

Key Messages on the 2019-20 State Report Card

- In 2017, 2018, and 2019, the Tennessee Department of Education worked with educators, families, and community organizations to develop a report card that presents a dashboard of key information about every school and district in the state. The report card contains a variety of metrics ranging from students' academic performance to how often students are missing school. It also shows how all students and specific student groups are performing.
- In the 2019-20 Report Card, we acknowledge the difficulties schools and districts have faced with the recent school closures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, there will be *no grades assigned, no rankings issued this year, and per USDOE guidance, all federal designations have been carried over from last year.* Additionally, not all data is available, and many measures will not be calculated. This is due to both state and federal action waiving assessment and accountability requirements for the 2019-20 school year.
- The 2019-20 Report Card also now includes upgraded features such as a more robust Home page, About page, map finder, and additional contextual elements.
- In the past, the report card groups information into six main categories or indicators. Each one looks at a different aspect of student success. The six categories from previous report cards are:
 - **Academic Achievement:** Whether students are performing at or above grade level or whether the school improved from year to year. *This information will not be present on the 2020 Report Card, but information from 2018-19 is available on the [Data Downloads webpage](#).*
 - **Student Academic Growth:** Whether students are making progress from year to year. *This information will not be present on the 2020 Report Card, but information from 2018-19 is available on the [Data Downloads webpage](#).*
 - **Chronically Out of School:** Whether students are absent more than 10% of the year. *This information will not be present on the 2020 Report Card, but information from 2018-19 is available on the [Data Downloads webpage](#).*
 - **Progress on English Language Proficiency:** Whether English Language Learner students are making progress in their understanding of the English language. *This information will not be present on the 2020 Report Card, but information from 2018-19 is available on the [Data Downloads webpage](#).*
 - **Ready Graduate:** Whether students are prepared for postsecondary education or career paths after they leave high school. This information is lagged, so data from the 2019 cohort will be present on the 2020 Report Card.
 - **Graduation Rate:** Whether students are graduating from high school on time. The data for the 2019 cohort will be present on the 2020 Report Card.
- **Visit the updated report card at reportcard.tnk12.gov.** For additional data on schools and districts, families and community members can visit the [Data Downloads page](#), which has some additional metrics from 2019-20 that can provide further insights.
- The State Report Card is an important tool for families, educators, and communities to understand how our schools are serving all our students—and how they can do better. With this knowledge, we can continue to build on our state's progress to ensure that every Tennessee student has the opportunity for success.