

New Report Card

Overview of “Like School” and “Like District”

Background

The Report Card Steering Committee, an external stakeholder group charged with redesigning the school and district report cards, recommended that Oregon compare each school’s (or district’s) results to other schools (or districts) with similar student demographics. ODE implemented this recommendation with the 2012-2013 school and district report cards.

How were my “Like Schools” and “Like Districts” determined?

Demographics Only

ODE developed a new methodology that compares schools and districts based *only* on the four demographic factors that follow.

| Demographic Factor | Measurement | Description |
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| Economically Disadvantaged | Percentage of total students | Based on students eligible for free or reduced priced school meals. |
| English Learners | Percentage of total students | Based on students that are current or former English Learners. |
| Underserved Races/Ethnicities | Percentage of total students | Based on students that are American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders. |
| Student Mobility | Rate | Based on within-year mobility that looks at the number of students arriving at or leaving a school between the start of the school year and the first school day in May. |

Demographics are based on student populations on the first school day in May each year.

Calculation of Similarity

The combination of the four demographic factors is the basis for similarity. As a result, a school may have “Like Schools” that have similar percentages to them on all factors and they may also have “Like Schools” that are nearly identical to them in one factor and quite different from them in another factor.

Schools are sorted into the following four school types and comparisons are only made within each type and not across types.

- Elementary Schools;
- Middle Schools;
- High Schools; and
- Combined Schools (such as K-12 or 7-12 schools).

For the “Like Schools” column, it is actually more precise to think of this information as “Like Schools of the same type as your school.” For instance, when looking at the Report Card for Westview High School, the ‘Like School’ column could instead say, “Like High Schools.”

Who are my “Like Schools” and “Like Districts”?

From the School and District Report Card Resources for 2012-2013 webpage (<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3881>), download the Comparison Schools List - 2012-13 and the Comparison Districts List - 2012-13.

Find your school or district in the appropriate list; then count the 10 institutions immediately above and the 10 immediately below your school or district. This creates a list of 20, which are your “Like Schools” or “Like Districts.”

For additional information about the how the schools and districts in these listed are ordered, see the Comparison Schools Rating Details on the same webpage.

How were the averages calculated for my “Like Schools” and “Like Districts”?

All students from the 10 institutions immediately above and the 10 immediately below your school or district were pooled to calculate the “Like-School Average (%)” and the “Like-District Average (%)”.

This calculation emphasizes student performance over institution performance, so that student performance in your school or district is being compared to the performance of all students in the comparison institutions. As a result, schools or districts with higher student enrollment have a larger impact on the average. This effect is particularly notable in the “Like District” calculation where a comparison district could be larger or smaller by a significant factor.