USER GUIDE

DC SCHOOL REPORT CARD

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WHAT IS THE DC SCHOOL REPORT CARD?

The DC School Report Card gives families a look into all public schools in the District of Columbia. Built in partnership with parents and families, this tool is a step toward a more transparent, equitable DC education system, with students at the center of critical decision-making.

A school report card is a tool that provides you with information about a school overall, and helps you understand how well a school is doing or where it needs more support. All states, including DC, are required to create family-friendly report card websites by law called the Every Student Succeeds Act or ESSA. The DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), DC's state education agency, led the work of building the DC School Report Card, with feedback from thousands of families, educators, and community members. While the report cards are federally required, OSSE felt they must also be helpful for the families and community members using them to engage in their child's school.

This guide will walk you step-by-step through the DC School Report Card, available at dcschoolreportcard.org. Still have questions? Visit our resource sections for families and educators, or send us an email at **DCSchoolReportCard@dc.gov**.

WHAT INFORMATION DOES THE DC SCHOOL REPORT CARD INCLUDE?

The DC School Report Card provides more than 150 data points to help parents understand how a school is doing with its all of its students, in addition to helpful information about the school itself, including academic programs, the closest public transportation routes, extra-curricular options, the best contact person for parents and families, and more.

The DC School Report Card will help you answer some of the most crucial questions about your child's current school. It is a first step for parents and families thinking about their child's next educational step. The DC School Report Card was also designed to provide families with critical information to advocate for their schools and to ask questions about how schools are doing.

HOW TO USE THE WEBSITE: DCSCHOOLREPORTCARD.ORG

OSSE worked with parents and families to make the DC School Report Card as easy as possible to use. When you enter the DC School Report Card website at dcschoolreportcard.org, you will be presented with two ways to search for schools, along with a number of other resources.

1   **Search for a School or LEA.** If you know the name of the school or the local education agency that oversees the school (e.g., DC Public Schools or a charter organization), you can type in the name and you will automatically be taken to that school's report card.

2   **View the Mapping Tool.** If you're unsure of which school's report card you'd like to explore, click this button to be taken to the Mapping Tool. The Mapping Tool offers several ways to search for and sort schools.

3   **Play Intro Video.** Want to learn more about the DC School Report Card before exploring DC's schools? This intro video will give you an overview of the DC School Report Card and how it works.

4   **View DC Report.** The DC School Report Card provides an overview of how schools in the District are performing as a whole. The DC report also shows National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores, as well as how those scores stack up to OSSE's long-term ESSA goals.

5   **Resources for Families and Resources for Educators.** These links take you to a wide variety of resources where you can learn more about the DC School Report Card, including videos, brochures, the technical manual, and more.

6   **Download Data.** The data that is presented on the DC School Report Card is available for download in Microsoft Excel format.

7   **Contact Information.** Have questions about the DC School Report Card? This section of the page how you can get in touch with OSSE.

In the following pages, you will learn about the report card's features and how to access the detailed information that can be found in its pages.
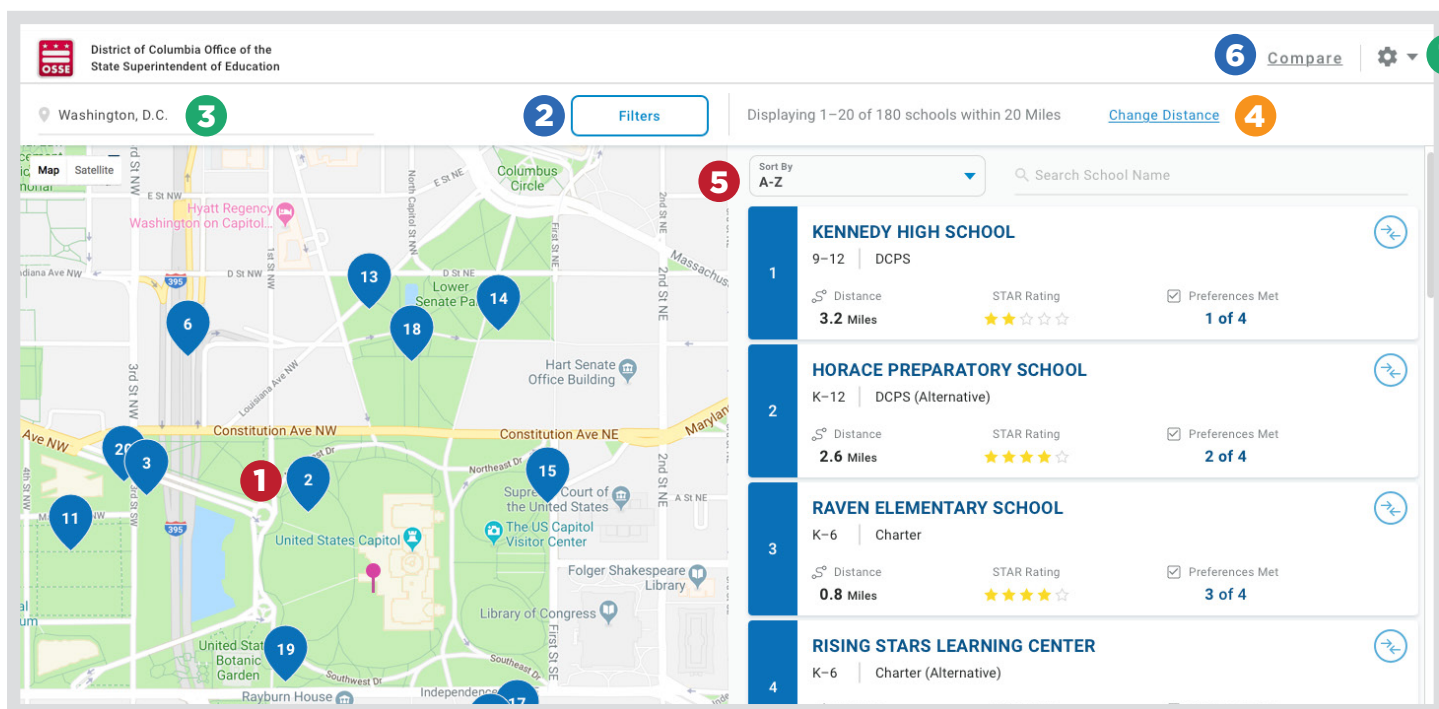
INTERACTIVE MAPPING TOOL AND OTHER NAVIGATION FEATURES AND TOOLS

You can explore school report cards by using the interactive mapping tool, which can identify schools with specific programs, grades served, locations, and other user preferences. Additionally, you can sort and filter the view by the grades served, school programs, location, and STAR Rating.

1   **Interactive Mapping Feature.** All schools are displayed on the map. You can zoom in to see schools in your area or zoom out to see schools across the whole city. Clicking on a school name opens up its report card page.

2   **Filters.** The "Filters" feature allows you to search for schools by school type (DC Public Schools or public charter schools), grades served, programs offered, and whether before and/or after school care is offered.

3   **Search for Schools by Address.** When you enter an address, you will be shown schools that are nearby to your address.

4   **Distance (Near to Far).** This feature allows you to see the schools closest to the address you entered.

5   **Sort by Grade Levels.** This feature allows you to search for schools teaching a specific grade.

6   **Compare.** You can compare up to three schools side by side. Once you've found a school you'd like to compare to another, simply click the "Compare" icon and that school's information will be added for you to compare.

7   **Download School Report.** If you'd like to view an overview of a school report card, click on the download school report button to generate a printer-friendly PDF version with highlights of information and data about the school.

COMPARE

The DC School Report Card gives you the ability to compare up to three schools at one time. When you choose to compare schools, you will be shown several data points about these schools: name, grades served, number of students enrolled, School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) Rating, programs offered, if the school offers before or after care, parent organization information, teacher experience, and the number of suspensions.

When viewing a school you'd like to compare, simply click on the "Add to Compare" icon in the top right corner of the school's page. Once you've chosen more than one school to compare, navigate to the top right corner of the page and click on "Compare" to view each of the schools you are interested in, side by side.

SCHOOL NAME 1 Grades Served 0000 Students Enrolled	SCHOOL NAME 2 Grades Served 000 Students Enrolled	SCHOOL NAME 3 Grades Served 000 Students Enrolled
STAR RATING		
★★★★☆ 4 STARS	★★☆☆☆ 2 STARS	★★☆☆☆ 2 STARS
SCHOOL PROGRAM INFORMATION		
✓ Advanced Placement ✓ Arts Integration ✕ Blended Learning	✓ Advanced Placement ✓ Arts Integration ✕ Blended Learning	✓ Advanced Placement ✓ Arts Integration ✕ Blended Learning
⊕ Show More		
BEFORE-SCHOOL CARE		
No	Free	Free
AFTER-SCHOOL CARE		
Sliding Scale/Voucher	Paid	Sliding Scale/Voucher
PARENT ORGANIZATION		
Parent Organization Name	This school does not have a parent organization.	Parent Organization Name
TEACHERS WITH 2+ YEARS EXPERIENCE		
00%	**00%**	**00%**
TOTAL SUSPENSIONS		
00 per 000 students	**00** per 000 students	**00** per 000 students

PROFILE PAGE

Once you have selected a school, you will automatically be taken to its School Profile page. The page includes an overview of the school, location, transportation options, grades served, and much more.

1 General Information. In this section, you will find general information about the school such as address; ward and location on the map; phone number and website; principal's name; and links to social media accounts.

2 School Overview. Here you can learn which grades are served, the school's STAR Rating, and the local education agency (LEA) to which the school belongs, either DC Public Schools or a charter organization.

3 Parent Organization and Contact Information. This section contains information about who families' points of contacts are at a school, such as the Parent Representative's name and email address, Parent Organization name, and Parent Communication policy.

4 Message from the School. This section gives the school's leadership an opportunity to share its mission and what makes it unique.

5 Student Population. This section provides information about the total number of students enrolled in a school. It also includes details on the demographics of the student body (e.g., percentage of students by race/ethnicity, students in special education, economically disadvantaged students, and English learners).

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DC EXAMPLE SCHOOL

Add To Compare

PROFILE   STAR RATING   ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE ▾   SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ▾

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Constitution Ave NW
United States Capitol
Supreme Court of the United State
Library of Congress
Independence Ave SE

📍 123 ABC St. SE
Washington, DC 20020
Ward

📞 555-1234

🌐 Web Address

PRINCIPAL
Principal name

🍎 BASIC INFO. 2

GRADES SERVED
Pre-K-Grade 12

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY
DC Example District

TITLE I STATUS
Yes

FEEDER SCHOOLS
DC Feeder School

STAR RATING
★★★☆☆

👥 PARENT CONTACTS 3

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
Parent Name
Parent Email

PARENT ORGANIZATION
Organization Name

PARENT COMMUNICATION POLICY
Parent Engagement Policy

📝 A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL ABOUT WHAT MAKES IT UNIQUE 4

At DC Example School, our mission is present in the hallways and classrooms and spills out into the community. Excellence is forged here, in the freedom on the playground and the focus in the classroom. Inside, there is a time and place for everything. Schedules are made and kept. Students take pride in their responsibilities. They learn there is no secret to success, because here they learn that hands-on and hard work are key. Excellence isn't determined by zip code. It is available to anyone willing to put in the work.

👥 STUDENT POPULATION 5

TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT
1,000

View Enrollment By Grade Level

ENROLLMENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY

- African-American/Black   00%
- Asian   00%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander   00%
- Hispanic/Latino   00%
- Multi-racial   00%
- Native American   00%
- White   00%

ENROLLMENT BY SUBGROUPS

Children in Foster Care 78%	At-Risk 6%	English Learners 78%
Homeless Children and Youth 78%	Military Connected 6%	Students with Disabilities 78%

SCHOOL OFFERINGS

SCHOOL PROGRAM INFORMATION **6**

- ✔ Advanced Placement ⓘ
- ✔ Arts Integration ⓘ
- ✘ Blended Learning ⓘ
- ✔ Career and Technical Education ⓘ
- ✔ Dual College Enrollment ⓘ
- ✔ Dual Language/Language Immersion ⓘ
- ✔ Extended Day ⓘ
- ✘ Extended Year ⓘ

- ✔ International Baccalaureate ⓘ
- ✔ Interscholastic Sports ⓘ
- ✔ JROTC ⓘ
- ✘ Montessori ⓘ
- ✘ Online Learning ⓘ
- ✘ Single Gender Campus ⓘ
- ✘ STEM Focus ⓘ

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES **7**

- Study Abroad Program
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- College Prep Program
- World Languages
- Health Academy

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TIME ⓘ **8**
00 Mins.

LOGISTICS **9**

SCHOOL HOURS
8:30 AM–3:30 PM

SCHOOL UNIFORMS REQUIRED
Yes

BEFORE-SCHOOL CARE ⓘ
No

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE ⓘ
Sliding Scale/Voucher

BUS TRANSPORTATION
U5, U6, V2, V4, W4, X9

METRO TRANSPORTATION
None

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6 **School Programs.** This section lists special programs that the school offers both in and out of school, including: Advanced Placement, Arts Integration, Blended Learning, Career & Technical Education, Dual College Enrollment, Dual Language/Immersion, Extended Day, Extended Year, International Baccalaureate (IB), JROTC, Montessori, Online Learning, Single Gender Campus, STEM Focus, and Interscholastic Sports.

7 **Extracurricular Activities.** This section lists activities and opportunities provided to students outside of the classroom, such as sports and clubs.

8 **Physical Activity Time.** This section shows the average amount of time students spend being physically active in minutes per week (in either a physical education course or during recess).

9 **Logistics.** This section lists other general information about the school, such as school hours, uniform requirements, whether before and/or after school care are available, and the closest transportation options to the school.

To navigate to other sections of a school's report card, click on the area that you want to explore next: STAR Framework, Academic Performance, or School Environment.

STAR FRAMEWORK

Families can get a deeper understanding of each school's performance on the School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) Framework by going to the STAR Framework section. The STAR Framework uses many data points to measure a school's performance in student achievement, student growth, English language proficiency, school environment metrics, and graduation rate.

For more information about the STAR Framework, view the resources at **DCSchoolReportCard.org**

In addition to being able to see how all students performed within the framework, this page allows you to see the performance of each student group. You can view detailed data for students with disabilities, at-risk students, English learners, and each racial and ethnic group. To access this information, simply select the area that you'd like to explore.
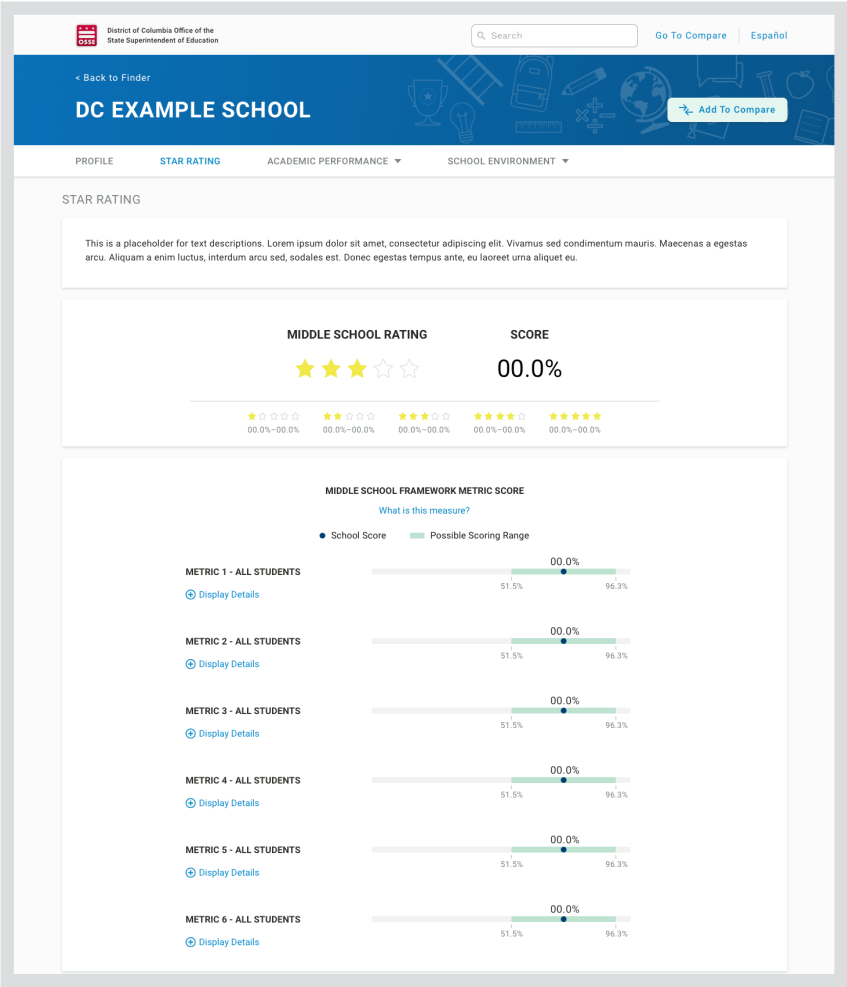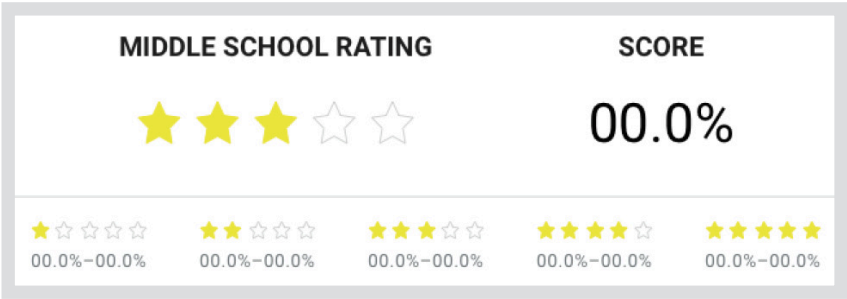
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

This page provides an overview of student academic performance in the school including data on academic performance, student growth, English language proficiency, college and career readiness, and graduation rate. You can access additional data and details in each of these areas (such as performance by student group and statewide average performance) by clicking on the section you'd like to view.

1 **Student Achievement.** This page shows the percentage of students at each performance level of the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College & Careers (PARCC) and the Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA).

2 **Academic Growth.** This page includes information about student growth on PARCC and MSAA. It includes two types of growth metrics—one that compares student growth with students who scored similarly to them in the last year, and another that measures average student growth across proficiency levels.

3 **English Language Proficiency.** This page shows how much English learners are progressing in toward proficiency in English. Progress is measured by the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 test, which assesses listening, speaking, reading and writing.

4 **College and Career Readiness.** This page includes information on how many students take, and how they perform on, college and career readiness exams such as Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, and the SAT.

5 **Graduation Rate.** This page includes three high school graduation measures: **1)** The percentage of students who graduate in four years, **2)** The percentage of students who graduate in five years and **3)** The percentage of students who graduate, regardless of the time it takes them.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

This page provides information about the school's attendance, re-enrollment, safety and discipline, teaching and health staff, and early childhood learning environment. You can access additional data and details about each of these areas by clicking on the section you'd like to view.

1 **Attendance.** This page includes information on student attendance, including average daily attendance, what percentage of students are not chronically absent and attend school 90 percent of the time or more, and attendance growth.

2 **Student Enrollment Changes.** This page shows information about changes in enrollment, including whether students leave or enter the school mid-year, and whether eligible students choose to re-enroll in the school.

3 **Early Childhood Learning Environment.** This page includes information on classroom organization, emotional support, and instructional support in pre-kindergarten classrooms.

4 **School Safety and Discipline.** This page includes information about discipline and school safety, such as the number of student suspensions and expulsions, and reported incidences of violence, bullying, and harassment at the school.

5 **Teacher and Health Staff Information.** This page includes teacher experience levels at the school and information about part- and full-time health and clinical staff at the school.

WHERE DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Do you still have questions about DC's School Report Card? WE HAVE ANSWERS!

Visit **DCSchoolReportCard.org** to check out DC's School Report Card for yourself. You can also access additional resources and information about the report card such as frequently asked questions, one-page guides on the report card and STAR Framework, and much more!

If you have additional questions that aren't answered by the available resources, comments, or suggestions, send us an email at **DCSchoolReportCard@dc.gov**.
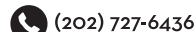
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