

2021 DC SCHOOL REPORT CARD USER GUIDE

As we build back stronger together, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is committed to sharing high-quality school data to help our parents and families engage with schools. The DC School Report Card is the one place to find all public and comparable data about our schools. This year, the Report Card is presented differently due to the variety of ways schools operated during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the data available. This guide will walk you through the new website, data and exciting new features so you can best learn about our schools!

WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

- In order to reduce confusion by comparing pre-COVID data with COVID-era data, we are hosting new DC School Report Card data on a new page along with interactive data filters and timely announcements.
- The home page displays DC-level data and allow you to explore the District's overall data first before looking at specific schools.
- We added interactive filters to many of the data displays so you can customize your user experience. .
- Users can still see every metric displayed by student group and race/ethnicity, but we also added new data filters provide greater access to grade-level and geographic views in addition to student groups.
- We received waivers from the US Department of Education (USED) to suspend statewide assessments and accountability (STAR) ratings for both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, so these data are not available to be reported.
- School-level data are available in the School Snapshot as well as a downloadable public file.

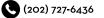


DATA DISPLAYS

We are organizing the data in five domains shown above: School Enrollment, Attendance, School Environment, Academic Performance, and Learning Environment. Clicking on domains opens DC-level data and multiple visual displays with filters. For example, the School Enrollment domain allows you to filter by ward and student group for both the audited student enrollment and ever-enrolled. You can apply filters to multiple metrics on the page at the same time.









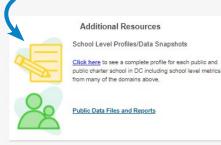
WHAT IS NEW?

- During the 2020-21 school year, students participated 0 in learning in a wide variety of ways. Some students transitioned from a completely remote learning setting to one that included in-person learning. You can explore this DC-level information in the Learning Environment domain.
- Additionally, as a component of the waiver received from the USED, OSSE is displaying the Chronic Absenteeism data the same way we report it to the federal government. Chronic absenteeism is a metric that displays the percentage of students who are absent more than 10 percent of the possible days at schools. For a student enrolled for 180 days this would mean they missed more than 18 days of school. (Previously, we displayed a similar metric on the report card by showing the percentage of students attending school 90 percent or more of the possible days.)





SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

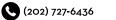


Since we began developing the DC School Report Card in 2017, we have consistently heard from parents about the importance of reliable information about school operations, offerings, and performance. We designed the new school snapshots to provide what parents have come to expect from the DC School Report Card. On the first page, you will see the traditional school profile information including a message from the school, parent organization details, and school program offerings One each page that follows you will see all available school performance metrics such as areas of attendance, student mobility, and graduation rates.

As you continue to scroll through the page, you will see school-level data displays with comparisons to the DC Overall average for the metric and grade band.



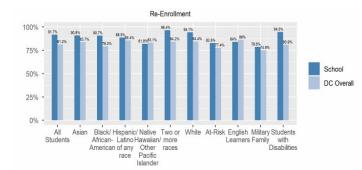


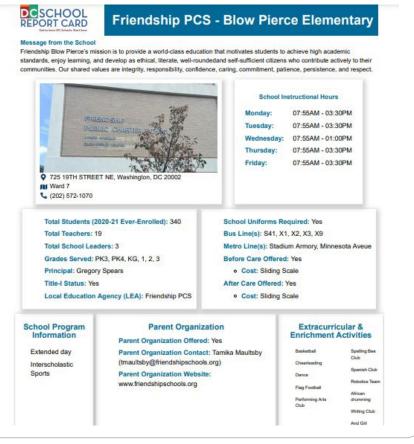


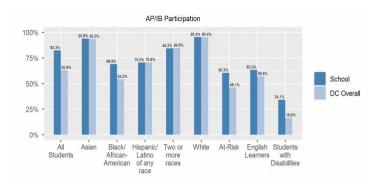


In the school snapshots, we share:

- School Profile information
- **Enrollment Rate**
- Enrollment Rate (by Race/Ethnicity) •
- Faculty and Staff Experience & qualifications
- . In-Seat Attendance
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Student Mobility
- **Re-Enrollment** •
- SAT College and Career Ready Benchmark ٠ & DC Percentile
- **AP/IB** Participation & Performance •
- **Graduation Rates**
- College & Postsecondary ٠ **Enrollment Rates**







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Please look for opportunities to provides specific feedback through surveys that we will link to on the DC School Report Card. In addition, we are always happy to discuss your ideas for next steps. Please email us at dcschoolreportcard@dc.gov if you would like to share your ideas or ask any questions. We also have many resources available if you would like more information, including previous years' data and our current data files, on our reports page.





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