

Changes to the Oregon School and District Report Card

This year, the Oregon Department of Education released newly redesigned school and district Report Cards. This new Report Card is the product of a year of review and revisions, led by an external Report Card Steering Committee and informed by feedback from thousands of stakeholders around the state.

The goals of the redesign were to:

- More accurately reflect student learning and growth
- Incorporate key measures of college and career readiness
- Align the report card with district's achievement compacts
- Make the Report Cards more user friendly and accessible

Key changes to the Report Card include:

- A letter from the principal (school report cards) or superintendent (district report cards)
- A redesigned and enhanced school/district profile with demographic charts
- Two overall ratings - one which compares the school to all others in the state; one which compares the school to other schools with similar student demographics
- A greater emphasis on student learning and growth
- Information on the curriculum and learning environment
- For high schools, in addition to data on graduation and dropout rates, the report cards now also include a completer rate, the percent of freshmen on track to graduate, and the percent of students going on to college.

What you can expect from the new Report Cards:

- **Parents** can expect a visual report that includes more personalized details about their school including a principal letter, student outcomes, and information about special programs and offerings. Parents will also be able to compare their school with "like" schools – schools with similar student demographics. This can provide another valuable perspective on student and school outcomes.
- **Educators** can expect a more holistic report designed to better tell their school or district's story. The report cards will never capture everything about a school, but the new report cards include a number of new elements designed to paint a clearer picture about a school's demographics, offerings, outcomes, and growth.
- **School Board** members can expect a report that better aligns to district goals and priorities as laid out in the district achievement compacts. New student outcome data such as the percent of freshmen on track, the five year completer rate, and the percent of students going on to higher education highlight the progress and opportunities for growth in these key areas.

To access your school or district's report card, go to:

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx>