

SUMMIT ACADEMY
SECONDARY SCHOOL – CANTON

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ANNUAL REPORT



Summit Academy
SCHOOLS

dear families

As we wrap up this remarkable school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the growth, resilience, and achievements of our students here at Summit Academy Secondary School - Canton. It has been a year filled with hard work, unforgettable moments, and significant milestones that have shaped our school community in the best possible ways.

One of the most exciting highlights this year has been the impressive academic growth shown by our students on the STAR assessments. From the beginning of the year to now, we've seen measurable improvement in both reading and math across nearly every grade level. These gains are a direct reflection of the effort our students put in each day, along with the strategic support provided by our dedicated teachers. The use of personalized interventions, goal setting, and consistent progress monitoring has truly paid off—and we couldn't be more proud.

This year also brought many moments of joy and celebration, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Homecoming was a perfect blend of school spirit and community, filled with energy, laughter, and connection. Our students showed incredible pride in their school, and it was inspiring to see so many come together to support one another.

Prom was another unforgettable night, especially for our juniors and seniors. From the beautiful venue to the heartfelt speeches and packed dance floor, it was a celebration of not only the school year, but of the friendships and accomplishments that define our high school experience.

Speaking of accomplishments—our senior class deserves special recognition. These students worked tirelessly to meet every requirement needed for graduation, from completing final credits to securing their seals for graduation readiness. Their determination, focus, and teamwork were evident every step of the way. Watching them cross the finish line and prepare for the next chapter has been one of the greatest privileges of the year.

None of this could have been achieved without the unwavering commitment of our staff and the continued support of our families. Whether helping with homework, attending school events, or encouraging your children through challenges, your partnership makes a tremendous difference in their success.

Thank you for trusting us with your students, and for being part of such a supportive and inspiring school community. I hope this summer brings rest, joy, and time to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared this year.

Yours in Education,

Valerie Hughes
Director

highlights

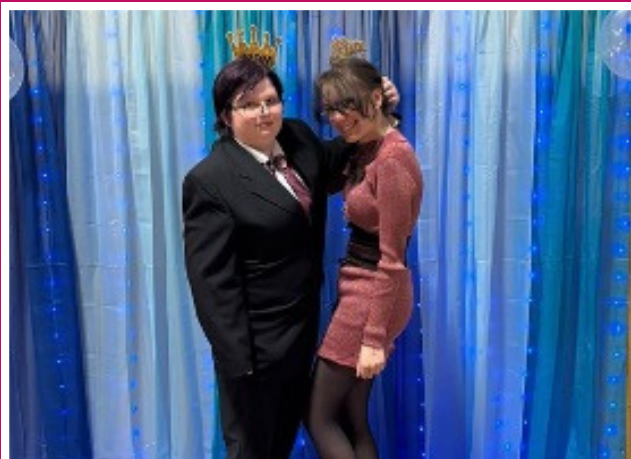
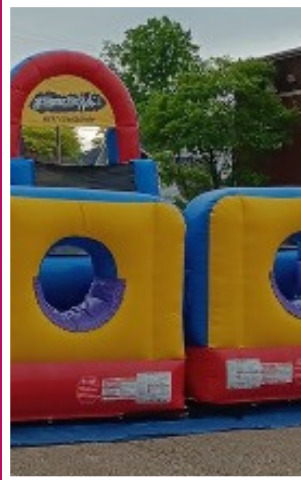
Our junior class at Summit Academy Secondary School – Canton showed up bright and early on ACT testing day, ready to take on the challenge with determination and focus. To start the day off right, students were treated to a warm, homemade breakfast—ensuring they had full bellies and clear minds before diving into the exam. The atmosphere was calm and focused as students settled in, and it was clear they were committed to giving their very best. We are incredibly proud of the effort, perseverance, and positive attitudes they brought to such an important milestone in their academic journey.

This spring, our junior class had the exciting opportunity to visit a local college campus, giving them a firsthand look at what life after high school could be like. During the visit, students explored various parts of the campus, sat in on actual college classes, and participated in an informative session about financial aid and the admissions process. The experience gave them valuable insight into academic expectations, campus life, and the many resources available to help them succeed in higher education. One of the highlights of the day was enjoying an all-you-can-eat lunch in the student cafeteria—an experience they're still talking about!

Carnival Day at Summit Academy was an absolute hit and a perfect way to celebrate the end of the school year! The entire campus was buzzing with excitement as students enjoyed a day filled with fun, food, and sunshine. From classic treats like popcorn, hot dogs, nachos, cotton candy, and Kona Ice to making their own Italian sodas, there was something delicious for everyone. The inflatable obstacle course brought out everyone's competitive side, while face painting, glitter tattoos, and karaoke with Mr. JT kept the laughter and energy going all afternoon. It was a day full of smiles, music, and unforgettable memories—a true celebration of our school community and the hard work our students put in all year long.

Prom was a magical evening that our students will remember for years to come. Held in a beautifully decorated venue, the night began with a delicious meal provided by Charlie Brown Catering, setting the tone for a night of celebration. Students enjoyed friendly games of corn hole and ping pong before hitting the dance floor to dance the night away with their classmates. One of the highlights of the evening was the caricature artist, who provided fun and personalized keepsakes for students to take home. More than anything, prom was a chance for students to relax, celebrate their accomplishments, and make lasting memories with their friends.

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 – Canton 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	\$1,333,695.00	\$1,193,132.00
State and Federal Grants	\$362,575.00	\$433,880.00
Medicaid Revenue	\$35,741.00	\$64,929.00
Private Donations	-	-
Classroom Materials and Supplies	\$294.00	\$1,003.00
Other Revenue	\$2,425.00	\$ -
Interest on Investment	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,734,730.00	\$1,692,944.00

OPERATING EXPENSES

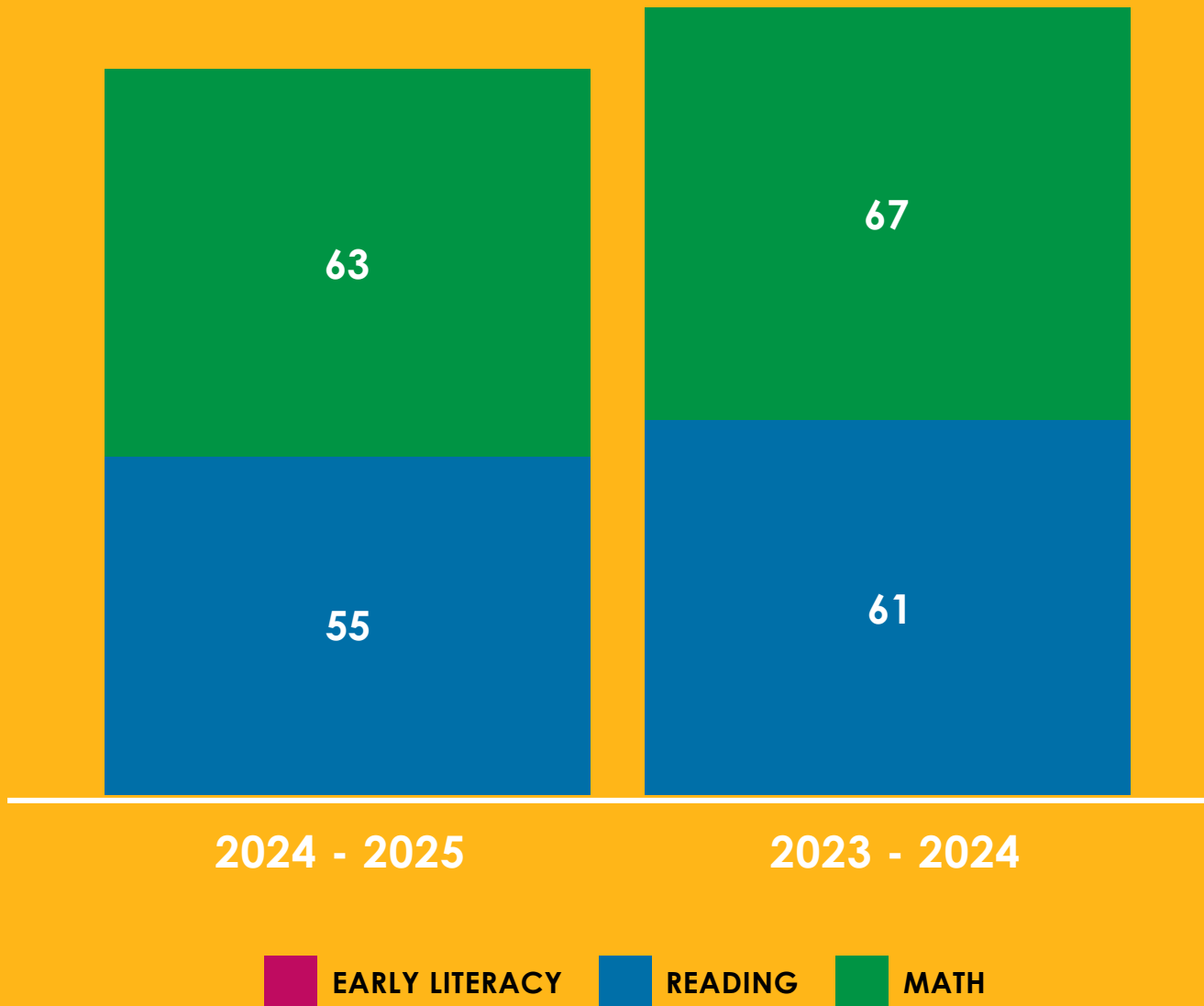
Management Fee Expense	\$1,734,730.00	\$1,692,944.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,734,730.00	\$1,692,944.00

NET PROFIT (LOSS)

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* 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



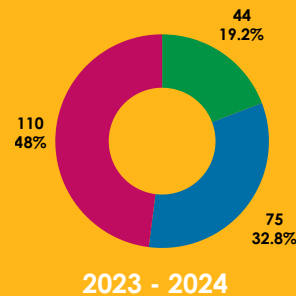
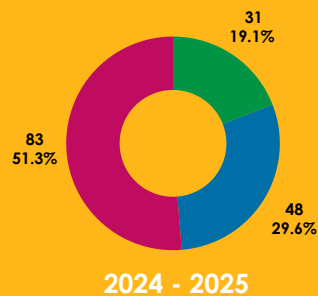
Summit Academy Students take Star Assessments three times each year to measure their reading and math skills compared to grade-level standards. Their annual growth in these skills is monitored by Student Growth Percentile (SGP) data, which compares a student's academic growth to that of his or her peers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

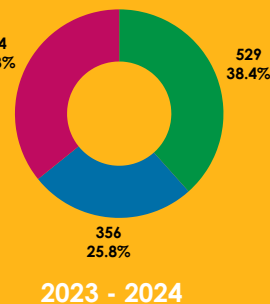
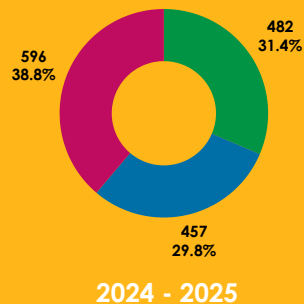
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STUDENT GROWTH PERCENTILE

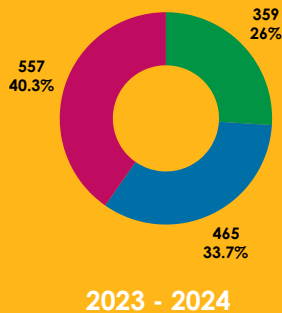
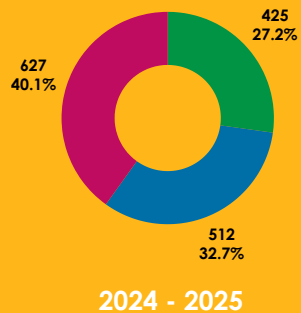
EARLY LITERATURE



READING



MATH



LOW GROWTH



TYPICAL GROWTH



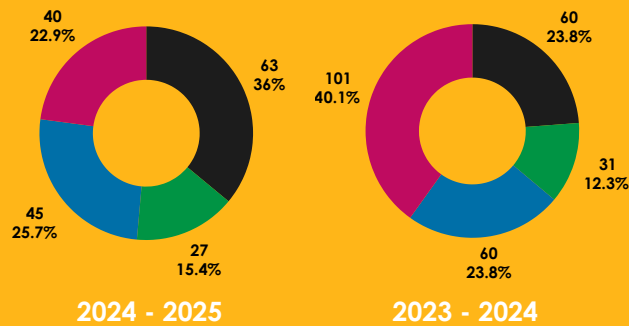
HIGH GROWTH

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.

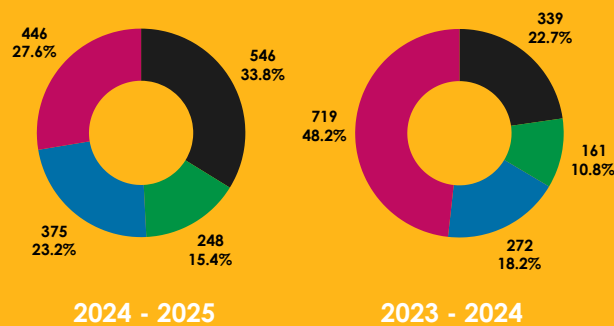
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STUDENT PROFICIENCY RATE

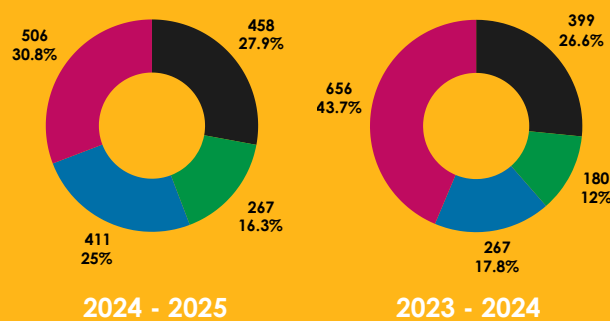
EARLY LITERATURE



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	Falls Below 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	Approaches Standard	9-12 EOC ELA II	Falls Below Standard
Gap Closing Component	Falls Below Standard	9-12 EOC Geometry	N/A
Gifted Performance Indicator	N/A	9-12 EOC American US History	N/A
Graduation Component	Falls Below Standard	9-12 EOC American US Government	N/A
4-Year Graduation Rate	Falls Below Standard	9-12 Credit Earing 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
Debt Management	N/A
Total Expense Variance	Meets Standard
Sponsor Financial Reporting	Exceeds Standard
Audit Finding	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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