



District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education

DC'S NEW STATE EDUCATION PLAN: IMPROVING EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Education in DC is improving, but we've got a long way to go. In the 2015-16 school year, only about one-quarter of DC students were on grade level and on track to be ready for college and careers after high school. And, despite effort and resources, we continue to see deep and persistent achievement gaps between different groups of students. We know that all of our students can learn and achieve at high levels, and we believe that we can build the systems that will get them there.

DC's State Education Plan establishes a common system of school transparency and reporting across all our schools. For the first time, families, educators, and the public will be able to view comparable, consistent information about all public schools in DC. This new common system will create the foundation for and drive progress in student outcomes through two key avenues:

STRONG FOUNDATION FOR STUDENTS: DC'S NEW STAR FRAMEWORK



Provides parents and families with **clear and consistent information** so they can make informed decisions for their children and engage in their school communities, and



Providing educators, leaders and policymakers with a **common understanding of our schools' outcomes**, including our highest and lowest performing schools, to form the basis for real **collaboration and learning**, as well as focused **supports and interventions**.





HOW WILL THIS PLAN HELP IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS?

District of Columbia families looking to compare educational options for their students often run into a problem: until now, information about schools hasn't been consistently available and comparable across DC Public Schools and public charter schools. DC has a wide range of excellent school options for families and students, but many different ways of sharing important information about schools as families are seeking to make choices or engage in their school communities.

The DC State Education Plan establishes a common and consistent system of school transparency and reporting, called the STAR Framework, for all public schools in DC. It provides a simple and clear top-level rating for schools, ranging from one star to five stars. This rating will be paired with a comprehensive school report card, so that parents and families can find additional, detailed information about many aspects of a school through data and qualitative information.



CELEBRATING SCHOOLS

Through the STAR Framework, celebrating and recognizing schools that are doing well in a range of areas - for example, academic growth or strong progress with English learners.



SUPPORTED EDUCATORS

At the core of a great school is excellent teachers and educators who have the resources they need for success. Through the plan, educators will have access to high-quality optional professional development and leadership opportunities.



SHARING PROMISING PRACTICES

Comparable information about DC schools means that as we learn more about the schools achieving excellent results for students, we can share promising practices across schools.



TARGETED RESOURCES

Schools that need more support will receive targeted resources that meet their specific needs.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

- Read DC's State Education Plan and resources about the Every Student Succeeds Act: <http://osse.dc.gov/essa>
- Check out OSSE's strategic plan and 2016 annual report: <http://osse.dc.gov/strategicplan>