
CHANGES TO THE 2011-2012 REPORT CARD

This document outlines changes to the Report Card and to the school rating system for 2011-12.

PRIORITY, FOCUS, AND MODEL SCHOOL DESIGNATIONS

The ESEA Waiver requires Oregon to designate certain Title I schools as Priority, Focus, or Model schools. Schools that received a designation are identified on page one of the report card. Priority and Focus schools are schools which will receive additional supports and interventions from the state to help increase student achievement and close persistent achievement gaps. For more information see: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3742>.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS INFORMATION

Oregon received an ESEA Waiver in July 2012 that removes the requirement for an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) rating for all schools. These data have been removed from the report card. For more information on the ESEA waiver see: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3475>.

READING CUT SCORES

In June 2011 the State Board of Education adopted revised reading cut scores for 2011-12 and beyond. These cut scores are the minimum scores required to meet or exceed on the statewide assessment in reading. The revised K-8 cut scores are higher than those previously adopted. As a result, the percentage of students meeting or exceeding on the reading assessment are not directly comparable from year-to-year. For more information on the changes to reading achievement standards see: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3296>.

SCIENCE CUT SCORES

In October 2011 the State Board of Education adopted revised science cut scores for 2011-12 and beyond. These cut scores are the minimum scores required to meet or exceed on the statewide assessment in science. The revised 5th and 8th grade cut scores are higher than those previously adopted. As a result, the percentage of students meeting or exceeding on the science assessment are not directly comparable from year-to-year. For more information on the changes to science achievement standards see: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3319>.

GRADUATION RATING

The graduation rating on the report card now includes two years of five-year cohort graduation rates. In addition, ODE calculates a “best rate” for both the four-year and five-year cohort rate. This best rate is the higher of the most recent rate or the two year average.

ACHIEVEMENT INDEX

The 2011-12 achievement index calculations no longer provide a bonus for student who exceed. Previously a student who exceeded earned the school 133 points in the achievement and performance index. For 2011-12 students who exceed standard will provide only 100 points in both indices.

PARTICIPATION RATING

The participation rating for 2011-12 will no longer include participation rates for writing and science. Instead, the participation rating will use disaggregated participation rates for reading and mathematics only. Schools that meet participation requirements for all subgroups in both reading and mathematics will receive an “Outstanding” participation rating. Schools that miss one or more participation targets will receive an “In Need of Improvement” participation rating. Participation targets can be met using the most recent participation rate or the two-year average of participation rates.