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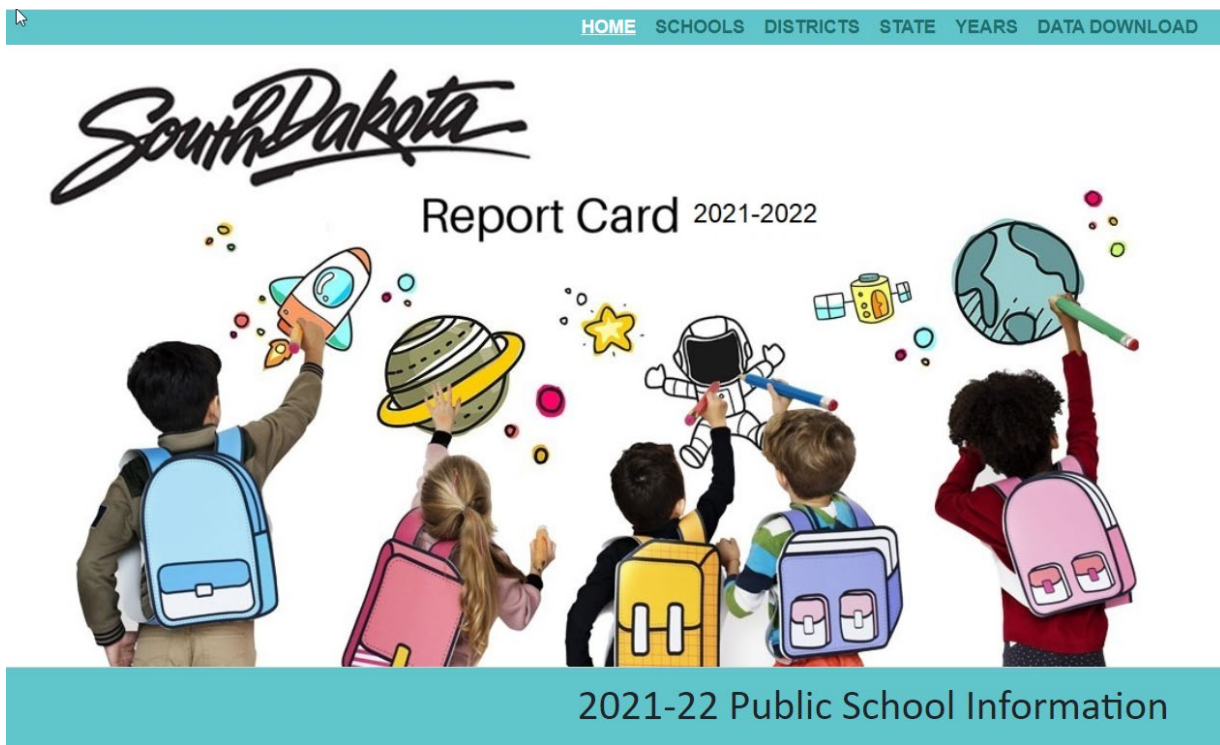
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## Public Report Card Access

Public Report cards are generated to allow access to data that have been checked to remove any personally identifiable information. If group sizes are too small to report, an asterisk \* is used to indicate the data are suppressed.

To access the public report cards for districts and schools, go to <https://sdschools.sd.gov>. This takes users to the school finder page. From there, users can navigate to report cards by clicking on any of the highlighted areas-school, district or state-or by typing in the name of a district or school in the search box. Past year report cards are available along with data download reports from the top right side of the school finder page.



# Navigating the system

## District Report Cards

When navigating the District Report Card, there are many ways to get to information. The red Options button takes users directly to the State Report Card, FAQs and other Accountability documents and reports.

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### District Report Card 2021-2022

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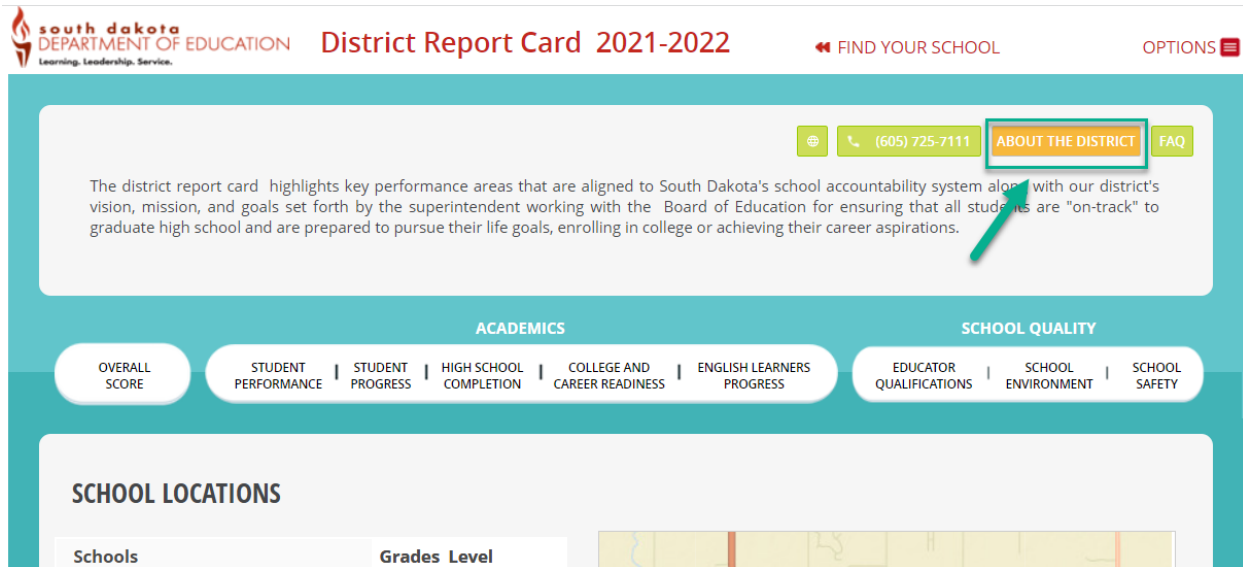
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The district report card highlights key performance areas that are aligned to South Dakota's school accountability system along with our d vision, mission, and goals set forth by the superintendent working with the Board of Education for ensuring that all students are "on-tr graduate high school and are prepared to pursue their life goals, enrolling in college or achieving their career aspirations.

**ACADEMICS** | **SCHOOL QUALITY**

**OVERALL SCORE** | **STUDENT PERFORMANCE** | **STUDENT PROGRESS** | **HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION** | **COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS** | **ENGLISH LEARNERS PROGRESS** | **EDUCATOR QUALIFICATIONS** | **SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT** | **SCHOOL SAFETY**

If unsure of the names of schools in a district, click on the About the District Button to get a list of schools in the district with direct links to school report cards, a location map and other summary information about the district, student populations and programs.



From the Overall Score page, users can dig into the data on a deeper level by clicking on the individual tabs under Academics and School Quality headings.



Student performance and progress data for English Language Arts and Mathematics are available now but Science data will not be released until January 2023.

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**District Report Card 2021-2022**

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**STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

South Dakota's students take the annual state assessments for the subjects of English language arts and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11, and science in grades 5, 8 and 11. Student Performance measures how well the students performed on the state assessments.

**English Language Arts** **Mathematics** **Science**

[VIEW DETAILS](#)

**STUDENT PROGRESS**

This measure shows the progress students have made on the state assessments for English language arts and mathematics since the prior school year. It illustrates whether students are learning and improving.

**English Language Arts** **Mathematics** **English Learners On Track**

When users see a View Details button, it is an indication that more data are available.

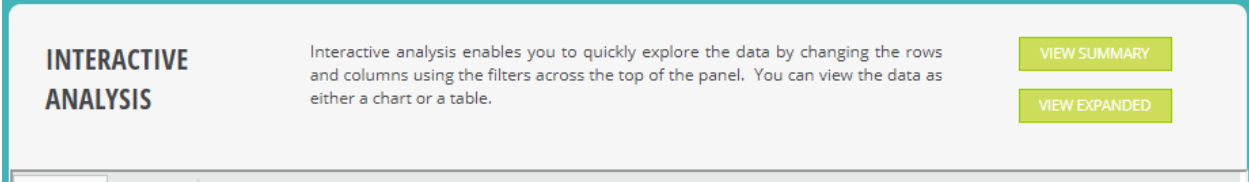
**PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT POPULATION**

The information below shows how each population of students performed. It is broken down by group to show whether or not a school is serving all of its students well. When there are gaps for certain groups of students, schools will use that information to understand how they can better serve those groups to ensure that all students are performing at grade level.

**VIEW DETAILS**

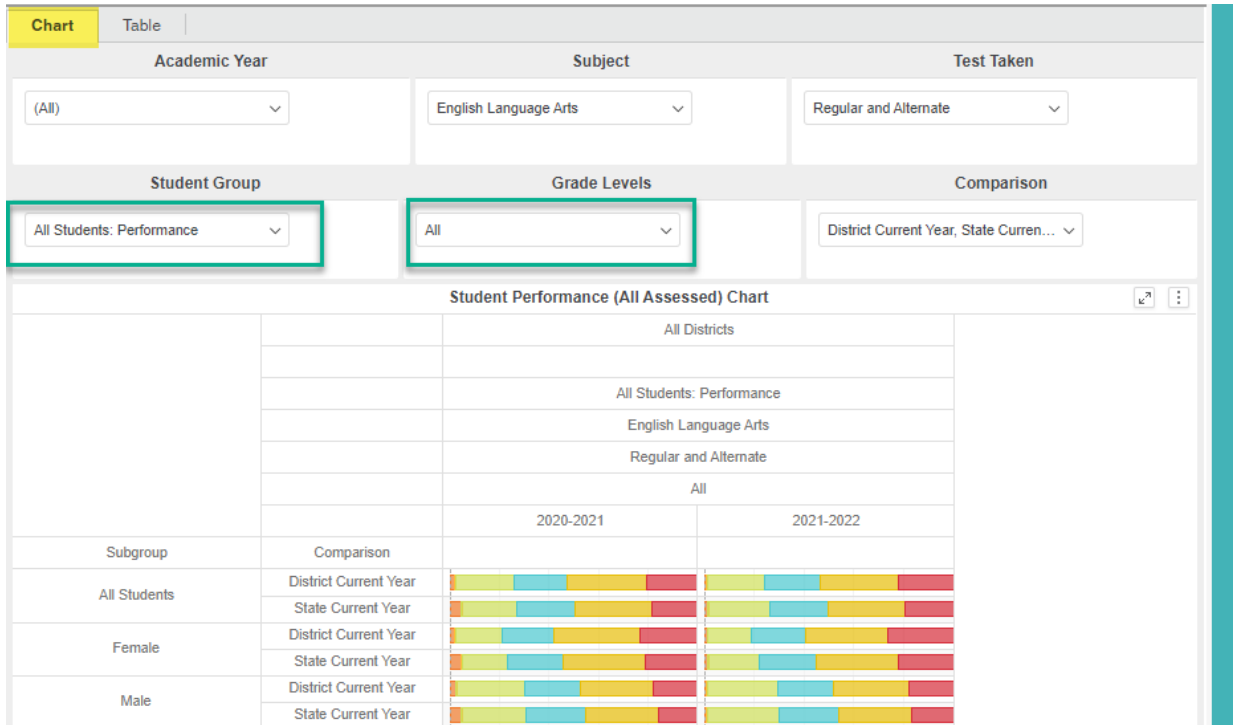
**FAY STUDENTS**  
**ALL ASSESSED STUDENTS**  
**ENGLISH LEARNERS**  
**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

When users click on any of the choices displayed on a View Details button, the system will go to an Interactive Analysis dashboard where items may be viewed in either chart or table format. This dashboard contains data from 2019-20 (where available), 2020-21 and 2021-22. The dashboard allows users to explore the data using filters. The View Summary page will take the user back to the previous report card page. The View Expanded button will take users to a full page view of the chart or table.



The screenshot shows a header for an 'INTERACTIVE ANALYSIS' dashboard. On the left, the text 'INTERACTIVE ANALYSIS' is displayed in a bold, dark font. To the right of this text is a descriptive paragraph: 'Interactive analysis enables you to quickly explore the data by changing the rows and columns using the filters across the top of the panel. You can view the data as either a chart or a table.' On the far right of the header, there are two green buttons with white text: 'VIEW SUMMARY' and 'VIEW EXPANDED'.

When using the Interactive Analysis dashboards, users may customize the view by choosing different filters from the drop downs on the page. These filters are available in both chart or table views. One thing to note is that “All” means all subgroups, while “All Students” is a subgroup by itself.



**Student Performance (All Assessed) Table**

	Total Students		Number Students Tested		Percent Students Tested		Number Students Not Tested		Percent Not Tested	
	District Current Year	State Current Year	District Current Year	State Current Year	District Current Year	State Current Year	District Current Year	State Current Year	District Current Year	State Current Year
All Districts										
All Students: Performance										
English Language Arts										
Regular and Alternate										
All										



# District Data Drill Down Examples

## Step 1 – Choose District

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English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
◆	◆	*

[VIEW DETAILS](#)

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English Language Arts	Mathematics	English Learners On Track
◆	◆	◆

**ATTENDANCE AND GRADUATION**

Attending school regularly is essential for students to progress through each level of their education. Attendance rate is measured for elementary and middle schools. At the high school level, graduation rate and college and career readiness are important indicators of students' readiness to pursue higher education, career, and life beyond high school.

Attendance Rate	High School Completion	College & Career Readiness
◆	◆	◆

\* Data are not shown in order to prevent student identification.

The school report card is just one piece of information, that when combined with a student's individual state test results, and report card grades, gives parents a more accurate picture of their children's academic experience.

[NEXT: STUDENT PERFORMANCE ▶](#)

## Step 2 – Choose which Indicator to dig into

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Step 3 – Scroll down until a section with View Details appears and choose an area to investigate. Keep in mind that Full Academic Year (FAY) students are the ones the district is held accountable for in the Student Performance measure. All Assessed students include all student who were tested during the testing window.

**PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT POPULATION**

The information below shows how each population of students performed. It is broken down by group to show whether or not a school is serving all of its students well. When there are gaps for certain groups of students, schools will use that information to understand how they can better serve those groups to ensure that all students are performing at grade level.

Data can be exported by clicking the View Expanded button and then by clicking the three small dots in the upper right-hand corner of the table.

**INTERACTIVE ANALYSIS**

Interactive analysis enables you to quickly explore the data by changing the rows and columns using the filters across the top of the panel. You can view the data as either a chart or a table.

[VIEW SUMMARY](#)  
[VIEW EXPANDED](#)

Chart | **Table**

Academic Year: 2021-2022  
Subject: English Language Arts  
Test Taken: Regular and Alternate

Student Group: All Students: Performance  
Grade Levels: All  
Comparison: District Current Year, State Curren...

**Student Performance (All Assessed) Table**

Chart | **Table**

Academic Year: 2021-2022  
Subject: English Language Arts  
Test Taken: Regular and Alternate

Student Group: All Students: Performance  
Grade Levels: All  
Comparison: District Current Year, State Curren...

**Student Performance (All Assessed) Chart**

All Districts

All Students: Performance  
English Language Arts  
Regular and Alternate  
All  
2021-2022

Subgroup: Comparison

PDF | [Export](#)

## School Report Cards

School level report cards can be navigated just like the district report cards. There are a few items that are available at the school level that the district level does not have.

On the Overall Score page, data are reported that indicates if a school has been identified for school support. New identifications have been calculated for 2021-22. SPI points are only being shown on the private report card this year.

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**Overall Score**  
This school was identified for **TARGETED SUPPORT**

Parents are critical partners in a school's success. Just as your child's report card shows how he or she is performing, this school report card shows you how your child's school is performing in multiple areas. It is designed to show the school's strengths in addition to challenges that need to be addressed in order to ensure we are meeting the needs of all students.

**ACADEMICS**  
STUDENT PERFORMANCE | STUDENT PROGRESS | ENGLISH LEARNERS PROGRESS

**SCHOOL QUALITY**  
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The About the School page has information about the school, including the principal’s name, school contact information and a location map for the school. The school status information also lets users know if the school participates in a Title I program, the grade levels served by the school, school support status, small or special school status, and the poverty and minority levels. Enrollment, services, and spending information are also available on this page.

## State Report Card

The state report card can be navigated like the school and district report cards and includes a few additional features like the message from the Secretary of Education for South Dakota.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the South Dakota Department of Education's State Report Card for 2021-2022. The header includes the department's logo, the title "State Report Card 2021-2022", a "FIND YOUR SCHOOL" link, and an "OPTIONS" menu. The main content area features a section titled "ALL DISTRICTS" with a message from Tiffany Sanderson, Secretary of Education, and a list of navigation options under "ACADEMICS" and "SCHOOL QUALITY".

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### ALL DISTRICTS

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In South Dakota, we want all students to graduate from the K-12 education system prepared for college, careers, and life. To see how our schools, districts, and state are progressing towards this aspiration, the Department of Education compiles an annual Report Card. While South Dakota has weathered the COVID-19 pandemic very well, it could take years to fully understand its impact on student learning. As you review this year's Report Card, you will see some of those impacts, and you will also see bright spots locally. The department provides this Report Card data so parents, school boards, educators, and state leaders can make informed decisions that lead to improved outcomes for all South Dakota students.

Tiffany Sanderson, Secretary of Education

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Additional reports not available on the options menus for the school or district report cards are available on the state report card. These are reports such as *Access to Qualified Teachers and Data Download*, which provides data reports for indicators reported on the report card.

This screenshot shows the "OPTIONS" menu expanded on the State Report Card website. The menu items are listed below, with "Access to Qualified Teachers" and "Data Download" highlighted with red boxes.

[FIND YOUR SCHOOL](#) [OPTIONS](#)

- Export to PDF
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Prior Year Report Cards
- Calculation Guide
- School Improvement
- Long-Term Goals
- Access to Qualified Teachers**
- NAEP Report
- Report Card Navigation Guide
- Accountability Tech Manual
- Data Download**

## Questions

If users need further guidance, please contact the South Dakota Department of Education at 605-773-3134 or 605-773-6400.