

SUMMIT ACADEMY
SECONDARY SCHOOL - AKRON

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ANNUAL REPORT



Summit Academy
SCHOOLS

dear families

The launch of the 2024-2025 school year was one of new beginnings: new students and a new focus. We set forth our theme for the year of leveling up, continuing to challenge students and teachers with a growth mindset.

This year we continued with an after-school club to include a health and wellness-based basketball team. This club was well attended and well-liked by staff and students. The club focused on physical fitness and learning about healthy lifestyles.

Built into our curriculum is our Steel Drum Band, which focuses on teamwork, critical thinking skills and social skills. The Steel Drum Band performed at NAMI Walks Summit County, held at The University of Akron, as well as the Kenmore Branch Library. We continue to build our Steel Drum Band with the underclassman and have a healthy enrollment currently.

Our PBIS program continues to be a strong point as well. This year, students participated in events such as field days, food truck day, bowling, painting parties and video game days. We are celebrating our second year of zero out-of-school suspensions; and celebrate the students' behavior through the program.

August started strongly with an open house that welcomed the new online enrollment program, which allowed families to meet staff and tour the building.

In September, we invited a previous family to bring her food truck, House of Tacos, for the students and parents. Her son, Kristopher Barnhart, graduated in 2020 and is now a proud member of the Navy! October brought a "haunted" house to school for the students, while we hosted our family event in November.

In November we had Thanksgiving brunch which was well attended by students and their families. During the brunch, the Steel Drum Band performed and awards were presented for merit and honor roll. December brought a hot cocoa and painting event, and in January, students could earn a video game today with snacks.

March welcomed spring break, while in April, parents were invited to a family night to showcase the Steel Drum Band and student artwork. Nearly 100 parents and students attended the catered event! Students also went bowling. In May, Steel Drum Band member families were also invited to attend a steel drum concert at EJ Thomas Hall, which was paid for by the school.

Juniors were able to attend the Mansfield Reformatory as a field trip to complement their criminal justice course. Our career fair was held on May 8 with 10 presenters, but not limited to the Akron Police Department, Summit County Public Library, Stark State University, The Army National Guard and the Air Force. Also in May, students-of-the-month for the school year were treated with a trip to the Akron RubberDucks game.

Not to be forgotten is our prom, which featured a "Casino Night" theme. Over half of the student body attended and participated in the activities which included blackjack, poker, roulette and bingo, with prizes were given to winners. Fun was had by all! Our prom queen was Leina Brown and our prom King was Jeremiah Buckley.

Our students also completed Ohio State Tests, ACTs, IXL benchmarking and STARS annual benchmarking as well.

This school year, The Village Network continued with our team providing a clinical counselor and a behavior management specialist in the building full time. These have been very positive positions to help support the students this school year.

At the graduation ceremony, the Steel Drum Band played songs during the ceremony, highlighting the contributions of the senior members. The graduating class included eight members. During the ceremony, Leina Brown was awarded the "Grit" Award. This award is given to a student for overcoming obstacles and completing high school. Our Valedictorian was Jeremiah Buckley who worked very hard on obtaining all the requirements necessary to graduate and maintaining a high GPA.

Our school also received two grants, which allowed us to work with two visiting artists. Students had the opportunity to work with a local artist, Stephanie Stewart, on creating comic books. Our physical education students also had the opportunity to work with Sara Lawrence-Sucato through the nonprofit, Dancing Wheels. The students enjoyed participating in movement classes and activities.

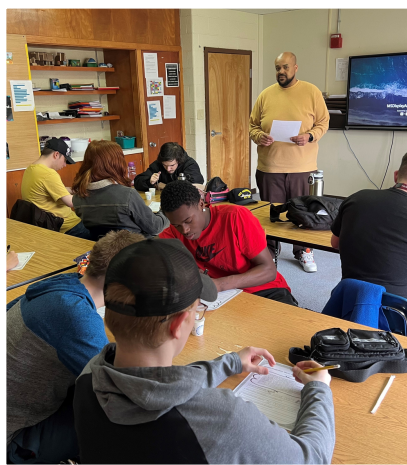
Our students showed much academic growth as well, with 75% of our students meeting academic targets within our STARS benchmarking system in language arts, and 61% meeting their targets in math. Our MTSS program utilizing the IXL program was hugely successful, with students answering more than 181,141 questions and mastering many concepts in math and language arts. We are excited to be working with IXL next year, as it was approved by ODEW as a science of reading evidence-based reading intervention program.

There was much to celebrate during the 2024-2025 school year, and we are thankful for the accomplishments and looking forward to continuing with a growth mindset for the 2025-2026 school year.

Yours in Education,

Ralph Grant
Director

highlights



our mission

The mission of Summit Academy Schools is to build hope, success, and well-being through education and advocacy for students with special needs.

sponsor statement

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW) served as sponsor for Summit Academy Secondary School - Akron during the 2024 - 2025 school year. ESCLEW monitored the school's academic and fiscal performance, as well as organization and operation of the school, and determined that the school was overall compliant.

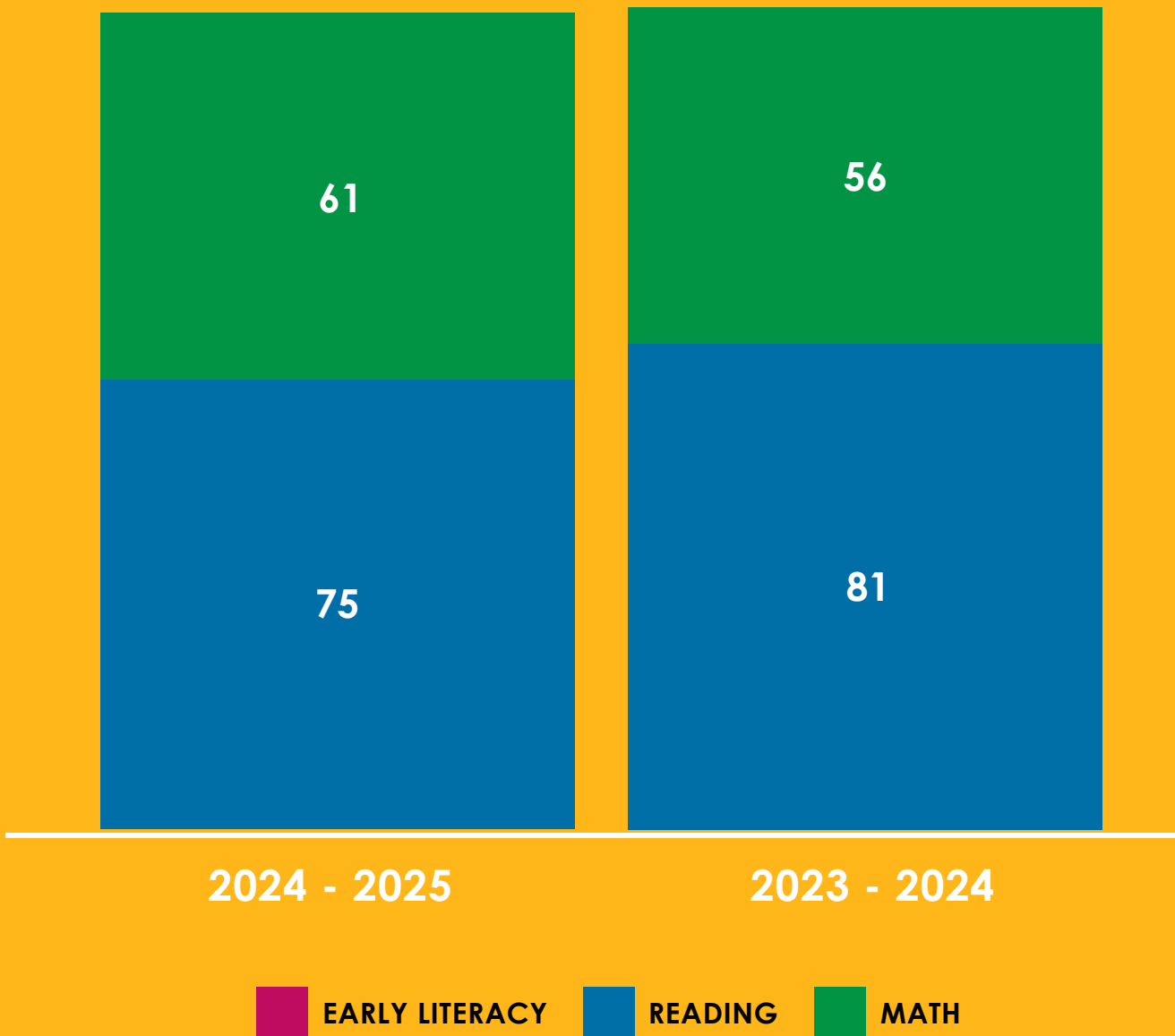
financials

Selected Financial Information For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

OPERATING REVENUES	2025	2024
State Foundation	\$1,250,283.00	\$1,239,620.00
State and Federal Grants	\$239,112.00	\$353,081.00
Medicaid Revenue	\$26,830.00	\$77,645.00
Private Donations	-	-
Classroom Materials and Supplies	\$1,721.00	\$2,512.00
Other Revenue	\$1,673.00	-
Interest on Investment	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,519,619.00	\$1,672,858.00
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Management Fee Expense	\$1,519,619.00	\$1,672,858.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,519,619.00	\$1,672,858.00
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -

* The 2024 financial information was obtained from the FY24 Audited Financial Statements, and the 2025 financial information was obtained from the 2025 FINDET Report. Beginning the 2023 Fiscal Year audited financial statements are being presented using Modified Cash.

star assessment



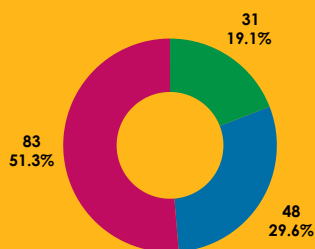
Summit Academy Students take Star Assessments three times each year to measure their reading and math skills compared to grade-level standards. Their annual growth in these skills is monitored by Student Growth Percentile (SGP) data, which compares a student's academic growth to that of his or her peers nationwide. A student's peers are students in the same grade with a similar achievement history on Star Assessments.

The following data shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded the SPG target of 40 in reading and math between the fall and spring assessment administrations during the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 school years.

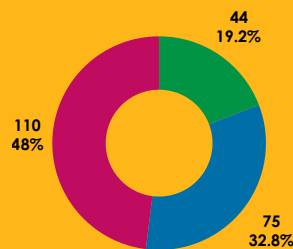
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STUDENT GROWTH PERCENTILE

EARLY LITERATURE

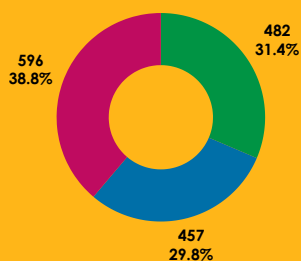


2024 - 2025

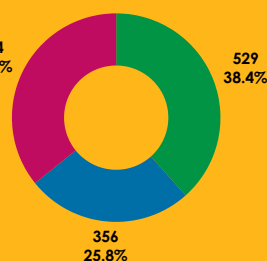


2023 - 2024

READING

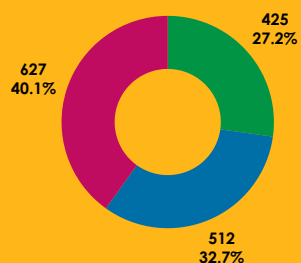


2024 - 2025

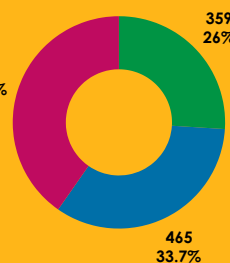


2023 - 2024

MATH



2024 - 2025



2023 - 2024



LOW GROWTH



TYPICAL GROWTH



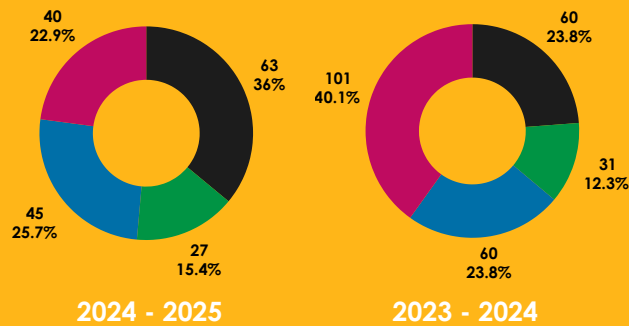
HIGH GROWTH

The Student Growth Percentile (SGP) compares a student's growth to that of his or her academic peers nationwide. These peers are students in the same grade with a similar achievement history on Star assessments. SGP is measured on a 1–99 scale. Lower numbers indicate lower relative growth, and higher numbers indicate higher relative growth. For instance, if a student has an SGP of 75, it means the student has shown more growth than 75 percent of his or her academic peers. Teachers and administrators can use SGP scores to determine if students grew more than (at or above the 66th growth percentile), less than (below the 35th growth percentile), or as much as (between the 35th and 65th growth percentiles) expected. The SGP minimum target for all SA schools is the 40th growth percentile.

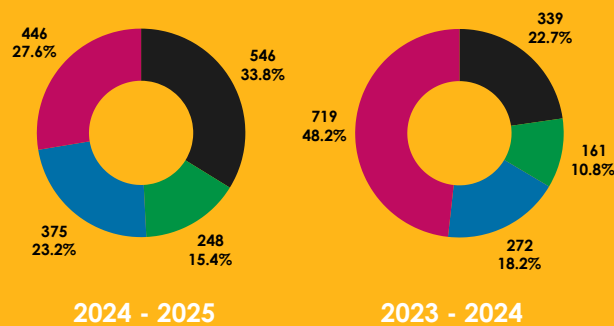
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STUDENT PROFICIENCY RATE

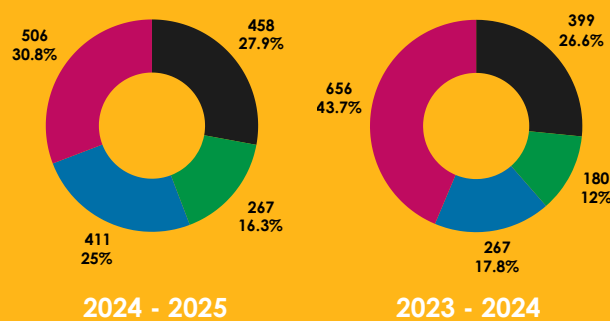
EARLY LITERATURE



READING



MATH



A benchmark is a standard against which you measure the achievement of a student, grade, school, or district. It is the lowest level of performance that is considered acceptable. The district benchmark applies to all schools and grades and is always used for longitudinal reporting. The proficiency rate is the percent of students at or above the district benchmark on a Star assessment. It uses the most recent score in the given district screening window. Benchmark proficiency is measured on a 1–99 scale. Lower numbers indicate lower relative achievement, and higher numbers indicate higher relative achievement. For instance, if a student has a proficiency rate of 65, it means the student has performed better than 64 percent of his or her academic peers on this specific test. The benchmark structure includes four categories: At/Above Benchmark = at or above the 40th percentile rank; On Watch = the 25th – 39th percentile rank; Intervention = the 10th – 24th percentile rank; Urgent Intervention = below the 10th percentile rank.

PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK: CONTRACT ATTACHMENT 11.6

The Performance Accountability Framework (Attachment 11.6) consists of multiple, measurable goals focused on the academic, financial, and operational expectations for the school year. This document is categorized into five goal areas: local report card indicator areas, school-specific academic measures, operations, legal compliance, and financial accountability.

CONTRACT ATTACHMENT 11.6: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STATUS

Overall Rating	Approaches Standard	Nationally-Normed Assessment Achievement K- 8 Reading	N/A
Achievement Component	Falls Below Standard	Nationally-Normed Assessment Achievement K-8 Math	N/A
Performance Index	Falls Below Standard	9-12 EOC Algebra I	Falls Below Standard
Chronic Absenteeism	Falls Below Standard	9-12 EOC Biology	N/A
Progress Component	Meets Standard	9-12 EOC ELA II	Falls Below Standard
Gap Closing Component	Approaches Standard	9-12 EOC Geometry	N/A
Gifted Performance Indicator	N/A	9-12 EOC American US History	N/A
Graduation Component	Meets Standard	9-12 EOC American US Government	N/A
4-Year Graduation Rate	Meets Standard	9-12 Credit Earning Rate	Exceeds Standard
5-Year Graduation Rate	Meets Standard	School Academic Growth Targets and Metrics	
Early Literacy Component	N/A	Nationally-Normed Assessment Growth K-12 Reading	Meets Standard
Proficiency in 3rd Grade	N/A	Nationally-Normed Assessment Growth K-12 Math	Meets Standard
Promotion to 4th Grade	N/A	Nationally-Normed Assessment Growth K-12 Reading or Math	N/A
Improving K-3 Literacy	N/A		
College, Career, Workforce & Military Readiness	N/A		
PBIS	Meets Standard		
PI vs Similar School #1	N/A		
PI vs Similar School #2	N/A		

CONTRACT ATTACHMENT 11.6: NON-ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STATUS

School Fiscal Performance Targets and Metrics

Ratio Assets to Liabilities	Falls Below Standard
Unrestricted Days Cash	Falls Below Standard
Current Year Enrollment Variance	Exceeds Standard
Total Expense Variance	N/A
Sponsor Financial Reporting	Exceeds Standard
Audit Findings	Exceeds Standard
	Falls Below Standard

School Governance Performance Targets and Metrics

Board Engagement	Meets Standard
Required # of Reg. Board Meetings	Meets Standard
Required # of Board Members	Meets Standard
Proper Meeting Notice	Meets Standard
Required Board Member Training	Meets Standard
Board Member Attendance	Meets Standard

Compliance/Organizational & Operational Performance Targets and Metrics

On-Time Records Submissions	Exceeds Standard
Accuracy of Records Submissions	Exceeds Standard
Five-Year Forecast Submission	Meets Standard
Annual Budget	Meets Standard
Annual Report	Meets Standard
Emergency Management Plan	Meets Standard
Out of School Suspension K-3	N/A
Out of School Suspension 4-8	N/A
Out of School Suspension 9-12	Exceeds Standard
Mission Specific	N/A

The multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) framework is used for academics, behavior, and social-emotional support in all Summit Academy schools. A joint project of the curriculum and special education regional teams brought school specific collaboration to ensure that school leaders understood MTSS and structured their instructional schedules to maximize MTSS implementation. Implementation support, classroom observations, and feedback are provided by the regional teams.

Our most consistent and detailed MTSS system is the Summit Academy Reading Framework. The framework emphasizes training teachers thoroughly in the science of reading and appropriate instructional strategies. The framework also ensures that our curriculum materials are aligned to the state standards, support the science of reading, provide diagnostic assessments, and include evidence-based interventions to best meet our students' needs. A curriculum audit has been completed with support from the regional curriculum administrator and new materials were purchased based on the guidelines set in the framework. A Reading Framework Action Plan was also developed, putting measurable goals in place that are focused on increasing our students' reading abilities and overall academic performance.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT FOR ATTACHMENT 11.6 GOALS

All Summit Academy students are benchmarked (screened) three times each year using Renaissance Star assessments to compare their reading and math achievement to grade-level norms and determine their instructional support needs. The metric used to determine growth in this assessment is a Student Growth Percentage (SGP) score of 40 or higher, which equates to a year plus growth. The testing data helps teachers determine whether students are on track or not on track toward math and reading proficiency, identify reading and math skill deficiencies, measure student growth, monitor student progress, prescreen students who are potentially gifted, and deliver targeted instruction. Following each benchmarking period, teachers will analyze the data collaboratively in Teacher-Based Teams (TBTs) to determine appropriate instructional strategies and intervention support needs for their students.

Summit Academy students participate in Ohio state tests as prescribed. With such a high percentage of students with disabilities, we have found that Star growth data portrays a more accurate picture of student learning than the state report cards. Our students will frequently make a tremendous amount of growth within a year, but since they started so many grade-levels behind their achievement test scores are still lower than grade-level proficient, which gives the perception that the students are failing to learn. Stardata provides an objective, detailed basis on which to make decisions about instruction and intervention, prioritizing foundational skills in reading and math, thus supporting students to achieve higher growth and to fill academic gaps that hinder grade-level achievement.

statewide achievement

REPORT CARD MEASUREMENTS

The Ohio Department of Education has revised the school report card to analyze performance, determining strengths and areas of improvement for each district. The new report card includes five components that will receive ratings from one to five stars. These components are achievement, Progress, Early Literacy, Gap Closing and Graduation. The sixth component, College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness, was not required in the 2022 - 2023 school year.

OVERALL RATING



ACHIEVEMENT COMPONENT

The achievement component identifies how well students performed on the state tests overall.

Student performance is identified through the Performance Index which measures the achievement of every student, not just whether they score a proficient level. Each test a student takes is assigned an achievement level based on the test score, with higher scores resulting in higher achievement levels.

PERCENTAGE OF MAXIUM POINTS EARNED	RATING	RATING DESCRIPTION
Greater than or equal to 90% of Max Score	★★★★★	Significantly exceeds state standards in academic achievement
Greater than or equal to 80% but less than 90% of Max Score	★★★★☆	Exceeds state standards in academic achievement
Greater than or equal to 70% but less than 80% of Max Score	★★★☆☆	Meets state standards in academic achievement
Greater than or equal to 50% but less than 70% of Max Score	★★★☆☆	Needs support to meet state standards in academic achievement
Less than 50% of Max Score	★★★☆☆	Needs significant support to meet state standards in academic achievement

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING



PROGRESS COMPONENT

Academic growth is measured by looking at the current achievement compared to prior achievement results on the state tests. This is determined by looking at the growth index and the effect size to see if there was expected growth or a shortfall in expected growth, relative to Ohio.

PERCENTAGE OF MAXIUM POINTS EARNED	RATING	RATING DESCRIPTION
Growth index of at least +2 and effect size of at least +.2	★★★★★	Significant evidence that the school exceeded student growth expectations by a larger magnitude
Growth index of at least +2 and effect size of less than +.2	★★★★☆	Significant evidence that the school exceed student growth expectations
Greater than or equal to -2 but less than +2	★★★★☆	Evidence that the school met student growth expectations
Less than -2 and effect size of at least -.2	★★★☆☆	Significant that the school fell short of student growth expectations
Less than -2 and effect size of less than -.2	★★★☆☆	Significant evidence that the school fell short of student growth expectations by larger magnitude

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING



EARLY LITERACY COMPONENT

The Early Literacy Component measures reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade. This component provides a more complete picture of early literacy in our schools by looking at three separate areas. 1) The proficiency in Third Grade Reading reports how many students score proficient or higher on the reading segment of Ohio' State Test for English Language Arts for grade 3. 2) The Promotion to Fourth Grade measure reports the percentage of students in third grade who were promoted to fourth grade. 3) The Improving K-3 Literacy measure uses two consecutive years of data to evaluate how well schools are doing at providing supports to help struggling readers.

PERCENTAGE OF MAXIMUM POINTS EARNED	RATING	RATING DESCRIPTION
From 88% to 100%	★★★★★	Significantly exceeds state standards in early literacy (K – 3)
From 78% to less than 88%	★★★★★	Exceeds state standards in early literacy (K – 3)
From 68% to less than 78%	★★★★★	Meets state standards in early literacy (K – 3)
From 58% to less than 68%	★★★★★	Needs support to meet state standards in early literacy (K – 3)
From 0% to less than 58%	★★★★★	Needs significant support to meet state standards in early literacy (K – 3)

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING

N/A

GAP CLOSING COMPONENT

There are several measures to determine the gap closing component, which is focused on student subgroups including all students, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, White/Non-Hispanic, Black/Non-Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Multiracial, English Learner, Economic Disadvantage, and Students with Disabilities.

The indicators to evaluate student performance and academic growth include:

- The Gifted Performance Indicator
- The Chronic Absenteeism Improvement Indicator
- The English Language Proficiency Improvement Indicator
- Graduation Goals by Student Subgroup
- English Language Arts, Math Achievement by Student Subgroup
- English Language Arts, Math Progress (Growth) by Student Subgroup

RANGE - PERCENTAGE OF POINTS EARNED OUT OF POSSIBLE POINTS	RATING	RATING DESCRIPTION
From 88% to 100%	★★★★★	Significantly exceeds state standards in early literacy (K – 3)
From 78% to less than 88%	★★★★★	Exceeds state standards in early literacy (K – 3)
From 68% to less than 78%	★★★★★	Meets state standards in early literacy (K – 3)
From 58% to less than 68%	★★★★★	Needs support to meet state standards in early literacy (K – 3)
From 0% to less than 58%	★★★★★	Needs significant support to meet state standards in early literacy (K – 3)

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING



GRADUATION COMPONENT

The graduation component looks at both the four-year and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rates, determining the percentage of students graduating with a regular or honors diploma. The graduation rates are then multiplied by the state law established weights to determine the component rating.

RANGE - PERCENTAGE OF POINTS EARNED OUT OF POSSIBLE POINTS	RATING	RATING DESCRIPTION
Greater than or equal to 96.5%	★★★★★	Significantly exceeds state standards in graduation rates
Greater than or equal to 93.5% but less than 96.5%	★★★★★	Exceeds state standards in graduation rates
Greater than or equal to 90% but less than 93.5%	★★★★★	Meets state standards in graduation rates
Greater than or equal to 84% but less than 90%	★★★★★	Needs support to meet state standards in graduation rates
Less than 84%	★★★★★	Needs significant support to meet state standards in graduation rates

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING



COLLEGE, CAREER, WORKFORCE AND MILITARY READINESS COMPONENT

The College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness Component is a measure of how prepared Ohio's students are for future opportunities, whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college.

RANGE - PERCENTAGE OF POINTS EARNED OUT OF POSSIBLE POINTS	RATING	RATING DESCRIPTION
Greater than or equal to 85%	★★★★★	Significantly exceeds state standards in post-secondary readiness rates
Greater than or equal to 75% but less than 85%	★★★★★	Exceeds state standards in post-secondary readiness rates
Greater than or equal to 63% but less than 75%*	★★★★★	Meets state standards in graduation rates
Greater than or equal to 53% but less than 63%	★★★★★	Needs support to meet state standards in graduation rates
Less than 53%	★★★★★	Needs significant support to meet state standards in graduation rates

**If a district or school initially earns a 1 star or 2 star rating but then improves at least 15 percentage points from the previous year, that school or district will earn a final rating of 3 stars and 2.25 points toward the Overall Rating.*

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING





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