




SCHOOL REPORT CARD FAQ FOR PARENTS




[Utah School Report Cards](https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov) are published annually for parents and community stakeholders. (URL: <https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov>). This FAQ is designed to help parents navigate the school report card site, answer frequently asked questions, and assist parents in understanding the information on the school report card for their child's school.

Q. WHAT IS THE NEW SCHOOL REPORT CARD?


-  The Utah School Report Card is just one piece of information that, when combined with other information, shows how a school is performing in multiple areas. It is designed to show each school's strengths and areas in need of improvement in order to ensure Utah schools are meeting the needs of all students. The Utah School Report card is an interactive, online tool designed for parents that is easily searchable, provides detail into specific content areas, and clearly displays school-level information. Reports are available for all schools, charter schools, districts, and the state.



Q. HOW CAN I USE THIS INFORMATION AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?


-  The Utah School Report Card is an interactive online tool for parents and communities. You can use this information to learn about the school and evaluate the performance of your school across multiple areas, known as school performance indicators, such as Achievement and [Growth](#). Parents can compare a school's performance indicators to the local school district or the state, and see the school's progress over time. Select each 'View Details' button within each indicator to learn more about each of the measures included on the School Report Card.

Q. WHAT YEAR DOES THE SCHOOL REPORT CARD APPLY TO?


-  Each year, The School Report Card published shows student performance during the prior school year. For example, the report cards published in school year 2019-2020 reflect a schools' performance during school year 2018-2019; graduation rate is delayed an additional year, showing the graduating class of 2018.



Q. EACH INDICATOR HAS A METER, OR RATING. HOW IS THIS RATING CALCULATED?


-  Each indicator of school accountability has is assigned a number of points possible. The meter shown for each indicator is based on the number of points the school earned for each indicator. The ratings of "Exceptional", "Commendable", "Typical", "Developing", and "Critical Needs" help parents interpret how well the school performed in each area.

Q. WHY IS THE SCHOOL ONLY EVALUATED IN CERTAIN AREAS?


-  School report cards are a way for the State of Utah to evaluate school performance, or school accountability. While each school is unique and different, the measures, or indicators, included in school accountability are comparable across all schools in the state. Schools also have the opportunity to share additional information about their school in areas that are unique to their school in the Self-Reported Indicators section of the school report card.



Q. HOW WILL THE REPORT CARD IMPACT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL?


-  The information on the school report card gives schools a roadmap to becoming a better school. It can drive instruction, help schools know where to focus teaching and resources, and help them develop school improvement plans.

Q. WHAT IF MY SCHOOL ISN'T PERFORMING AS WELL AS I WOULD LIKE?

-  Ask how you can help. Research supports that strong parent engagement has positive benefits for schools and their child's education. Schools want to listen to you and other parents to help you support your child's learning and growth. Share your goals for your child and ask about your concerns. Your voice and contribution can help improve student achievement, growth, and the actions schools take to support your child's learning.



Q. WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

-  Find more information on [Utah's Accountability system](#), or on the Utah State Board of Education on the [Assessment and Accountability website](#): <https://schools.utah.gov/assessment>

