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For Ohio Community School Boards



LOCAL REPORT CARDS

In mid-September the 2023-2024 report cards were issued for each Ohio school. Local Report Cards provide parents, educators, the community, and policymakers information about school performance. Nearly 90% of districts earned overall ratings of three stars or higher, meaning they met state expectations for performance. Statewide, the report cards show gains in literacy scores for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. 64.5% of third grade students were reading at or above grade level, an improvement from 62.3% the previous year. Math proficiency improved incrementally including gains in grades 4-7 and algebra. However, only 53.5% of students were proficient in math. Chronic all absenteeism declined from 26.8% in 2022-2023 to 25.6% in 2023-2024.

You can find your local report card at: <u>https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/</u>



Local Report Card Components

Local Report Cards include an overall rating of 1-5 stars, including half-stars.

2 stars means the school needs support to meet state standards, at least 3 stars means a school met state standards, 4 exceeds expectations.

Five individually rated components comprise the overall rating:

Achievement: represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds.

Progress: tracks how students are doing year over year. This component demonstrates that even if a student is below grade-level expectations, growth during the school year could be exceed a year's worth of learning. **Gap Closing:** measures the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups such as Black, Hispanic, economically disadvantaged, English language learner, and students with disabilities.

Early Literacy: measures reading improvement and proficiency students in grade kindergarten through 3rd. **Graduation:** looks at the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and 5-year adjusted cohort rate.

Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools receive a different report card with standards of: does not meet, meets standards, or exceeds standards.



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