted at 45% for K-8 schools and 30% for high schools.

Questions for parents and families to ask?



- What subjects are other students at my student's school doing well in?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the district?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the state?
- What is my student's school doing to improve its achievement?
- How does the performance of different student groups compare?
- What can parents and families do to help students improve?



GROWTH INDICATOR

What does this mean?



The Growth indicator represents the academic progress on math and ELA that students are making within a school compared to the average progress of all students across the state within a given year. At each school, all students and individual student groups each receive a rating on this indicator.

Why is this important?



It shows how much academic progress students have made in the previous school year. Growth is an important part of understanding how effective the prior year has been in accelerating student academic achievement.

How does a school earn the highest score of 4 for Growth?



Schools receive the highest score of 4 if there is *significant* evidence that their students made *more progress* than expected on state math and ELA tests. Students are making *more progress* if they gain more understanding of grade-level standards than predicted by previous test performance.

What is the weight of the Growth indicator in overall school score calculation?



The Growth indicator is weighted at 35% for K-8 schools and 25% for high schools.

Questions for parents and families to ask?



- What subjects are other students at my student's school making progress on?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the district?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the state?
- What is my student's school doing to improve student progress?
- Which student groups are academically progressing?
- Are there student groups that are not academically progressing?



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT (ELPA) INDICATOR

What does this mean?



The ELPA indicator looks at English learners' (EL) progress in becoming English proficient as measured by the WIDA ACCESS assessment. Progress is evaluated against an expected amount of English language growth determined by performance on previous WIDA assessments compared to students' performance on the current year's WIDA assessments. At each school, all students and individual student groups each receive a rating on this indicator.

Why is this important?



It shows if English learners are making progress toward becoming proficient in English so they can access and understand grade-level curriculum.

How does a school earn the highest score of 4 for ELPA?



Schools receive the highest score of 4 by having at least 60% of their English learners meet or exceed the expected amount of annual growth based on the WIDA ACCESS assessment.

What is the weight of the ELPA indicator in overall school score calculation?



The ELPA indicator is weighted at 10% for both K-8 and high schools.

Questions for parents and families to ask?



- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the district?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the state?
- What does it mean if my student's school doesn't have a score for ELPA?
- What is my student's school doing to improve outcomes for English learners?



CHRONICALLY OUT OF SCHOOL INDICATOR

What does this mean?



The Chronically Out of School indicator measures the percent of students who miss 10% or more of instructional days of school (18 days). At each school, all students and individual student groups each receive a rating on this indicator.

Why is this important?



Attending school is important to ensure that students are engaging in instruction on a regular basis.

How does a school earn the highest score of 4 for Chronically Out of School?



- Schools receive the highest score of 4 by either:
- having an overall chronically out of school rate equal to or less than 7% if they are K-8 schools;
 - having an overall chronically out of school rate equal to or less than 13.2% if they are high schools; or
 - making significant progress in reducing their chronically out of school rate (i.e., on track to decrease the chronically out of school rate by half in four years).

What is the weight of the Chronically Out of School indicator in overall school score calculation?



The Chronically Out of School indicator is weighted at 10% for both K-8 and high schools.

Questions for parents and families to ask?



- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the district?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the state?
- What is my student's school doing to lower rates of chronic absenteeism?
- What steps does my student's school take to support regular attendance?
- Which student groups are more likely to be chronically absent?



SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE INDICATOR

What does this mean?



The Graduation Rate indicator looks at the percentage of students who are successfully finishing high school with a regular high school diploma or an alternate academic diploma (AAD) in four years plus a summer. The graduation rate reported reflects the prior year's graduating class (i.e., the Class of 2021). Only high schools receive a score on this indicator. At each high school, all students and individual student groups each receive a rating on this indicator.

- making significant progress in increasing their graduation rate (i.e., on track to decrease the percentage of students not graduating on time by half in four years).

What is the weight of the Graduation Rate indicator in overall school score calculation?



The Graduation Rate indicator is weighted at 5% for high schools.

Why is this important?



Making sure that students complete high school on time and earn a degree or certificate is important to helping them succeed in their postsecondary pursuits.

Questions for parents and families to ask?



- Which students at my student's school are graduating on time?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the district?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the state?
- What is my student's school doing to improve graduation rate?

How does a school earn the highest score of 4 for Graduation Rate?



Schools receive the highest score of 4 by either:

- having an overall graduation rate equal to or greater than 95%; or

READY GRADUATE INDICATOR

What does this mean?



The *Ready Graduate* rate represents the percent of students in the graduating cohort who are college and/or career ready before graduating from high school. The *Ready Graduate* rate reflects the prior year's graduating class (i.e., the Class of 2021). Only high schools receive a score on this indicator. At each high school, all students and individual student groups each receive a rating on this indicator. A student earns *Ready Graduate* status by meeting one of the following criteria:

How does a school earn the highest score of 4 for Ready Graduate Rate?



Schools receive the highest score of 4 by either:

- having an overall Ready Graduate rate equal or greater than 40%; or
- making significant progress in increasing their Ready Graduate rate (i.e., on track to decrease the percent of non-Ready Graduate students by half in four years).

- score of 21 or higher on the ACT (or 1060 or higher on the SAT); or
- complete 4 early postsecondary opportunities (EPSOs); or
- complete 2 EPSOs and earn an industry credential; or
- complete 2 EPSOs and earn a score of 31 on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT.)

What is the weight of the Ready Graduate indicator in overall school score calculation?



The *Ready Graduate* Rate indicator is weighted at 20% for high schools.

Why is this important?



This measure recognizes high school graduates who demonstrate readiness for meaningful postsecondary education, training program, and/or workforce entry.

Questions for parents and families to ask?



- What *Ready Graduate* opportunities is my student's school offering?
- Are all students able to access these opportunities at my student's school?
- Which students are not meeting *Ready Graduate* criteria at my student's school?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the district?
- How does my student's school compare to other schools in the state?



When is the State Report Card released each year?

The State Report Card is released in the fall of each year following the release of school and district accountability and federal designation results. Learn more about school and district accountability and federal designations at District and School Accountability (tn.gov).

Where can I access the State Report Card?

More information about the 2021-22 State Report Card can be found at TN State Report Card. Parents and families can also directly access the State Report Card at <https://reportcard.tnedu.gov/>.



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