

PROPOSED SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REVISIONS

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) annually calculates the performance of all schools serving students in grades PreK-12. The accountability system used to calculate performance is defined in the DC Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan. OSSE uses these accountability data to inform the public as well as to identify areas for both improvement and celebration. OSSE is proposing revisions to this system that strengthen system and respond to community feedback. This document will summarize our proposed changes, set you up to provide your feedback, and share OSSE's next steps as an agency.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAJOR CHANGES INCLUDE:

OSSE focused our community conversations on three key priorities that build on continuous feedback gathered since the first iteration of the accountability system in 2018.



ACCOUNTABILITY CALCULATIONS: Remove the star rating from the accountability system.

It is difficult to summarize school performance with a rating. We propose removing the STAR rating from the accountability system in order to focus on school performance for each metric. Accountability calculations will be based on the combined student group weighted metric scores. Student group scores and overall calculations will be generated and reported at the grade span and school levels.

We will conduct additional engagement about the display of our accountability system on the DC School Report Card later in the year (see <u>page 4</u> of this document).



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OUR PROPOSED ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM IN DEPTH

The proposed accountability system has different frameworks based on grades served. There are Elementary (ES), Middle (MS), and High School (HS) frameworks, listed in the chart below by domain and points per framework (points listed under each metric with ES first, ES with Pre-K in parentheses, MS second, and HS last). Schools identified as Alternative Schools are measured by a separate framework with unique metrics.

For schools that serve pre-K in addition to elementary grades, some points are redistributed in the School Quality and Student Success domain to provide for pre-K specific metrics. The key below explains how many points are assigned per metric in this proposed framework.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Meeting or Exceeding Expectations

Students meeting or exceeding expectations (scoring at level 4 and higher) in English Language Arts (ELA) and math.

20 | 20 | 15



Median Growth Percentile

Median Academic Growth of the school's students compared to other students who took the ELA and math test across the country

25 | 25 | 12.5

Growth to Proficiency

Percentage of students at the school who are showing enough improvement on PARCC to reach proficiency within 5 years or less 25 | 25 | N/A

Approaching Expectations

Students who are approaching expectations in ELA and Math on the state assessments 10 | 10 | 10

* For high schools: Growth is counted as Achievement and Approaching Expectations is counted as SQSS

SCHOOL QUALITY & STUDENT SUCCESS

Chronic Absenteeism

Percentage of students who are absent more than 10% of their enrolled school days. 5(4) | 5 | 7.5

Attendance Growth

Improvement in student level attendance rates from year to year.

5(4) | 5 | 7.5

Re-Enrollment Percentage of eligible student who choose to re-enroll in the same school the following year

5(3) | 5 | 5

CLASS (Classroom Organization, Emotional Support, Instructional Support) Observational measure of the effectiveness

of classroom interactions to promote student development and learning in Pre-K N/A (3) | N/A | NA

Chronic Absenteeism in Pre-K Percentage of Pre-K students who miss more than

10% of their enrolled school days.

N/A (1) | N/A | N/A

AP, IB and Dual Enrollment

Percentage of high school students taking at least one AP exam, IB exam or dual enrollment course by the end of their senior year.

N/A | N/A | 7.5

AP/IB Performance Percentage of students each year who receive a 3 or above on AP and/or a 4 or above on IB exams. N/A | N/A | 5

SAT College Ready Benchmark Students who are approaching expectations in ELA and Math on the state assessments determined College and Career Readiness score

N/A | N/A | 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

ACCESS Growth

Progress of English learners in learning to speak, listen, read and write in the English language 5 | 5 | 5



Four-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) Percentage of students who graduate with a diploma within 4 years of entering high school

N/A | N/A | 11

Five-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR)

Percentage of students who graduate with a diploma within 5 years of entering high school

N/A | N/A | 9



Student Group Weights by Grade Band

In the development of the accountability system, OSSE recognized the importance of measuring multiple areas of school performance. The accountability system weights areas differently based on the grades served by the school (see below).

	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	ACADEMIC PROGRESS	SCHOOL QUALITY & STUDENT SUCCESS	ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	GRADUATION RATES
Elementary/Middle	20 pts	60 pts	15 pts	5 pts	N/A
High	27.5 pts	N/A	37.5 pts	5 pts	20 pts

HOW ACCOUNTABILITY SCORES WILL BE CALCULATED

CALCULATING THE OVERALL ACCOUNTABILITY SCORE

ESSA requires every state and the District of Columbia to publish statewide accountability results annually. DC's ESSA State Plan has been recognized because of its focus on the performance of individual student groups, which is important to ensure equity in our schools. The accountability system separately measures performance for each student group on every metric and adds them together to calculate the metric points earned. Metric points are then added together in the overall accountability calculation. Families, educators and school leaders will be able to see which schools are doing a great job supporting specific student populations and where schools have room for improvement. We hope that reporting this information will prompt inquiry into best practices and collaboration across the District.



METRIC FLOORS AND TARGETS

Each metric measures the school's performance in that area for all students and by each student group. Every metric has a target, for which schools earn all possible points, and a floor, below which no points are earned. Every metric has a floor and target unique for each student group and grade level; metric points are awarded based on the performance relative to that student group's metric floor and target. The scores for all students and each student group are used to calculate the school's metric points earned and used in the overall calculation.





PLEASE SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!

If you have feedback on this proposed school accountability system, please submit a public comment to <u>dcschoolreportcard@dc.gov</u> until **July 8**. We will consider all feedback and share all comments with the public on our website.

Curious about how this information will be presented on the DC School Report Card?

COMING UP: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE DC SCHOOL REPORT CARD DISPLAY

Once the school accountability system is approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE) and the US Department of Education (USED), OSSE will begin engaging with the community about the design of the home of the new system- the DC School Report Card. Our current design is displayed below.



We have a number of design considerations on the table for these discussions. For example, what information should we place at the top of each school's page? What information is most useful for families? How should we publish our school accountability data?

If you would like to be invited to one of these upcoming community meetings, please provide your name and contact information using this <u>form</u>. We look forward to hearing from you!

