

# OREGON SCHOOL & DISTRICT REPORT CARD

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## I. Introduction

Oregon law and the federal no Child Left Behind Act require the Oregon Department of Education to produce and issue annual report cards for schools and districts. The report card is a logical extension of other programs initiated to improve education in Oregon's schools by encouraging responsible action, identifying excellence, and driving improvement. The report card is designed to

1. communicate the many good things occurring in schools.
2. provide a fair and reliable means of reporting ratings of current school performance and improvement over time.
3. demonstrate to the public that the schools are accountable for their work.

The Oregon School Report Card Manual is a compilation of the policies, processes, strategies, and timelines that relate to producing and improving the report card. It is updated annually to provide you with the latest information about policies and timelines.

We are committed to making the report card a valuable tool for parents, educators, and community members throughout the state. We encourage your feedback. For additional information, comments, or suggestions, please call (503) 378-3600 ext. 2287 or e-mail [report.card@state.or.us](mailto:report.card@state.or.us).

## **II. Purpose and Guiding Principles**

### **SCHOOL AND DISTRICT REPORT CARDS**

#### **Purpose and Guiding Principles**

To communicate information to parents about school progress and achievement while meeting the legislative expectation for school and district accountability.

#### **The report cards should**

- be clear, concise, well-defined, and understandable.
- use information that is valid, stable, and reliable.
- include all students.
- report current levels of performance and continuous improvement over time.
- rate school effectiveness, not individual student performance.
- provide an opportunity for schools and districts to define unique characteristics through local information.
- be viewed as one part of a larger accountability system.
- meet federal and state requirements.

### **III. Development of the School and District Report Cards**

Created by the 1999 Oregon Legislature, the school report card is a part of other programs initiated to improve Oregon’s educational system. This legislation requires that the Oregon Department of Education produce and issue a report card to all districts and schools in the state.

At the Oregon Department of Education, a Report Card Team facilitates the updating, improvement, and production of the annual school and district report cards. Continuously identifying issues associated with the display of information and the methodology used in generating the school ratings, the team gathers input from parents, educators, legislators, advisory groups, community members, a national consultant, and all departments within the Oregon Department of Education.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Significant Events in Development</b>
<b>June 1999</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Legislature established the rating labels and categories.</li> <li>• The Department of Education was instructed to research, develop, and implement all other components of the report card.</li> </ul>
<b>Fall 1999</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several prototype report cards were developed and feedback was gathered from stakeholders throughout the state.</li> <li>• The Department of Education contracted with The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment for assistance in the development of the report card.</li> <li>• The State Board of Education approved the first Oregon school report card.</li> </ul>
<b>January 2000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Education issued the first report cards to over 1300 schools and districts.</li> </ul>
<b>Jan. – Dec. 2000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback helped inform the development of the second report card.</li> </ul>
<b>January 2001</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Education issued the second school and district report cards.</li> </ul>
<b>July 2001</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Oregon State Legislature passed SB 811 mandating additional elements to be displayed on the report cards.</li> </ul>
<b>Jan. – Dec. 2001</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback helped inform the development of the third report card.</li> </ul>
<b>January 2002</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Education issued the third school and district report cards.</li> <li>• Federal legislation “No Child Left Behind” was passed into law and will impact future school and district report cards with mandated federal requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>January 2004</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Education issued 2003-2004 School and District Report Cards that comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act.</li> </ul>
<b>October 2005</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Education issues 2004-2005 School and District Report Cards using more closely aligned test and student inclusion rules for AYP and report card ratings.</li> </ul>

## IV. General Information

### Scope of the Report Card

The report card is a snapshot of school quality. It is limited in its perspective because only data that are comparable from school to school can be used. The Department requires that all statistics used in the report card be reliable and consistent across the state. Data that do not meet this rigorous test are not included in the report card.

Because the scope of the report cards is limited, schools and districts are encouraged to use the local information panel on the report card to include information not currently available at the state level. This should be an important feature of every report card sent from schools to parents.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. What are the report cards?**

In 1999, ORS 329.105 was passed by the Oregon Legislature requiring that the Oregon Department of Education produce and issue annual report cards for all schools and districts. This law was passed in recognition of the desire of the public for consistent and reliable information about schools. In 2001, Oregon SB 811 was passed mandating additional requirements for the school and district report cards. In January 2002, Federal HR 1 "No Child Left Behind" legislated specific requirements for schools and districts that affect the 2003-2004 report cards.

**2. What is the purpose of the report cards?**

The school report card is one of several programs initiated to improve education throughout Oregon by providing an opportunity to communicate and celebrate the many good things that are happening in schools. The report card may assist in initiating discussions about areas targeted for improvement. Demonstrating that schools are accountable, the report card displays consistent and reliable information about each school and district directly to parents and community members.

**3. Who will receive the school report card?**

All schools in Oregon that meet the definition of a public school will be included in the Oregon report card system.

**4. When will the report cards be issued?**

The 2005-2006 school and district report cards will be publicly released on October 13, 2006. Under proposed revisions to OAR 581-022-1060, schools and districts must provide copies of the report cards to all parents by December 15, 2006 and are strongly urged to distribute the cards sooner.

**5. Do report cards give schools A-F letter grades?**

No, schools do not receive letter grades. The law lists the five ratings as Exceptional, Strong, Satisfactory, Low, and Unacceptable.

**6. How many report card ratings does a school receive?**

As required by state law, each school receives an overall rating which is a composite of four ratings in the following categories: **Student Performance** (Academic Achievement), **Student Behavior** (Attendance/Dropout), **Improvement**, and **School Characteristics** (Participation in Statewide Assessments).

**7. What happens if a school receives a *Low or Unacceptable* rating on the report card?**

*Low and Unacceptable* ratings can be addressed and corrected. Report cards help focus local and state assistance with low-performing schools receiving technical assistance from the Department. A school must file a school improvement plan with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the school district board, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Council of the school.

**8. Do districts receive report card ratings?**

No, districts do not receive ratings in the Oregon report card system. District report cards contain district-wide statistics and list ratings for schools in the district. However, districts do receive AYP ratings.

**Changes for the 2005-2006 Report Card**

The following changes are planned for the 2005-2006 Report Card:

School and district report cards are scheduled for release on October 13 and districts are responsible for downloading, printing, and distributing the cards. A proposed change to OAR 581-022-1060 would require districts to distributing the cards by December 15, 2006 instead of March 31, 2007. A timeline of key dates related to accountability reporting is posted at <a href="http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=273">http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=273</a>
ODE has requested the following amendment to the State’s Accountability Workbook: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results from 05-06 reading and math assessments at grades 4, 6, and 7 will not be included in the calculation of student performance in 05-06 AYP reports or report cards rating formulas, but will be included in 06-07 reports and ratings.</li> </ul> Results from 05-06 reading and math assessments at grades 4, 6, and 7 will be reported on the web as well as included in the Statewide Assessments table in the school and district reports cards and will be included in the calculation of testing participation rates for AYP and the report cards.
ODE has requested the following amendments to the State’s Accountability Workbook: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be omitted from the participation rate calculation when such students cannot take the State assessment during the entire testing window, including the make-up dates, because of a significant medical emergency.</li> </ul>
To align with inclusion rules of assessment results, the attendance of students identified in the Spring Membership Collection as enrolled in district special education programs on the first school day in May will be included only in the calculation of district attendance rates.
SAT Writing results will be included on high school report cards.

## **Overview of the Formula for the 2005-2006 Report Card**

The following key points are discussed further in other sections of this Policy Manual.  
Please also see the Technical Bulletin.

### **School Characteristics Rating**

- Schools are accountable for all students' participation in 2005-2006 statewide assessments in reading, mathematics, and writing.
- If less than 89.5% of the eligible students participated in statewide assessments, then the rating for School Characteristics is *Unacceptable*, and the school's overall rating is *Unacceptable*.
- If 89.5% - 94.4% of the eligible students participated in statewide assessments, then the rating for School Characteristics is *Low*, and the school's overall rating is set at a maximum of *Low*.
- If 94.5% or more of the eligible students participated in statewide assessments, then the Overall rating is calculated following the established Report Card procedures.

### **Student Performance Rating**

- Student Performance (Academic Achievement) is calculated as an average of student performance on the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 Reading and Math Knowledge and Skills Statewide Assessments for elementary and middle schools. Ratings for high schools are based on Reading and Math Knowledge and Skills and Writing Statewide Assessments.
- Improvement is a factor in the Overall rating but is not a factor in this separate category.

### **Student Behavior Rating**

- Student Behavior (Attendance and Dropout) is calculated as an average of attendance rates for school years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 and dropout rates for school years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.
- Improvement is a factor in the Overall rating but is not a factor in this separate category.

## **Overview of the Formula for the 2005-2006 Report Card** continued

### **Improvement**

- The component ratings for Student Performance, Student Behavior, and Improvement are calculated separately and displayed separately.
- The Improvement rating is based on four-year improvement in knowledge and skills assessment scores, attendance, and dropout rates.
- The Improvement rating is combined with the Student Performance rating and the Student Behavior rating to determine the Overall rating.

### **Overall Rating**

- The Overall rating is a combination of Student Performance rating (2 year average) + Student Behavior rating (2 year average) + Improvement in Student Performance and Student Behavior (4 year average).

## Distribution of the Report Cards

Districts must take responsibility for ensuring that the report cards reach the parents of all children enrolled in Oregon public schools. Most districts choose to mail their report cards, but it is not a requirement. Under proposed revisions to OAR 581-022-1060, each parent must receive a copy of the report cards by December 15 and the distribution procedures are left to the discretion of the district.

## Guidelines for Reproducing and Distributing the Report Cards

### Copies for Distribution

The 2005-2006 School and District Report Cards and supporting documents are available for download from the Oregon Department of Education website beginning October 13, 2006. Districts will not receive a packet of report cards and support documents for reproduction from the Department this year. Schools and districts are requested to copy all official report cards on 8.5 x 14 legal-size paper but are not obligated to reproduce and distribute any documents except the actual report cards.

### Local Information Panel

Each district is required by state law to reproduce and distribute the report cards in their entirety, exactly as they are received from the Oregon Department of Education. Districts may not cut and paste, delete, or rearrange portions of the official report cards. The only exception to this rule is the design of the information presented by districts within the **Local Information** panel.

The **Local Information** panel is provided for the school and district to communicate local information that is not available statewide. This information might include additional data or honors particular to a school, school improvement plans, or a letter from a superintendent or principal focusing on successes and progress by a school or district.

Local information does not appear on the report cards displayed on the ODE website.

### Boxes Marked for *Department of Education Notes*

Many schools have special circumstances that may not apply to all schools but which affect their data or ratings. To provide additional information about the circumstances particular to a school, the Department will use note boxes to reference explanations and clarifications with an asterisk or a superscripted number. The note boxes may not be altered by districts, even though the boxes shown on the report card may be blank. Most schools will have nothing printed in the boxes.

## **V. Assessment**

The Oregon Statewide Assessment system is designed to be comprehensive and inclusive of all students. Options for testing conditions are designed so that every student has the opportunity to participate.

### **Testing Conditions and the 2005-2006 Report Card Formula**

In the following chart, testing conditions are listed with the resulting formula considerations for Student Performance (Academic Achievement) and School Characteristics (Participation in Statewide Assessments). Specific details about the formula and rating of each report card component can be found in the Technical Bulletin.

<b>Testing Conditions</b>	<b>Report Card Formula</b>	
	<b>Student Performance</b>	<b>School Characteristics</b>
Standard assessments	Included	Included
Standard with accommodations	Included	Included
Target up	Included	Included
Target down	Not included	Included
Extended assessments/CLRAS	Not included	Included
Juried assessments	Included	Included
Modified assessments	Not included	Included
Exempted (First year ELL for reading or writing)	Not included	Included
Non-completers	Included as not meeting standard	Included
Non-consent of parent for religious or disability-related reasons	Not included	Not included
Non-attempt/Non-consent of student	Not included	Included as non-participant
Absent	Not included	Included as non-participant
Side-by-Side Spanish	Included	Included
Side-by-Side Russian (see page 11 for specific details)	Included	Included
Spanish Writing	Included	Included
Spanish Reading (Available for Grade 3 only)	Included	Included
Students enrolled on the first school day in May that were enrolled during a test window and not tested	Not included	Included as non-participant

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is student participation?

Student participation is the percentage of students participating in statewide assessments in English/Language Arts and Mathematics at the benchmark grades of 3 - 8, 10 and grades 4, 7, and 10 for writing assessments. The Oregon assessment system offers a variety of options for testing conditions with the expectation of including all students. For specific details about the testing conditions, see the table on the previous page.

### 2. What tests are included in the calculation of student performance?

Student performance is the measure of academic achievement on required statewide assessments for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 in the following subjects and grades:

- Reading/Literature from students enrolled at grades 3, 5, 8, and 10\*
- Mathematics from students enrolled at grades 3, 5, 8, and 10\*
- Writing from students enrolled at grade 10

Only standard administrations of tests at or above a student's grade level are including in the calculation of student performance.

*\*ODE has requested the following amendment to the State's Accountability Workbook: Results from 05-06 reading and math assessments at grades 4, 6, and 7 will not be included in the calculation of student performance in 05-06 AYP reports or report cards rating formulas, but will be included in 06-07 reports and ratings.*

### 3. What is a rated element?

A rated element is a set of data that has been assigned to a corresponding rating system. Other elements may be reported or displayed but not included in determining a school's ratings.

### 4. What is meant by the phrase "for display only"?

Many data elements are shown on the report card for informational purposes only, with no ratings attached to the data. The purpose of the displays is to give more information to parents.

### 5. Students may take benchmark tests that do not correspond with their grade levels. For example, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader who takes the 7<sup>th</sup> grade benchmark assessment is "targeting up". Similarly, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader who takes a 4<sup>th</sup> grade test is "targeting down". Are these scores included in the report card calculations?

The scores of students who **targeted up** are figured into both the participation rate and the student performance. Scores will be included in student performance for the grade level in which the student is currently enrolled. The students who **targeted down** will be counted in participation but will not be included in the formula calculations for student performance.

## Frequently Asked Questions continued

### 6. Are students with limited English proficiency included on the report card?

Yes, those students who are able to participate in the state mathematics assessments in Spanish, Russian, or English are included in **Student Participation**. Some scores will also be included in **Student Performance**. See the chart below for specific details. Students who participate in the writing assessment in Spanish are also included. Please see the chart below for specific details.

2005-2006 Oregon Statewide Assessments for English Language Learners	
<b>Reading/Literature</b>	Spanish Grade 3: Included in Performance* and Participation.
<b>Math Knowledge and Skills</b>	Spanish/English Side-by-Side: Included in Performance and Participation. Russian/English Side-by-Side: Included in Performance and Participation.
<b>Writing</b>	Spanish/English: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Responses in English included in Performance and Participation.</li><li>▶ Responses in Spanish included in Performance* and Participation.</li></ul>
<b>Science</b>	Spanish/English Side-by-Side: Included in Performance and Participation. Russian/English Side-by-Side: Included in Performance and Participation.

\*Responses from qualified students that meet the standard are included as meeting the standard. For more information on the definition of qualified students see ODE Executive Numbered Memo 016-2003-04 posted at [http://www.ode.state.or.us/pubs/memos/2003\\_04/016\\_04.htm](http://www.ode.state.or.us/pubs/memos/2003_04/016_04.htm)

### 7. What about Limited English Proficient student who are new to the country?

Limited English Proficient students that enroll in a U.S. school for the first time after August 15 are not required to take the state assessments in reading and writing. However, these "First year" LEP students are counted as participants in the report card in reading or writing tests only if reported as taking a test of English Language Proficiency during the school year. First year LEP students are required to take state assessments in mathematics and science. The scores of first year LEP students are not included in determining the percentage of students meeting standard in AYP determinations or report card ratings.

### 8. Beginning with the Spring 2001 assessments, ODE has provided extended assessments. How are these assessment scores included on the report card?

The scores of students taking extended assessments will be included in participation but will not be included in student performance.

- 9. What is the policy for students who fail to answer the minimum number of questions to determine a valid test score?**  
Students who fail to answer the minimum number of questions on a standard test administration will be included in the student performance rating in the category “very low” and will be included in participation as “Participated in Statewide Assessments”.
- 10. How will students of non-consenting parents be included on the report card?**  
Students whose parents provide a written refusal of consent on the basis of religious or IEP disability related reasons will not be included in the report card calculations for student performance or participation. These students are considered ineligible for testing.
- 11. How are the scores reported for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students taking the CIM assessments?**  
Students in Grades 11 and 12 who are taking the Grade 10 CIM test will not be reported in either participation or in student performance. Only the scores of students who are in benchmark grades are included in participation and student performance.
- 12. How are the scores reported for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students taking the CIM assessments?**  
Students who are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade may elect to take the CIM assessment. Scores will be held until the student is in Grade 10. If the student retests in Grade 10, the higher score will be reported.
- 13. If a student completes a writing assessment that is off-topic, how is the score used in calculating student performance and participation?**  
For students at grade 10, a writing assessment that is complete but off-topic is counted as a “Does Not Meet” in student performance. For students at grade 10, a writing assessment that is complete but off-topic is counted as participating when determining the percentage of students tested.
- 14. How are Writing “Conditionally Meets” scores used in the *calculations* of the report card ratings?**  
A “conditionally meets” assessment score counts as “nearly meets” when calculating the student performance rating and the overall rating. The score is included in participation. See the Technical Bulletin for the cut points defining performance levels on the state assessments included on the report card.
- 15. How are “Conditionally Meets” in Writing included in the *displays* on the report card?**  
On page 2 of school and district report cards, the graphs entitled “Percent of Students Meeting Standards” include the “conditionally meets” scores on Writing assessments as “meets” the standards. In reporting statewide assessment results on page 3 of the report cards, “conditionally meets” scores are included in the column “does not meet” standard.

**16. What accounts for the different participation rates and performance levels reported on school and district report cards?**

The display of statewide assessment results for English/Language Arts combines the results of reading and writing assessments.

For both the display of statewide assessment results and the school characteristics rating, the participation denominator and numerator will be based on students enrolled on the first school day in May. However, answer sheets marked parent refusal for religious or disability related reasons will be excluded when calculating the report card participation rate and counted as non-participants in the display of statewide assessment results.

The student performance denominator for both statewide assessment results and report card will include only tests from students enrolled on the first school day in May. However, for report card calculations, only test scores from students enrolled for a full academic year taking a standard administration of a test at or above the student's enrolled grade will continue to be included. (I.e., modified administrations, targeted down tests, and extended and CLRAS assessments are excluded.) For statewide assessment results, all students enrolled on May 1 are included and results from modified administrations, targeted down tests, and extended and CLRAS assessments are included as "not met".

**17. Where can I find more information about state assessments?**

More details about the Oregon Statewide Assessment System can be found on the Assessment/Testing webpage at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=169>

**18. Where will the assessment scores be reported for the students who are in alternative programs?**

Districts are responsible for attaching student test scores from alternative programs to report card schools in situations where the school is responsible for making educational decisions about the student. For alternative programs that have a direct relationship with a single high school, the Department will consult with the district about the addition of the test scores for the alternative program to the high school's results. For alternative programs that do not have a direct relationship with a single high school, it is the responsibility of each district to ensure the integrity of the system by accounting for all students' participation in statewide assessment.

## **VII. Ratings and Formulas**

Please refer to the Technical Bulletin for a detailed explanation of the rating system and its calculations.

### **Circumstances Which May Prevent a School From Receiving a Rating(s)**

All schools will receive report cards; however, some schools will not receive ratings.  
See below for circumstances which may apply to particular schools.

<b>Circumstances</b>	<b>Will the school receive a Report Card?</b>	<b>Will the school receive a Rating in</b>				
		<b>School Characteristics</b>	<b>Student Performance</b>	<b>Student Behavior</b>	<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Less than a 2-year combined total of 80 test scores in Reading and Math Knowledge and Skills tests.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
During the two most recent years combined, fewer than 50 students attending the school.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Schools without a benchmark grade (Grades 3-8 and 10).	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Schools newly opened within the last year.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Schools with a significant population change due to boundary changes.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Schools with a significant population change due to grade level configuration changes.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Schools with less than two years of data.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Schools with only two years of data.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

## Years of Data

Using four years of data is optimal in calculating the Improvement rating and the Overall rating. However, some schools do not have four consecutive years of data. In these cases, three years of data may be used to calculate Improvement in Student Performance (academic achievement) and Student Behavior (attendance/dropout). The two most recent years of data will be used for improvement and the other year will be used for a baseline.

Please note that only one year of data is used to determine the school characteristics rating.

## Confidentiality

Under certain conditions, summary data is not reported. The confidentiality data suppression rules are shown below.

### Data Suppression Rules

Rating Category	Condition	Display
Student Performance Academic Achievement	Percent of students meeting benchmark is either 0% or 100%	Data is either categorized as <i>5% or less</i> or <i>95% or greater</i> .
Student Performance Academic Achievement	Number of students tested in a subject area or an ethnic group is 5 or less	Data is suppressed.
SAT	Number tested is 5 or less	Performance data is suppressed. Participation will be displayed.

## Rounding calculations

Rounding to the nearest tenth occurs after the calculation of each index shown on the report card detail sheet.

## Overall Rating

### Formula

The Overall Rating will be based on a weighted average of the component ratings:

#### Student Performance (Academic Achievement)

*For Elementary and Middle Schools:*

The rating will be calculated as an average of student performance on the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 statewide knowledge and skills assessments in reading and math.

#### Student Performance (Academic Achievement)

*For High Schools:*

The rating will be calculated as an average of student performance on the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 statewide assessments in reading and math knowledge and skills, and writing.

#### Student Behavior (Attendance)

*For Elementary and Middle Schools:*

The rating will be calculated as an average of student attendance in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

#### Student Behavior (Attendance/Dropout)

*For High Schools:*

The rating will be calculated as an average of student attendance rates in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 and dropout rates in 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

**Improvement** will be based on changes in performance on statewide reading and math knowledge and skills assessments, attendance rates, and dropout rates from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006.

**School Characteristics** will play a key role in determining the Overall Rating.

- If 94.5% or more of the eligible students participated in the 2005-2006 statewide assessments, then the overall rating formula will be applied to the school data. The Overall rating will be one of the following: *Exceptional, Strong, Satisfactory, Low, or Unacceptable.*
- If 89.5% - 94.4% of the eligible students participated in the 2005-2006 statewide assessments, the school will receive a maximum Overall rating of *Low*.
- If less than 89.5% of the eligible students participated in the 2005-2006 statewide assessments, the school will automatically receive an *Unacceptable* Overall rating.

### Display

The 2005-2006 report card will again feature a continuum displaying the Overall rating.



### State Average

The state average has **no** impact on the calculation of a school's Overall rating. The state averages are displayed on the report card for informational purposes only.

## Student Performance (Academic Achievement) Rating

### Performance Levels Used in the Report Card Calculations

Five performance levels of assessment results: Exceeds, Meets, Nearly Meets, Low, and Very Low.  
The scale score ranges for each performance level are shown below by test and by grade level.

<b>Oregon Assessments Performance Levels and Cut Scores by Content Area and Grade</b>					
<b>Content Area and Grade</b>	<b>Scale Score Ranges for Each Performance Level</b>				
	<b>Exceed the Standard</b>	<b>Meet the Standard</b>	<b>Nearly Meet the Standard</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Very Low</b>
<b>Reading/Literature</b>					
Grade 3	215 & above	201 – 214	196 – 200	190 – 195	below 190
Grade 4	223 & above	208 – 222	203 – 207	196 – 202	below 196
Grade 5	231 & above	215 – 230	209 – 214	201 – 208	below 201
Grade 6	233 & above	219 – 232	214 – 218	203 – 213	below 203
Grade 7	236 & above	226 – 235	218 – 225	206 – 217	below 206
Grade 8	239 & above	231 – 238	223 – 230	208 – 222	below 208
Grade 10	249 & above	239 – 248	230 – 238	214 – 229	below 214
<b>Math Knowledge and Skills</b>					
Grade 3	215 & above	202 – 214	196 – 201	186 – 195	below 186
Grade 4	223 & above	208 – 222	203 – 207	194 – 202	below 194
Grade 5	231 & above	215 – 230	210 – 214	202 – 209	below 202
Grade 6	233 & above	219 – 232	215 – 218	207 – 214	below 207
Grade 7	236 & above	226 – 235	220 – 225	211 – 219	below 211
Grade 8	239 & above	231 – 238	225 – 230	216 – 224	below 216
Grade 10	249 & above	239 – 248	229 – 238	219 – 228	below 219
<b>Writing</b>					
Grade 4	40—48	32—39	28—31	16 – 27	0 – 15
Grade 7, 10	50 – 60	40 – 49	35 – 39	20 – 34	0 – 19
<b>Science</b>					
Grade 5	239 & above	223 – 238	210 – 222	202 – 209	below 202
Grade 8	247 & above	233 – 246	227 – 232	216 – 226	below 216
Grade 10	252 & above	239 – 251	233 – 238	222 – 232	below 222

## Formula

**Elementary and Middle School:** Student Performance will be calculated as an average of scores on Reading and Math Knowledge and Skills statewide assessments for the two most recent years.

**High School:** Student Performance will be calculated as a weighted average of scores on Reading and Math Knowledge and Skills and Writing statewide assessments for the two most recent years .

## Display

The percentage of students meeting or exceeding the standards will be displayed for Reading, Math, and Science Knowledge and Skills tests. Graphs will display the percentage of students exceeding, meeting, and conditionally meeting the state standards on Writing.

## Weights

**Elementary and Middle School:** In calculations of the Student Performance ratings, results for Reading and Math Knowledge and Skills assessments will each contribute 50% of the total.

**High School:** In calculations of the Student Performance ratings, results for Reading and Math Knowledge and Skills will each contribute 39% and Writing will contribute 22% of the total.

## Student Behavior (Attendance/Dropout) Rating

### Grades Used in Calculating the Attendance Rate

Grades 1-12 are used in calculating the attendance rating. Kindergarten is not included in the attendance rating.

### Grades Used in Calculating the Dropout Rate

Grades 9-12 are used in calculating the dropout rate.

## Formula

**Elementary and Middle School:** The Student Behavior rating will be calculated as an average of attendance rates during the two most recent years.

**High School:** The Student Behavior rating will be calculated as an average of attendance and dropout rates during the two most recent years.

## Display

The attendance and dropout rates will be displayed in table format as shown below.

### Attendance Student Behavior Rating: Strong

Attendance	School	District	State
2004-2005	95.0%	92.3%	94.1%
2005-2006	95.0%	92.3%	94.1%

### Dropout Student Behavior Rating: Strong

Dropout	Number	School	District	State
2003-2004	3	5.2%	5.2%	6.2%
2004-2005	3	5.2%	5.2%	4.2%

## Improvement Rating

### Emphasis on Improvement

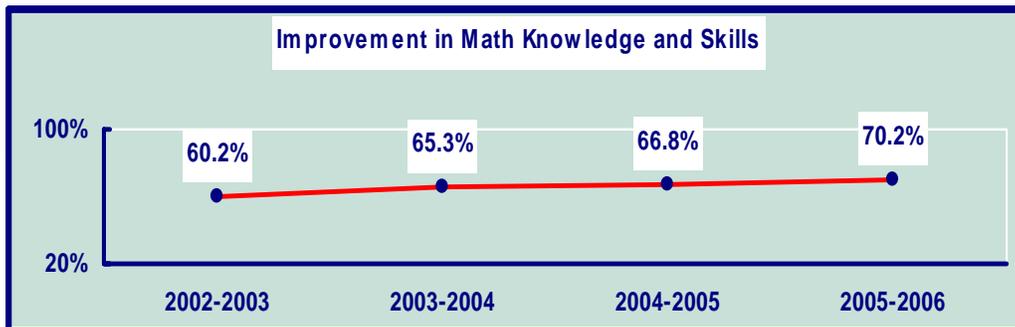
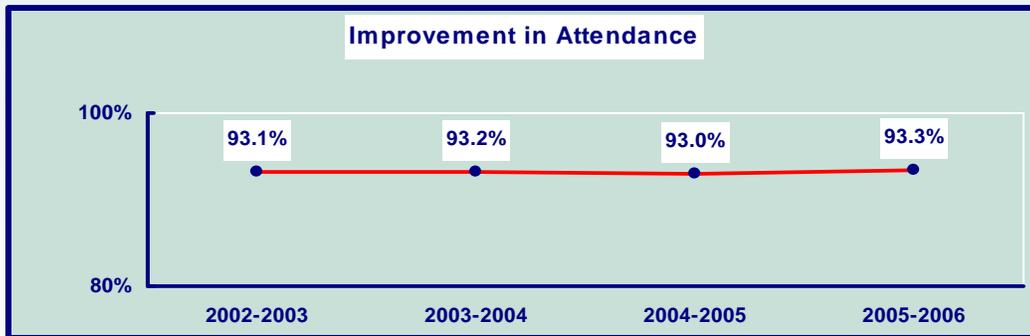
The Oregon Report Card rating system credits schools for improving student performance on statewide assessments, attendance, and the dropout rate. Because the Oregon Accountability System is a continuous improvement model, student growth is expected, and schools are expected to continuously update their school improvement plans.

### Formula

The Improvement rating will be based on four-year improvement in reading and math knowledge and skills assessment scores, attendance, and dropout rates. The component ratings for Student Performance (Academic Achievement), Student Behavior (Attendance/Dropout), and Improvement will be calculated separately and displayed separately. The Improvement rating will be combined with the Student Performance rating and the Student Behavior rating to produce the Overall rating.

### Display

Four-Year Improvement in Student Performance and Student Behavior will be rated and displayed on the 2005-2006 Report Card. Historical data for Reading and Math Knowledge and Skills, Attendance, and Dropout rates will be displayed on graphs. See examples below.



## School Characteristics Rating

### Emphasis on the Percentage of Students Tested

The percentage of students who participate in statewide assessments is a good indicator of whether all eligible students receive the same basic educational opportunities. High participation rates also help ensure sound comparisons over time, a key element of validity.

School Characteristics will play a key role in determining the Overall rating.

- If 94.5% or more of the students participated in statewide assessments in 2005-2006, then the Overall rating formula will be applied to the school data. The Overall rating will be one of the following: *Exceptional, Strong, Satisfactory, Low, or Unacceptable*.
- If 89.5%-94.4% of the students participated in the 2005-2006 statewide assessments, the school will receive a maximum Overall rating of *Low*.
- If less than 89.5% of the eligible students participated in statewide assessments in 2005-2006, the school will automatically receive an *Unacceptable* Overall rating.

### Formula

The participation rate is the proportion of the number of tests from students enrolled on the first school day in May eligible to be assessed to those who actually received scores. The participation rate is: The number of participating tests from students enrolled on the first school day in May **DIVIDED BY** the number of expected tests from students enrolled on the first school day in May **MINUS** the number of students that were ineligible for testing (exempted by parents for religious or disability related reasons).

Note that registered home schooled students, private school students, tuitioned students and students attending public or private alternative programs that are not claimed by any district for ADM or did not receive instruction from the district in the state content standards during the 2005-2006 school year are excluded from district and school report card calculations.

Number of Participating tests in reading, mathematics, and writing

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Expected Number of Participating tests in reading, mathematics, and writing — Number tests from students that were ineligible for testing

### Display

The rates of participation in statewide assessment will be displayed in table format as shown in the example below.

Grade 10	School	State
Participated in 2005-2006 Statewide Assessments	98.0%	98.0%

## VII. Data, Data Sources, and Key Dates

### **Data Validation**

Schools are given multiple opportunities to validate the data that are used on the report cards. Data validation windows are scheduled in May and September each year. If it is believed that an error exists, there are multiple opportunities for appeal and subsequent correction prior to the release of the report cards in October. See the Key Dates chart in this section for more detail.

### **Report Card Preview Days**

Report cards will be ready for examination on the ODE website prior to the public release. The purpose of this preview window is to provide schools and districts with time to prepare communication materials during the week of the public release. **Changes will not be made to the report cards during the preview window unless the Department made an error.**

### **After the Report Card is Released**

If a district or school finds an error after the report cards are released to the public, a correction will be made only if the Department made the error. If the district validated the data as it is displayed on the report cards, corrections will be made for historical purposes, but the report cards will not be re-released.

## Data Sources for the Report Card

Many data collection reports are *filed* each year with the Oregon Department of Education. Staff members in each school district are responsible for *reporting* the information and *validating* some of the same information later in the year. The Oregon Department of Education collects this information and annually displays the data on the school and district report cards.

Data Sources for the Report Card				
Report Card Element	Data Collection Survey	ODE Staff	(503) 378-3600 Extension	Due Date
Attendance	Annual ADM 05-06	Terry Kliever	x2353	7/15/2006
School Size	Annual ADM 05-06	Terry Kliever	x2353	7/15/2006
Students Attending From/In Another District	Annual ADM 05-06	Terry Kliever	x2353	7/15/2006
English Language Learners	Annual ADM 05-06	Terry Kliever	x2353	7/15/2006
School Personnel	Staff FTE (School, District) 05-06	Lyn McAllister	X2644	12/9/2005
School Personnel	Certificated Staff 05-06	Brian Reeder	X2631	2/15/2006
Graduates/CIM Completion	High School Completers 04-05	Linda Burgin	X4453	1/18/2006
Dropout Rate	Early Leavers 04-05	Linda Burgin	X4453	3/24/2006
Special Education	Special Education Child Count	Brian Johnson	X2316	12/15/2005
General Fund Expenditures	Actual Expenditures 04-05	Barbara Cruickshank	X2652	12/31/2005
Bond Levy	Bond Levy	Lynn McCallister	X2644	
ESD Support	ESD Direct Support 04-05	Barbara Cruickshank	X2652	12/31/2005
Expulsions Due to Weapons	Suspensions, Expulsions, Truancy 05-06	Phyllis Rock	X2258	6/30/2006
Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	NCLB Staff Survey 05-06	Bev Pratt	X2218	7/14/2006
SAT Scores	Collected directly from the College Board	Lynn McCallister	X2644	
Class Size	Self-Contained Class Size 05-06	Lynn McCallister	X2644	7/14/2006
Emergency/Provisional Credential	Collected directly from TSPC	Bev Pratt	X2218	7/14/2006
School	School/Program Registration 05	Lynn McCallister	X2644	7/8/2005
Video Conferencing	Collected directly from TIRM	ODE Helpdesk	X2645	
Assessment Results		Jon Bridges	X2287	
Title I Status	Collected from Federal Funds Application for 05-06	Cathryn Gardner	x2221	
AYP Designations		Jon Bridges	X2287	

## Key Dates in Report Card/AYP Determination Process 2005-2006

<b>April 20</b>	Spring Student Membership 05-06 Collection opens (required for AYP determinations)
<b>May 1</b>	NCLB English Proficiency 05-06 Collection opens (required for AYP determinations)
<b>May 3 - 26</b>	Spring Validation Window of Report Card Data Elements <b>Changes made after this date to data elements included in the validation will not be reflected in accountability reports.</b>
<b>June 6</b>	Student tests records for all subjects and tests (except Writing administered in Spring Testing Window) loaded in Student Centered Staging
<b>June 10</b>	First extract of data from Spring Student Membership 05-06 and NCLB English Proficiency 05-06 Collection for application to test records and generation of virtual records for inclusion in pre-preliminary AYP and report card data
<b>June 13</b>	Pre-preliminary school and district AYP data and report card detail data on ODE district secure website. Reports are scheduled to be updated weekly through August
<b>June 30</b>	Due date for Suspensions/Expulsions/Truancy 05-06
<b>July 9</b>	Due date for NCLB Staff 05-06 Collection
<b>July 14</b>	Due date for Annual ADM 05-06 and Class Size 05-06 Collections Due date for School Profile Collection 06-07 used for 06-07 AYP and Report Cards
<b>July 25</b>	Due date for NCLB English Language Proficiency 05-06
<b>July 28</b>	Last date for changes to: Spring Student Membership 05-06 Assessment test records For inclusion in Preliminary AYP reports. These data will be released to the media and general public. Districts that wish to have final AYP determinations match these preliminary AYP determinations should complete edits to these collections by this date.
<b>August 1</b>	Preliminary school and district AYP reports on ODE district website Preliminary report card detail sheets on ODE district website
<b>August 4</b>	Public release of preliminary AYP designations for all schools and districts on the ODE website
<b>August 4 – 22</b>	Requests by districts for substantive appeals of preliminary AYP designation due to ODE. Requests must be signed by the district Superintendent or his/her designee.
<b>August 18</b>	Last date for changes to: Spring Student Membership 05-06 NCLB English Proficiency 05-06 Annual ADM 05-06 <b>Changes made after this date to these data elements will not be reflected in Final AYP determinations, Report Card or Assessment Group report results.</b>
<b>August 25</b>	Last date for changes to assessment test records <b>Changes made after this date to these data elements will not be reflected in Final AYP determinations, Report Card or Assessment Group report results.</b>
<b>August 30</b>	Requested AYP data reviews completed for all schools and districts and final list of schools and districts identified for improvement posted to public website
<b>September 7 - 28</b>	Fall Validation Window of Report Card Data Elements <b>Changes made after this date to data elements included in the validation will not be reflected in published Report Cards</b>
<b>October 10</b>	District preview of 2005-06 school and district report cards, including final AYP designations and supporting detail sheets, on ODE district website
<b>October 13</b>	2005-06 school and district report cards, including final AYP designations and supporting detail sheets, available to public on ODE website
<b>No later than December 15, 2006 (proposed)</b>	Distribution of school and district report cards completed by districts. Districts are responsible for downloading, duplicating, and distributing report cards as described in the <u><a href="#">Report Card 2005-2006 Policy Manual</a></u>

## VIII. Special School Situations

### Boundary changes and grade level configuration changes

- Schools that had at least a 20% change in average student membership due to a boundary change or grade level configuration change will be noted with an asterisk.
- In cases where the change in average student membership is 40% or more or boundary changes have caused 40% or more of the students to newly attend the school, the school will be considered a new school and the data history will be removed. Consequently, the school will only be rated in school characteristics for the first report card issued after the change. The school will receive a report card.
- Districts must request “new school status” **by sending a letter to ODE**. The letters should be addressed to the attention of Jon Bridges before May 17, 2006, and provide evidence of the change that occurred between the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years.
- Boundary changes will be noted with superscripted numbers or an asterisk next to component ratings. Footnotes will offer a brief summary of additional information.

### Special Circumstances and Data

Attendance rates are not mitigated by excused or unexcused absences. Please refer to the Student Personnel Accounting Manual for additional information about student attendance. See <https://district.ode.state.or.us/docs/sfda/manuals/studaccman.pdf>

### Alternative Programs

All students in Oregon public schools at benchmark years will have assessment scores, and all students must be accounted for. If students attend a district alternative program that does not receive a report card, the scores of those students will be reported with a school or district that does receive a report card.

### Alternative and Charter Schools

Alternative and charter schools are subject to the same rating formula as regular schools. Many alternative schools do not receive Overall ratings because the school population is too small.

### Private Schools

Private school students are not required to take statewide assessments. Unlike public schools, private schools do not receive report cards.

## IX. Title I

### **Federal Requirements of *No Child Left Behind***

The report cards are the tools for displaying the reporting requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. For specific information about AYP and program improvement status, visit the AYP Home Page at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=198> or contact the Oregon Department of Education at 503.378.3600 x 2287 or email [ayp.reports@state.or.us](mailto:ayp.reports@state.or.us). For information about accountability requirements for Title I schools and districts, please contact Cathryn Gardner at the Oregon Department of Education at 503.378.3600 x 2221.

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