

A Comparison of the 2007-08 and 2008-09 Report Card Rating Systems

2007-08 Report Card

5-Level Rating Scale

Exceptional
Strong
Satisfactory
Low
Unacceptable

Performance Index

Exceeds	133 points
Meets	100 points
Nearly Meets	67 points
Low	33 points
Very Low	0 points

Improvement Index

This is calculated as the improvement in the performance index for the last two years as compared to prior two years.

Attendance/Dropout

The attendance and dropout rates are used to calculate a Student Behavior Rating.

Participation

If school participation (including writing) does not meet a threshold, such as 94.5%, then the rating can be reduced.

Inclusion Rules

Excluded Extended assessments.

Excluded parent refusals.

2008-09 Report Card

3-Level Rating Scale

Outstanding
Satisfactory
In Need of Improvement

Achievement Index

Exceeds	133 points
Meets	100 points
Not Met, but Met Growth	100 points
Not Met, and Not Met Growth	0 points

The achievement index is computed by subgroup, and the overall index for the school is a weighted average of the indices of the all students, economically disadvantaged, limited English proficient, students with disabilities, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic, and Black (not Hispanic) subgroups.

Improvement Index

Now applies only to high schools (schools with grade 12). It is the change in the **old** performance index (a 133-100-67-33-0) over the last two years (0708 vs. 0809). High schools can be moved up one rating level based on improvement.

Attendance

Attendance is now an override. Attendance below 89% lowers overall rating to *In Need of Improvement*; attendance lower than 92% lowers to *Satisfactory*. Applies to elementary and middle schools (schools without grade 12).

Graduation

Graduation is now an override. A rate below 68.1% lowers overall rating to *Satisfactory*, while a rate below 60% lowers to *In Need of Improvement*. Applies to high schools (schools with grade 12).

Participation

Still an override: if school participation (includes writing, but excludes science) is less than 94.5%, then the overall rating will be reduced to *In Need of Improvement*.

AYP

If a school receives an AYP rating of MET, then the school's overall rating can be no lower than *Satisfactory*.

Report Card inclusion rules are the same as AYP.

Includes Extended assessments, and includes meets and exceeds on Extended assessments, up to the 1% cap.

Includes parent refusals as non-participants.