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# Chapter 1: Accountability System Overview

### **Introduction to South Dakota Department of Education (SDDOE) Accountability System**

The state transitioned to the new requirements under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for the 2017-2018 School Year report card. The initial ESSA State plan was approved by the US Department of Education in January 2018. Minor revisions made by the SDDOE in March 2020 are reflected in this document. Updates to ESSA Guidance made in March 2019 are integrated into this manual (Administrative Rule 24:55:01:04).

South Dakota’s accountability model takes a thoughtful, balanced approach to defining the indicators of a strong education system. Rather than focusing almost exclusively on student proficiency on a single assessment, it encompasses multiple indicators that are critical pieces in preparing students for the rigors of a 21<sup>st</sup> century world. The accountability system holds schools accountable through annual public reporting and classification based on school performance. The model is used to inform school leaders, teachers, and the public as to how schools are progressing. With its emphasis on continuous improvement, it sets a high bar for ongoing reflection and goal setting. The accountability system shall apply to all public schools whose primary purpose is to provide academic instruction. Schools will follow policies and procedures in state Administrative Rule to define the grade spans of elementary, middle, and high school (Administrative Rule 24:43:01:01).

### **School Performance Index**

South Dakota’s Accountability System is based on a 100-point index, called the School Performance Index (SPI). The SPI consists of multiple indicators; each assigned a numeric value. These values are summed to create a total SPI score out of 100 points. Two distinct indexes will be used: one for high school (secondary) accountability, and one for elementary and middle school (pre-secondary) accountability.

#### **Elementary and Middle School SPI Points Distribution**

<b>Indicator</b>		<b>Maximum Points Possible</b>	
<b>Academic Indicators</b>	<b>Student Performance</b>	Mathematics	20
		English Language Arts	20
		<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>Student Progress</b>	English Language Arts	10
		Mathematics	10
		English Language Arts – Lowest Quartile	10
		Mathematics – Lowest Quartile	10
		<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>English Learners Progress</b>		<b>10</b>
	<b>School Quality</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	

High School SPI Points Distribution

Indicator		Maximum Points Available	
Academic Indicators	<b>Student Achievement</b>	Mathematics	15
		English Language Arts	15
		Science *	10
		<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>Four-Year Cohort Graduation</b>		<b>12.5</b>
	<b>College and Career Readiness</b>		<b>25</b>
	<b>English Language Proficiency</b>		<b>10</b>
	<b>High School Completion</b>		<b>12.5</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

\*For Federal purposes, in alignment with ESEA, science will be included as School Quality or Student Success indicator.

State Assessments

Information

The SDDOE is required to assess students on ELA, mathematics, and science. The assessments are single snapshot, summative assessments designed to measure each student’s mastery of South Dakota’s content standards. These statewide assessments are:

- South Dakota English Language Arts Assessment Gr 3-8 (SD-ELA) or
- South Dakota English Language Arts Alternate Assessment Gr 3-8 & 11 (SD-ELA Alt)
- South Dakota Mathematics Assessment Gr 3-8 (SD-MATH) or
- South Dakota Mathematics Alternate Assessment Gr 3-8 & 11 (SD-MATH Alt)
- South Dakota Science Assessment Gr 5 & 8 (SD-SCI)
- South Dakota Science Alternate Assessment Gr 5, 8, & 11 (SD-SCI Alt)
- South Dakota ELA Assessment Gr 11 (SD-ACT)
- South Dakota Mathematics Assessment Gr 11 (SD-ACT)

South Dakota Science Assessment Gr 11 (SD-ACT) Only those students with the most significant cognitive disabilities take an alternate assessment.

Subject Assessment Scores

When a student successfully completes the ELA, mathematics, or science assessment, regardless of if it is a general or alternate assessment, they receive a scale score which falls into one of four achievement levels: Level 1 being the lowest level, Level 2 indicating nearly meet the standard, Level 3 indicating proficiency, and Level 4 indicating advanced performance. Levels 1 and 2 are considered not proficient; levels 3 and 4 are proficient and above.

English Language Proficiency Assessment

Students identified as English learners, also must take the English Language Proficiency assessment.

Collecting, Processing, Loading Schedule

Test Name	Test Window	Data Provider	File Received	File Processing	Loaded in SD-STARS	Data Year
ELP*	Jan 27 – Feb 27	DRC/WIDA	March 31	March 31 – April 4	June 20	Current
ELP-Alt*	Jan 27 – Feb 27	DRC/WIDA	March 31	March 31 - April 4	June 20	Current
SD-ELA	March 30 – May 8	Cambium	June 12	June 20 - 25	June 30	Current
SD-MATH	March 30 – May 8	Cambium	June 12	June 20 - 25	June 30	Current
SD-ELA Alt	March 10 – April 25	MSAA	June 15	June 20 - 25	June 30	Current
SD-MATH Alt	March 10 – April 25	MSAA	June 15	June 20 - 25	June 30	Current
SD-SCI	March 30 – May 8	Cambium	June 12	June 20 - 25	June 30	Current
SD-SCI Alt	March 30 – May 8	Cambium	June 12	June 20 - 25	June 30	Current
SD-ACT	Feb. 24 – April 3	ACT	June**	July/August**	July/August**	Current

\*ELP: English Language Proficiency      \*\*ACT dates are tentative

**Confidentiality: Protection of Student Information on Public Reports**

N-Size of 10 Rule

In general, South Dakota requires public reports to suppress data if the size of the subgroup, also known as the N-size, is fewer than 10 students (Administrative Rule 24:55:07:05). Doing so protects student privacy. The N-size of 10 students will apply to All Students and each subgroup. This rule allows for inclusion of many small schools. Using an N-size of 10 or more students would exclude many schools from accountability and would decrease transparency in the state. Accountability uses an asterisk (\*) to denote suppression when the N-size of a subgroup is fewer than 10.

There are two exceptions to the N-size of 10 Rule for the public Accountability Report Card. First, to comply with ESSA, South Dakota is required to report data from the Civil Rights Data Collection, which is collected from districts by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights. These data are publicly accessible, so no suppression is required. Second, student and program demographic data are sourced from the SDDOE’s Fall Enrollment Census Count. These data are also publicly accessible, so no suppression is required. The SDDOE does not use suppression for private, secure reporting available to districts and schools in SD-STARS.

Other suppression rules for the public report cards apply when:

1. There are no data available. For example, a new school will have no “student progress” data available.
2. The data do not apply in the situation. For example, a school will not be accountable for English Learner Progress SPI points when the school does not have any EL students.
3. The subgroup has no students.
4. The school is designated as a small school. As of 2020-21, there is no longer a waiver option for special schools. See the [Small School section](#) for more information.

### Less than 7% suppression

South Dakota uses another suppression rule to further provide protection against disclosure or identification of an individual student's outcomes. The rule is:

- Suppression is applied in the case where all students in a subgroup have an extremely low performance level.

Accountability uses an asterisk (\*) to denote suppression when the rate is less than 7% (range is 0% to 7%). Also, when the indicator performance level data are suppressed for any rate that are below 7% that suppression is applied to other data elements on the same indicator page and as well in the interactive analysis dashboards. This rule is applied inverse to the above situation with rates of Chronic Absenteeism at the extreme range of above 93% (range is 93% to 100%). Images below provide examples of data where suppression was applied.

### Public Report Card Indicator Data Details for Suppression

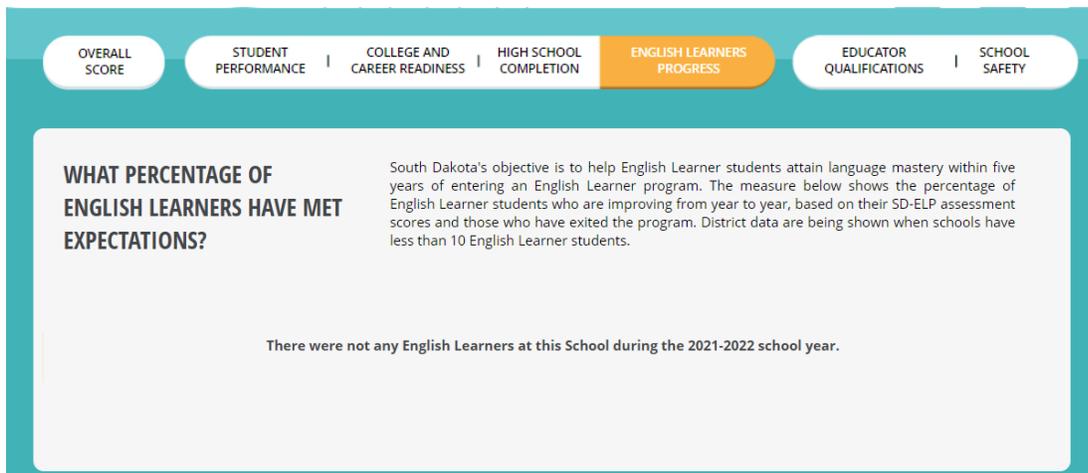
N-size and less than 7% suppression rules are applied to the data reported for the following indicators and other reporting information:

- Student Performance
- Student Progress
- English Learners Progress
- School Environment-Attendance
- College and Career Readiness
- On-Time Graduation
- High School Completion
- Long Term Goals

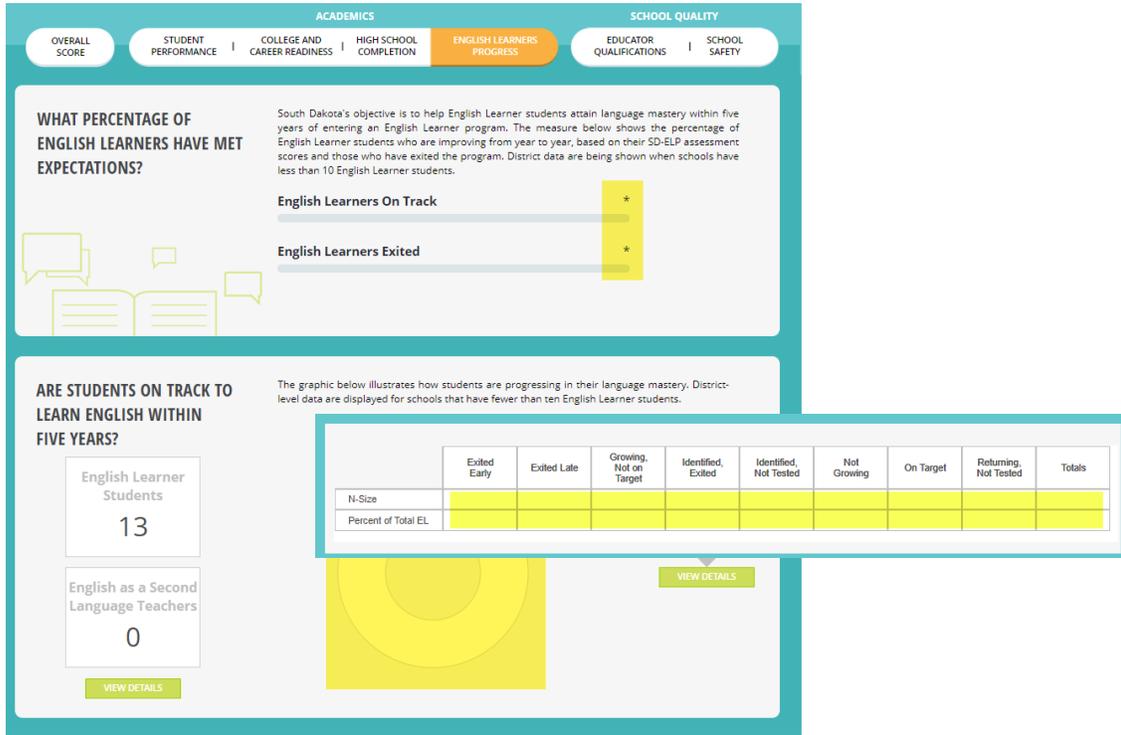
### Examples of Indicator Data Where Suppression Rules Were Applied

When the N-size of the All-Student subgroup is zero, a message is shown on the page instead of data. See example in the image below.

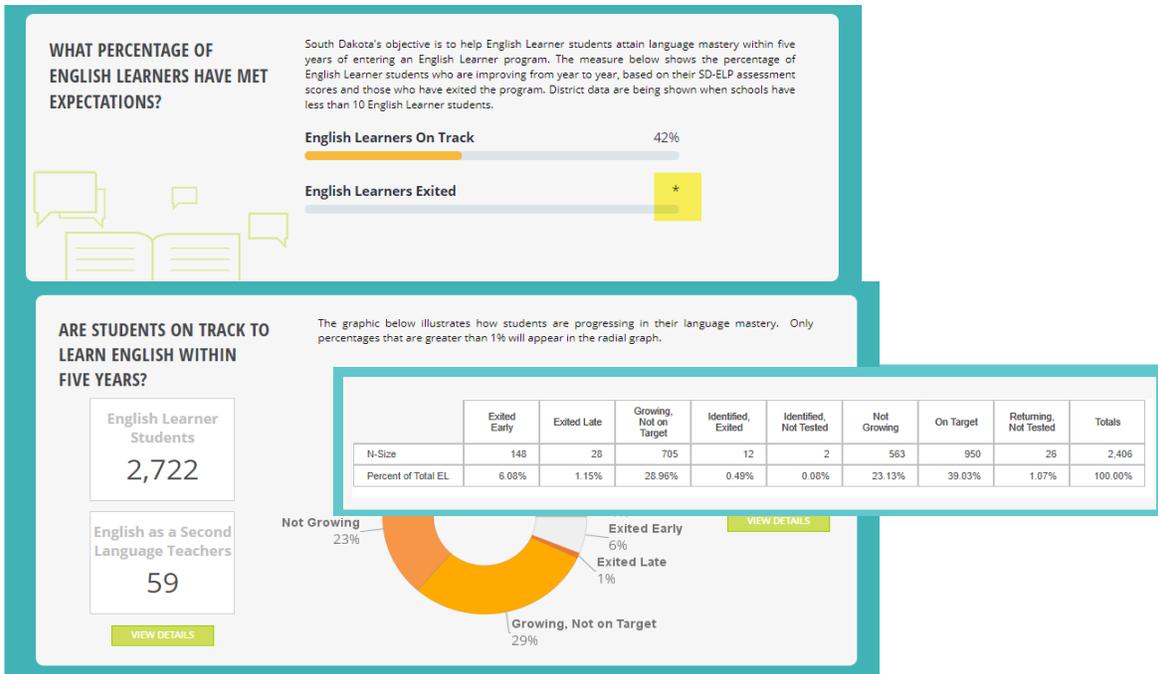
Image of a school with no English learners.



The image below shows an example of suppression under the less than 7% rule. In this example, both On-Track and Exited rates are suppressed. When On-Track rates are suppressed, the view details table and radial data are also suppressed.



The image below represents the “less than 7%” suppression rule applied for the EL Exited rate. When Exited rates are the only measure suppressed on the ELP page, data will display in the radial and table.



**Date References**

For all references to dates in this manual, if the date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.

**Full Academic Year (FAY)**

Full Academic Year (FAY) is defined as a student enrolled from October 1 through May 1 with an enrollment gap of no more than 15 consecutive school days. If either of these dates fall on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply. This ensures the annual progress of a student is attributed to a single school. The assessment window typically goes from the last Monday in March to the first Friday in May. However, if the first Friday in May lands on May 1, then May 4 will be used.

FAY is applied in four SPI indicators: Student Performance, Student Progress (only in the current year), English Learners Progress, and Attendance. State academic assessment scores of FAY students are also used for setting school-level Long Term Goals.

FAY is calculated at three levels: school, district, and state. Students will be FAY across school, district, and state levels if they don't move during the year. Students who move from one school to another in the same district may be FAY at the district- and state-level but not at the school-level. Students who move from one South Dakota district to another may be FAY at the state-level but not at the district- or school-level. In other words, students who move during the year may not count at school level or district-level depending on where they moved.

**End of Academic Year Process**

School districts are required to have their year-end data finalized no later than the 2nd Friday in June of each year. Data needed for the report card are pulled after this date and after the SDDOE verifies these data.

**Subgroup Membership**

**Federally Recognized Student Groups**

The SDDOE will report and base accountability decisions on the following federally recognized student groups, also noted as subgroups.

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Program Participation</b>
Female	American Indian/Alaska Native	Economically Disadvantaged
Male	Asian	English Learners
	Black/African American	Foster Care
	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Homeless
	Hispanic/Latino	Migrant
	Two or More Races	Military Connected
	White/Caucasian	Students with Disabilities

Throughout the year, students can move in and out of a subgroup. For example, a student may receive special education services at the beginning of the year but then stops these services during the year. Therefore, Accountability has business rules to determine subgroup membership.

Subgroup	Indicator	Definition
Female	All	Gender as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Male	All	Gender as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
American Indian/Alaska Native	All	Race as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Asian	All	Race as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Black/African American	All	Race as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Hispanic/Latino	All	Race as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	All	Race as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Two or More Races	All	Race as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
White/Caucasian	All	Race as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Economically Disadvantaged*	All	Student received free or reduced-price lunch record at any point in the year, including if the student had a prior year record that has an end date in the current year OR If the student attended a school identified as CEP or Provisional based on the list provided by CANS at any point in the year
English Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Performance</li> <li>• Student Progress</li> <li>• All-Assessed Proficiency</li> <li>• Attendance</li> <li>• High School Completion</li> <li>• On-Time Graduation</li> <li>• College and Career Readiness</li> </ul>	Student had an active EL record at any point in the year <i>except</i> those who exited EL as “misidentified” OR Students was identified as 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> year monitoring <i>except</i> those who are 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> year monitoring who exited EL as “misidentified”
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Learners Progress</li> </ul>	Student had an active EL record at any point in the year

Subgroup	Indicator	Definition
	• Participation	Student had an active EL record on the last Tuesday of the testing window.
<b>Foster Care</b>	All rosters	Student was identified as in foster care at any point in the year
<b>Homeless</b>	All rosters	Student had homeless record at any point in the year
<b>Migrant</b>	All rosters	Student was identified as migrant at any point in the year
<b>Military Connected</b>	All rosters	Student was identified as military connected at any point in the year
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	All rosters	Special Ed status as of May 1

\* All schools are marked as 100% free and reduced lunch if they show up on the CANS CEP or Provisional lists.

Where May 1st is listed in the table above, the SDDOE does not mean the data were pulled from Infinite Campus on May 1st. Rather it means that Accountability looks at the data after the year-end sign off and determines what was true for the student as of May 1st. For all references to dates in this manual, if the date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.

English Learners Subgroups

Further refined subgroups are required under ESSA for English Learners (EL). The additional EL subgroups are noted below.

English Learners Subgroups	Indicator	Definition
EL	All	Active EL are students receiving EL program services
Long-term EL	All	EL who has been identified as EL for more than 5 years.
Former EL	All	Students who exited EL but are still in monitoring years 1-4 <i>except</i> those who exited EL as “misidentified”
SWD EL	All	Active EL who are also in special education

Special Education Subgroups

The Special Education Office breaks down special education subgroup into smaller groups based on the assessment the student took and whether the student received accommodations. The additional special education subgroups are noted below. If the calculation isn’t listed, the special education subgroups’ status does not apply.

Special Ed Subgroups		Measure	Definition
Assessment	Accommodations		
Regular	With no accommodations	Participation All-Assessed Proficiency Student Performance	Students identified as Special Ed status as of May 1 and who also are noted in the test file with no accommodations
	With Accommodations	Participation All-Assessed Proficiency Student Performance	Students identified as Special Ed status as of May 1 and who also are noted in the test file with accommodations
Alternate		Participation All-Assessed Proficiency Student Performance	Students identified as Special Ed status as of May 1 and who took the alternate assessment

Where May 1st is listed in the table above, it does not mean the data were pulled from Infinite Campus on May 1st. Rather it means that Accountability looks at the data after the year-end sign off and determines what was true for the student as of May 1st. For all references to dates in this manual, if the date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.

**Rules for Accountability SPI Indicators**

Rules for Multiple Enrollment Students

In certain cases, a student may have two (or more) enrollment records at the same school (Administrative Rule 24:55:07:03).

- In such cases, if it is indeed the same student and the same school, enrollment records will only be included for accountability purposes when the records meet FAY requirements.
- Similarly, any consecutive enrollments, irrespective of the length on /any, should be combined to form one attendance record.

For example, a student may have one enrollment record running from August 18 through December 7 and another record in the same school from December 8 through May 15. These two enrollment records should be combined as one continuous enrollment. Since that student would be considered continuously enrolled from August 18-May 15, they are also considered FAY and will count in FAY Attendance.

Dually Enrolled Students (source: Student Data Desk Guide for Infinite Campus)

Overlapping enrollments are permissible for up to 90 consecutive days according to South Dakota Administrative rule 24:17:03:05 if the student is dually enrolled at any of the following entities:

### **Short Term Group Care**

1. Avera Adolescent Addiction Care Program: Sioux Falls – 49005
2. Avera Behavioral Health Program: Sioux Falls – 49005
3. ARISE Shelter Care: Sioux Falls – 49005
4. Our Home Rediscovery: Huron – 02002
5. Wellfully Behavioral Health Unit & Addiction Recovery Unit: Rapid City – 51004

### **JDC's (Juvenile Detention Centers)**

1. Aberdeen JDC – 06001
2. Huron JDC – 02002
3. Pierre JDC – 32002
4. Rapid City JDC – 51004
5. Sioux Falls JDC – 49005
6. Wanbli Wiconi Tipi (Todd County) JDC - 66001

**Resident District** – is to keep the student enrolled at 100% with the Service Type field marked as P: Primary. The resident district needs to track how long the student is placed at the Short-Term Group Care or JDC facility and must drop the student at the resident district on the 91st consecutive school day if the student is still attending the Short-Term Group Care or JDC facility.

**Attending District** – will create an enrollment record showing their district as both the Resident and the Serving/Attending district for the period in which the student is attending the Short-Term Group Care or JDC facility. The Percent Enrolled field should be marked as 100% and the Service Type field should be marked as S: Partial. This should read P: Primary. Both facilities Service Types should read Primary.

*\*\*\*This will allow for State Aid to be paid to both the Resident and the Attending District if the student is dually enrolled in both districts on the last Friday in September.*

### Rules for Transfer Students

Two rules apply to student transfers during the academic year (Administrative Rule 24:55:07:04). These are:

- Students who transfer from one public school to another public school within the same public school district between October first and May first are counted at the district level for student achievement, academic growth, English language proficiency, and attendance SPI key indicator scores.
- Students who transfer from one public school district to another public school district between October first and May first are counted at the state level for student achievement, academic growth, English language proficiency, and attendance SPI key indicator scores.

## Participation Rate

Schools must meet the 95% participation in test grade requirements in the current year to receive points for the student performance indicator and for a school to meet its Long-Term Goals. Meeting the 95% participation rule means testing at least 95% (94.50% with rounding) of students enrolled in the school (Administrative Rule 24:55:07:02). Only students with a valid test score will be included in the calculation of the participation rate.

### Testing Rules

ESSA mandates that all students must participate in statewide assessments (ESSA 1111 (b) (2)(A) & (B) (i) (I), (II)). In addition, administrative rule 24:55:07:02 says at least 95% of all students will be assessed including 95% of students in a subgroup who are enrolled in a tested grade. It is to be noted that South Dakota State Law [13-3-55](#) requires all students to test.

It is important for all students to test, even if they move during the testing window.

- If a student transfers in state to a public school from another public school during the testing window and has not yet been tested, the receiving school is obligated to test the student.
- If a student transfers in state to a public school from another public school during the testing window and was tested at their previous school, the receiving school is not required to test the student.
- If a student transfers to a public school from an out-of-state school, BIE school or home school, they are required to test even if they already tested in their previous school; this rule applies only to students in grades 3-8, and 11, not 12.
- If a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student transfers during the testing window, they are exempt and do NOT need to test.

However, only those students enrolled as of May 1<sup>st</sup> will count in the participation rate calculation for grade 3-8 assessments and the alternate assessments. For the SD-ACT, only those students enrolled the last Tuesday of the testing window will count in the participation rate calculation. Students who transfer within the testing window, but after the deadline will not be counted in the receiving school's participation rate. For all references to dates in this manual, if the date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.

### High School Participation Denominator: Inclusion Criteria

A student is included in the high school participation denominator if all the following conditions are met:

- Student is enrolled in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, including those actively working toward a GED.
- Student is enrolled during at least one of the testing window cycles.
- Student must have a valid score.
- Student is enrolled as of the last Tuesday of the third SD-ACT testing window.

Since special education may qualify for either the general or alternate assessment, additional considerations are necessary.

- Students who qualify for the alternate assessment in one subject area must be assessed on the alternate assessment in all subject areas.
- Students identified as Alternate Test Takers in Infinite Campus will not be included in the SD ACT Grade 11 assessment.
- Students who qualify for an alternate assessment but take a regular assessment will have their alternate assessment scores invalidated. If a student can take a regular assessment, they are not a student who should have taken an alternate assessment.
- If a student takes the South Dakota Math Alternate Assessment but does not take any assessment for ELA, that student will be counted in the denominator for both ELA and Mathematics, but only in the numerator for Mathematics.
- If the student takes the South Dakota Math Alternate Assessment but takes the South Dakota English Language Arts Assessment for ELA, that student will be counted in the denominator for both ELA and Mathematics, but only in the numerator for ELA.

### Calculating the Participation Rate

The participation rate is calculated using the total enrollment of eligible students (denominator) and the number of those students who have valid test scores (numerator) for the current year.

### Calculation

Numerator = Count of students with valid scores

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Denominator = Count of eligible students enrolled as of May 1 / last Tuesday of SD-ACT window

Rules for participation rate:

- Participation rate is calculated for ELA, mathematics, and science.
- Participation rate is calculated separately for each subgroup and at the state-, district-, and school-level.
- Eligible students are:
  - “Primary Enrollment” 50 percent as of May 1 or as of last Tuesday of SD-ACT testing window. If May 1 is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply. (Primary Enrollment Type will be used for this determination.)
  - Excludes students who have a medical exemption. See section on medical emergencies.
  - For ELA, includes FYIC students if they qualify for a FYIC waiver. For mathematics and science, FYIC waiver does not apply to participation, so they are treated as any other student. See section on First Year in Country students. [Participation Rules for First Year in Country Students \(FYIC\)](#).
- Students with valid scores include:
  - Students who completed and earned a performance level on the assessment (ex: Level 1-Level 4).
- Invalidated test scores will count in the denominator for the participation rate calculation.
- FAY rule is not applied when calculating participation rate.
- Students that tested in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and repeat 11<sup>th</sup> grade the next school year, will NOT be required to take the test again; per ESEA Law (Section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)).

Participation impacts the SPI points. Schools not meeting the 95% participation rule will receive zero points for the portion(s) of the indicator (mathematics and/or English language arts) for which they did not meet the 95% participation in testing rule.

### Percent Not Tested

The percent not participating is calculated as: 1 **minus** the participation rate. For example, if there is a 98% participation rate, then this would be  $1 - 0.98 = .02$ , or 2% not participating in testing. Therefore, the inverse of the percent not tested should equal the participation rate.

### Participation Rules for First Year in Country Students (FYIC)

Students who are English Learners (EL) and in their first year of enrollment in the United States are called First Year in Country (FYIC) students (Administrative Rule 24:55:07:11). FYIC students may qualify for a waiver for different Accountability calculations. More details are located in the [Procedures for Review and Validation for First Year in Country \(FYIC\) Students](#) section.

To qualify for the FYIC waiver, the student:

1. Must be an identified EL student
2. Must not have attended schools in the United States for more than 12 months
  - The 12-month timeline means a student is FYIC if he or she first entered a U.S. school after the 'Must Test Day' last year and before or on the 'Must Test Day' of the current year.
    - U.S. schools include schools from all 50 states in the United States and the District of Columbia.
  - In other words, any student enrolled on or before the 'Must Test Day' could qualify for a FYIC waiver for the current year. Any FYIC student enrolled after the 'Must Test Day' could qualify for the FYIC waiver in the next year.
    - The 'Must Test Day' is May 1<sup>st</sup> unless May 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, in which case, the next business day applies.
    - Here are the FYIC enrollment timelines for the next three report cards:
      - May 2, 2025 – May 1, 2026
      - May 2, 2026 – May 3, 2027
      - May 4, 2027 – May 1, 2028
3. Must take the English Language Proficiency Assessment if enrolled during the testing window to get the first-year exemption from the ELA portion of the state assessment.
4. If the student arrives after English Language Proficiency Assessment testing window, the school must administer the WIDA screener.

Based on administrative rules, FYIC students are handled differently based on various calculations for each subject. **FYIC students in tested grades ARE REQUIRED to participate in the mathematics and science assessments but are exempt from the ELA assessment. Exemption means they WILL count towards participation even if they didn't take the ELA assessment.** To help clarify, below is a table that

indicates if FYIC students are counted in the numerator or denominator for applicable calculations. If the calculation isn't listed, FYIC status does not apply. FYIC exemptions do not apply to the ELP assessment.

Accountability Rules for where FYIC students count in calculations for SPI indicators and for Participation

Subject	Measure	Numerator	Denominator
ELA	<b>Participation</b> (100% of FYIC students must take the ELP assessment or WIDA Screener)	If the student meets qualification #3 above (takes the ELP Assessment or the WIDA Screener), then they are added to numerator and denominator. <b>If they don't take an assessment, they ARE counted in the denominator only.</b>	
	All-Assessed Proficiency	Excluded	Excluded
	Student Performance	Excluded	Excluded
Mathematics	Participation	Included	Included
	All-Assessed Proficiency	Included	Included
	Student Performance	Excluded	Excluded
Science	Participation	Included	Included
	All-Assessed Proficiency	Included	Included
	Student Performance	Excluded	Excluded

WIDA Screener Review for FYIC Students

The WIDA Screener Grades K-12 is a screener test used by districts to determine if a student qualifies as an English Learner. If a new student comes to a school and their home language is not English, schools give the student a WIDA screener to assess their English language skills. These screeners help determine if that student should be offered instruction in the English language acquisition. NOTE: If the student enrolled in school after the SD-ELP test window, they need a WIDA screener; If they do NOT take the WIDA screener, the school will not get the FYIC waiver.

The Accountability Office's process to identify FYIC students who enroll after the SD-ELP assessment testing window includes the following steps. As noted, if the May 1 date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.

1. In mid-May, the Title III Office will pull the WIDA Screener Ad hoc data report from ICSE (Infinite Campus State Edition).
2. Parameters for the WIDA Screener Ad hoc report are:
  - Date first entered US after May 1 of current school year AND
  - Date first entered US school, after testing window in previous school year OR
  - Date first entered SD school, after testing window in current school year
  - Only students who are identified as EL and fit FYIC criteria are included
  - Include only students in grades 3-8 and 11

3. The Title III Office uses the ICSE, SD STARS, and the WIDA Assessment Management System to validate FYIC student data in WIDA Screener Ad hoc report.
4. The Title III Office will contact districts and schools as needed if there are students who don't have the date entered U.S. school or a WIDA is not found (i.e., two districts use a paper screener).
5. The Title III Office will provide a list of students that need to be designated as FYIC to the Accountability Office.
6. The Accountability Office will create the overrides and provide that to the vendor to make changes for the report card.

Procedures for Review and Validation for First in Country (FYIC) Students

<b>Title III Review &amp; Validation Process</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Processing Details</b>	<b>File Process Timeline</b>	<b>Loaded in SD-STARS</b>	<b>Data Year</b>
<b>Title III Office pulls data from ICSE</b>	ICSE	Title III	May 16	No	Current
<b>WIDA Screener- Grades K-12 report is pulled</b>	WIDA Management System	Title III	May 16	No	Current
<b>Details for correcting student data</b>	Title III	Title III Accountability	May 30	No	Current
<b>Override details</b>	Accountability	Accountability to vendor	June 20	Yes	Current

Medical Exemptions

Students who are not able to test in the state assessments or the SD-ELP assessment due to an emergency medical situation may qualify for certain exemptions in Accountability.

Rules for medical exemptions

- Medical exemptions are based on each state assessment. For example, a medical exemption could be approved for the state ELA assessment but not mathematics or science assessments; or an exemption could be approved for mathematics and ELA state assessments but not the science assessment.
- If a student receives instruction during the testing window, the request for a medical exemption will be denied.
- If a medical exemption was approved but the student still took the state assessment anyway, the medical exemption approval will be revoked. That means the student will no longer have a medical exemption and will be included in the calculation.

Procedures for medical exemption include the following steps:

- Step 1: District administrators will complete a medical exemption form and submit it with documentation to the Assessment Office. The documentation must explain the student’s emergency medical situation that resulted in their inability to take one or more state assessments.
- Step 2: The Assessment Office will provide information to a team of administrators, and they will approve or deny exemptions based on a case-by-case review.
- Step 3: The Assessment Office will follow up with districts on the approval or denial of the exemption.
- Step 4: After all medical exemptions are determined, the Assessment Office will provide details for all medical exemption requests (use the Medical Exemption table) with student ID, district ID, and school ID to the Accountability Office with the approved exemptions and list of assessments relevant to those exemptions.
- Step 5: The Accountability Office will add medically exempt student data to the overrides that are shared with the vendor.
- Step 6: The vendor will use the overrides to make changes to the report card.
- Step 7: The Assessment and Accountability Office will work to validate medically exempt students.
- No appeals will be accepted for medical exemption during the appeals window.

Below is a table that indicates when medically exempt students are counted in the numerator or denominator for applicable calculations.

Subject	Measure	Did the student take the test anyway?	Numerator	Denominator
ELA	Participation	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
	All-Assessed Proficiency	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
	Student Performance	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
Mathematics	Participation	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
	All-Assessed Proficiency	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
	Student Performance	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
Science	Participation	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
	All-Assessed	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
	Student Performance	No	Excluded	Excluded

		Yes	Included	Included
English Language Proficiency	Participation	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
	All-Assessed	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included
	Student Performance	No	Excluded	Excluded
		Yes	Included	Included

**All-Assessed Proficiency Report**

In addition to calculating and reporting accountability results, South Dakota is required to report on all students who took state assessments (ELA, mathematics, science known as the “All-Assessed Proficiency Report”).

Student data included in the All-Assessed Proficiency Report is the same as the student performance rate without the Full Academic Year (FAY) requirement. The All-Assessed Proficiency Report includes the current-year scores of all students.

**Rules for the All-Assessed Proficiency Report:**

- Students included in the report (1) were enrolled for more than 50% as of May 1; and (2) completed the state assessment. For all references to dates in this manual, if the date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.
- Assessment data results must be reported in state, district, and school level report cards. The one exception is **feeder schools**. Feeder schools don’t need an All-Assessed Proficiency Report because these schools do not have tested grades.
- The report provides a breakdown of data by subgroup and by each tested grade level.
- The report provides a breakdown of the types of assessments, regular and alternate assessments for ELA, mathematics, and science results; and these data are further broken down by:
  - Not Tested - students who did Not test
  - Not Scoreable - students who tested but do Not have a valid score. These include students who logged in and attempted the test. Sometimes there are technical glitches that affect the student’s ability to complete the test, which is why scenario #2 is considered a valid score. The student tried to take the test, but the technology failed to allow them to complete.
  - Level 1 - Those who tested and scored Level 1
  - Level 2 - Those who tested and scored Level 2
  - Level 3 - Those who tested and scored Level 3
  - Level 4 - Those who tested and scored Level 4
- When available, the report should also include comparison to prior year.
- The report must include subgroup size, also known as N-size.

## **Small Schools Audit**

All public schools are required by ESSA to have a public report card. The exception is when a school is designated as a small school. A small school or district is defined as having a participation N-size that is fewer than 10 students in tested grades in the current school year. The participation N-size is defined as students eligible to test within the tested grades. The basis of this designation is that the school or district is deemed to not have enough data points to evaluate using statistical methods alone and is evaluated using an audit process. Schools with a participation N-size that is fewer than ten students in the current school year that are considered for student achievement must undergo a small school audit process to determine progress towards academic goals.

Annual process for identifying small schools:

1. The Accountability Office will determine which schools have fewer than 10 students, including zero students, in tested grades in the current school year. These will be identified as small schools. These results will be validated with the ICSE school data.
2. The Accountability Office will note these small schools in the Master Spreadsheet file, which will then be provided to the vendor to use to update the tables and report cards.

Once identified, the SDDOE's cross-divisional team will evaluate each small school. The team will evaluate the school's performance, the current and past years' data, to identify trends in the Accountability indicators. Should promising or concerning trends become evident through this individualized examination, small schools will be eligible for school improvement designation.

## **Report Card Details**

Schools designated as small will receive Accountability indicator data, long term goals, and other accountability data in a private report card. While these schools and districts will not be ranked or rated with other schools in the state on the SPI index, small schools will be able to see the SPI points by indicator and overall score in their private report cards. The public report card will show only the top section of the About the School page including a map, Title I status, school support status, small school designation, grade span, poverty status, and minority status information. A list of small schools is available from the public report card in the Data Download dropdown list.

## **School/District EdStructures Considerations**

### **New Schools**

For Accountability, a new school is defined as:

1. A school in its first year of operation that has no historical connection to an existing school.
2. A school where 50 percent of the student population of the school building – or grade spans tested in that building - has been removed and replaced with students from another school within the district.

When two or more schools combine, and one or more of the schools is identified for support, an examination of the student population will be conducted. If 50% or more of the new student body is from a school identified as CSI, TSI, and/or ATSI, the school will receive that designation. If the new school has 50% or more of their student body from both CSI and TSI/ATSI schools, the school will receive the identification of the school with the greater percentage of students from the identified school.

District Consolidation

In a case where two or more districts consolidate, prior status for all districts and schools involved will be void. The newly formed district and its schools will obtain their first status and Long-Term Goals targets based upon assessment results of the first full year of operation. In the new districts first academic year, College and Career Readiness points will be redistributed equally due to CCR being comprised of the previous year’s completer roster. Refer to Redistribution of SPI Points. This indicator will apply to the newly consolidated district following their second academic year.

For SD-STARS access, when districts close or consolidate, the DOE removes all permissions associated with the district and the schools by the February after the consolidation. This means that users will see the final report card for the closed or consolidated district and its schools when the report card is released in the fall. This access will remain until February. After that, the private report cards will not be available to district or school users.

Feeder/Receiver Schools

Feeder schools are schools with no tested grades and serve grades lower than 3<sup>rd</sup> (Administrative Rule: 24:55:07:07). If a school has no tested grades, it will be designated as a “Feeder School.” Feeder Schools will then be paired with a school that has tested grades and into which the majority of the Feeder School’s students enroll. The paired school will be designated as a “Receiver School”.

*SPI Points Details*

Each school has its own calculated SPI points for the Overall Score, but sometimes the Feeder and Receiver School share SPI points and rates. Each school maintains its own Overall Score. They will never share rosters. See table below.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>SPI Points</b>	<b>Rates</b>	<b>Roster</b>
Student Performance	The Feeder School will receive the SPI points of its Receiver School	The Report Card will report proficiency rates for Feeder School from its Receiver School.	A Feeder School will NOT have a student roster, while the Receiver School will
Student Progress	The Feeder School will receive the SPI points of its Receiver School unless the Receiver School does not	The Report Card will report rates for Feeder School from its Receiver School.	A Feeder School will NOT have a student roster, while the Receiver School will

	serve 4th grade or beyond. In this case, both Feeder and Receiver Schools will display a “data not available” message on the Student Progress page.		
School Environment (Attendance)	Each school shall maintain its own separate SPI points.	Each school shall maintain its own separate rate.	A Feeder School and Receiver School will have their own, distinct student roster.
English Learners Progress	Each school shall maintain its own separate SPI points.	Each school shall maintain its own ELP rate unless one or both schools have fewer than 10 students; in that case, the district rates will be reported	A Feeder School and Receiver School will have their own, distinct student roster.
Science	NA	A Feeder School’s science rate bar graph will display an asterisk (*) even if the Receiver School has a science performance rate. This is because 5 <sup>th</sup> grade is the first tested grade for science and the Feeder schools have primary grades	A Feeder School will Not have a student roster, while the Receiver School will
Participation	NA	Participation will NOT be reported for a Feeder School.	A Feeder School will Not have a student roster, while the Receiver School will
All-Assessed Proficiency	NA	All-Assessed data will NOT be reported for a Feeder School.	A Feeder School will Not have a student roster, while the Receiver School will
Overall Score	Each school will maintain its own Overall Score (total SPI points)	NA	NA

### District and State Level Rules

When there are feeder/receiver relationships, it is important that students are not double counted at the district and state level for any indicators or reporting. Just because the Feeder School shares the Student Performance Rate from the Receiver School does NOT mean that those students should count twice at a district or state level.

- For district percentages, the Student Performance and Student Progress data associated with a Feeder School should NOT be included.
- For the state percentages, the Student Performance and Student Progress data associated with Feeder Schools should NOT be included.

### School Support Classification

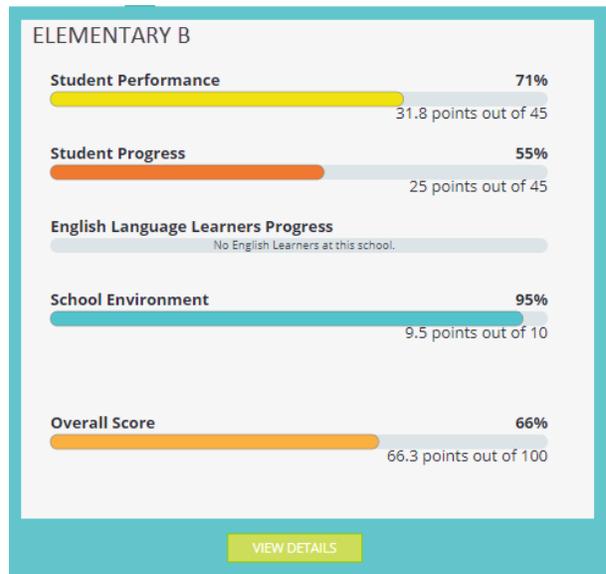
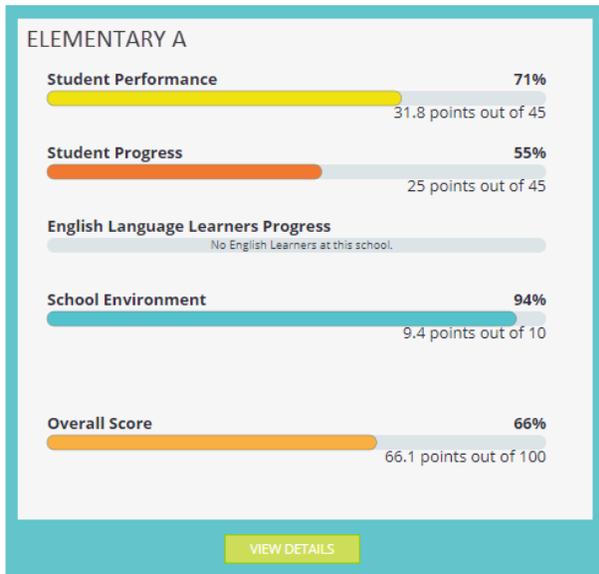
When determining school support classifications for Feeder schools, there are some rules to keep in mind.

- A feeder school will have an SPI determined based on the receiver school's student performance, student progress, and attendance indicators, as well as the subgroup data for each of these indicators.
- A feeder school's attendance data will be considered when determining designations for TSI schools. The feeder school will need to be consistently underperforming in all eligible indicators to be identified as TSI.
- A feeder school can apply for a waiver to not receive the same school support designation if they have completed a comprehensive needs assessment and have evidence to show that the feeder school does not have systemic issues.

### *Example Public Report Card*

In School District X, Elementary A is a Feeder for Elementary B (Receiver). All kids from Elementary A continue onto Elementary B for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Therefore, the Student Performance and Student Progress rates from Elementary B will be reported in Elementary A's report card.

1. Elementary A (Feeder) reports Elementary B (Receiver) SPI points for Performance and Progress. Both schools have the same SPI points for Student Performance and Student Progress but will differ in School Environment (Attendance) and English Learners Progress rates as well as their earned SPI points. Thus, overall SPI points for Feeder/Receiver schools might be different.



- Student Performance rates (mathematics and ELA) are the same for both Feeder and Receiver schools. See images below showing Elementary A (Feeder) Student Performance by subject area. Elementary B does not have tested grades for science, so the science proficiency rate is shown as an asterisk. If Elementary B had tested grades for science, Elementary A would show \* while Elementary B would display a rate.

**ELEMENTARY B**  
 Overall Score: 66  
 This school was identified for GENERAL SUPPORT

**ELEMENTARY A**  
 Overall Score: 66  
 This school was identified for GENERAL SUPPORT

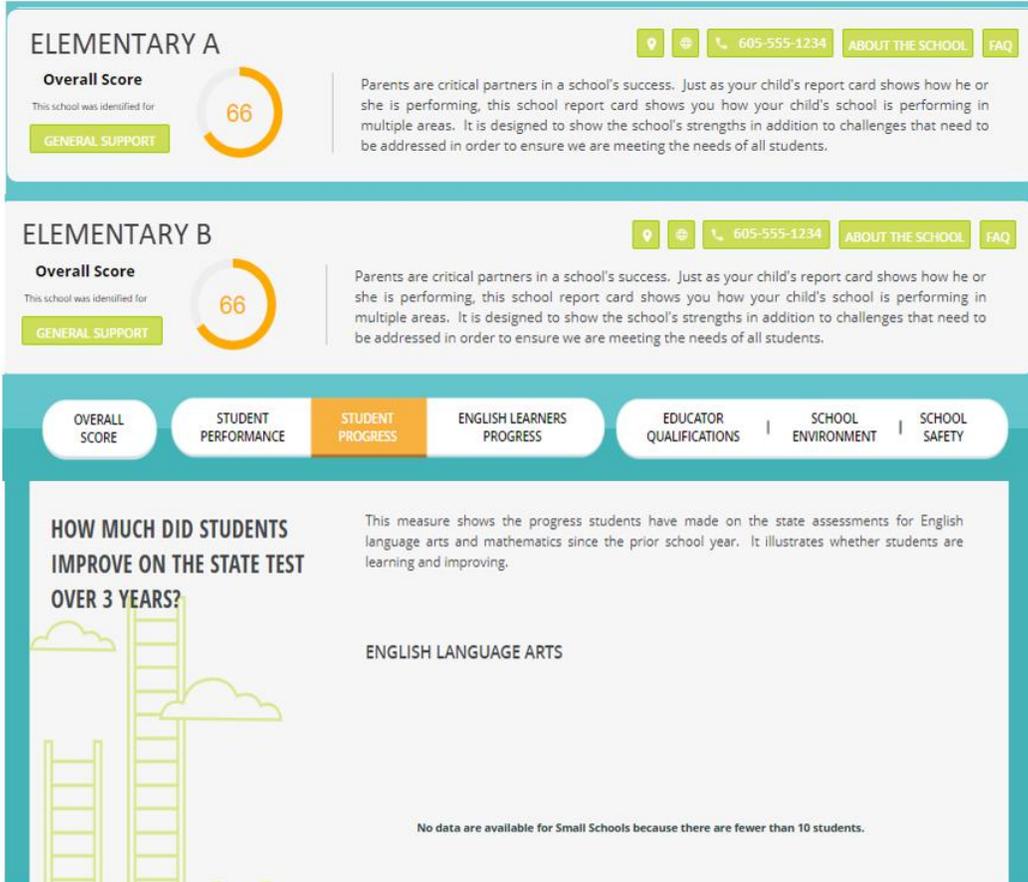
**ACADEMICS**  
 STUDENT PERFORMANCE | STUDENT PROGRESS | ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS PROGRESS

**SCHOOL QUALITY**  
 EDUCATOR QUALIFICATIONS | SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT | SCHOOL SAFETY

**HOW DID STUDENTS PERFORM IN EACH SUBJECT?**

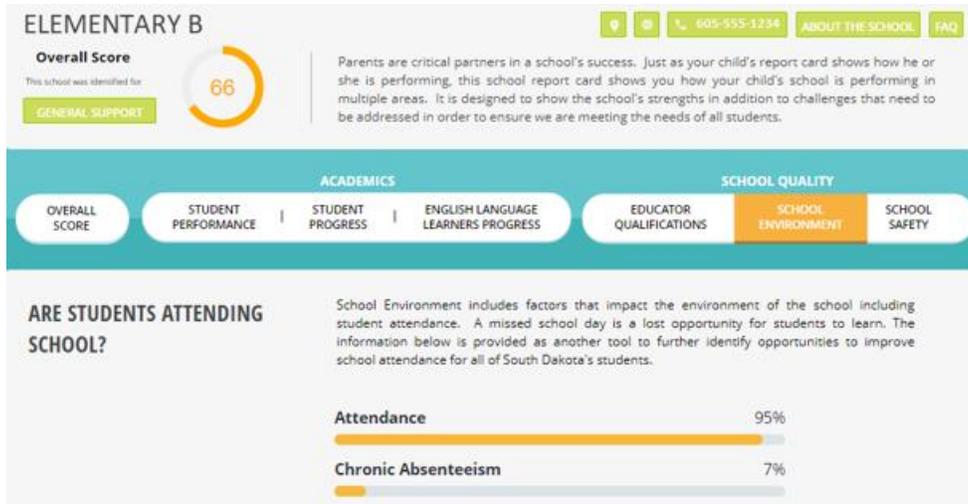
Subject	Percentage
English Language Arts	41%
Mathematics	50%
Science	*

- Student Progress for Elementary A (feeder) is the same as Student Progress for Elementary B (receiver). When a Receiver School does not report Student Progress, the Feeder School will not report Student Progress. Rather, a “data not available” or “less than 10 students” message will show on the report card page for progress.

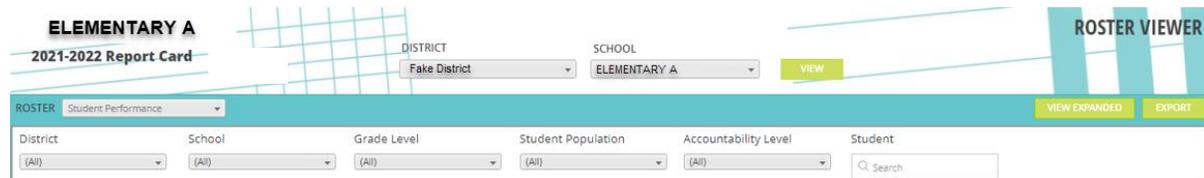


- The School Environment indicator is Attendance. Data are based on each school’s own data.





*Example Private Report Card*



In the private report card, Elementary A will have access to rosters for English Learners Progress and Attendance that displays only the students enrolled at Elementary A. Elementary A does NOT display a Student Performance roster or a Student Progress roster.

Elementary B will have rosters for Student Performance, Student Progress (if the school has a grade span beyond 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), English Learners Progress, and Attendance. Each roster will include only the students enrolled at Elementary B. No Elementary A students should appear on Elementary B rosters.

**Redistribution of SPI Points**

Consistency with the 100-point School Performance Index (SPI) is particularly important when conducting the calculations for classifying school support, and for the fidelity of calculating the overall SPI points for individual schools. For that reason, the SDDOE created rules for reallocating SPI points to other academic indicators (non-academic indicators are School Quality-Attendance and High School Completion).

Rules for redistribution of SPI points:

- If the N-size is below 10 for an indicator

- If there are no students for an indicator\*

\*Applies to EL indicators only. However, if the district has 10 or more EL students, the school will receive district numbers.

Redistribution of SPI points for elementary and middle schools are applied:

- If a school and district have fewer than 10 EL students, they are not accountable for the English Learners Progress indicator. Those 10 points will be redistributed equally to all other **academic indicators**:
  1. Student Performance would be 45 Points (22.5 for English language arts, 22.5 for mathematics).
  2. Student Progress would be 45 Points (11.25 Points for English Language arts, 11.25 Points for mathematics, 11.25 Points for English language arts Lowest Quartile, 11.25 Points for mathematics Lowest Quartile).
  3. Attendance would stay as 10 Points, because it is a **non-academic/School Quality-Attendance** measure.
- If a school is not accountable for the Student Progress Indicator, then those 40 points will be redistributed equally to all other **academic indicators**:
  1. Student Performance would be 72 Points (36 for English Language Arts, 36 for Mathematics).
  2. English Learners Progress would be 18 Points.
  3. Attendance would stay as 10 Points, because it is a **non-academic/School Quality-Attendance** measure.
- If a school and district are not accountable for English Learners Progress (10 pts) **AND** Student Progress (40 pts), then those 50 Points will be redistributed equally to Student Performance (45 for English Language Arts, 45 for mathematics).

Redistribution of SPI points for high schools are applied:

- If a school and district are not accountable for the English Learners Progress Indicator, then those 10 points will be redistributed equally to all other **academic indicators**:
  - Student Performance would be 3333.34 Points (1616.67 for English Language Arts, 1616.67 for Mathematics)
  - College and Career Readiness would be 28.33 Points
  - On-Time Graduation would be 15.83 Points
  - High School Completion would stay as 12.5 Points and Science would stay at 10 Points, because they are **non-academic/School Quality-Attendance** measures.
- If a high school has no students in CCR, is considered a new school, or first SY after consolidation, then those 25 points are redistributed equally to the other three Academic Indicators:
  - Student Performance would be 3838.34 Points
  - On-Time Graduation would be 20.83 Points
  - English Learners Progress would be 18.33 Points

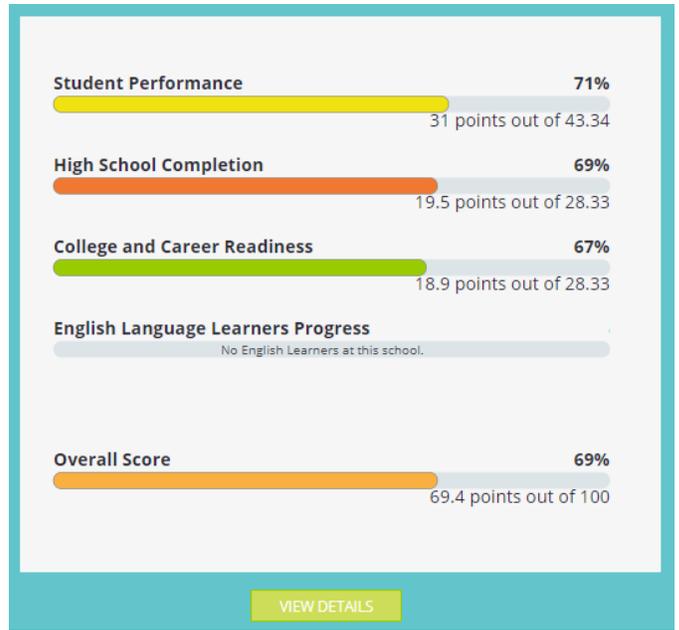
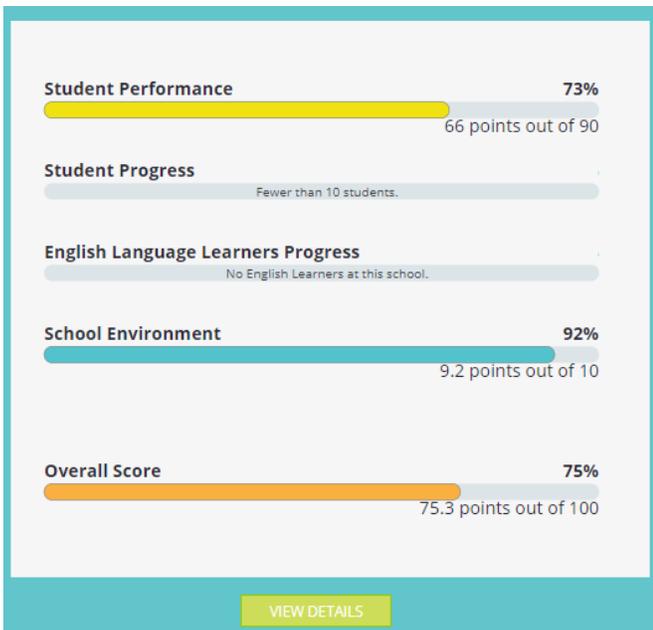
- High School Completion would stay as 12.5 Points and Science would stay at 10 Points, because they are **non-academic/School Quality-Attendance** measures.

Redistribution of SPI points when a school has no students in an SPI indicator:

- No students in Student Performance-those points are redistributed to CCR and On-Time Graduation and/or English Learners Progress.). High School Completion and Science remain unchanged.
- No students in On-Time Graduation-those points are redistributed to Student Performance, CCR and English Learner Proficiency. High School Completion and Science remain unchanged.

Image of SPI points redistribution from ELP (10 pts) & Student Progress (40 pts) to Student Performance:

Image of SPI points from ELP to other academic indicators:



# Chapter Two: The Elementary and Middle School Accountability System

The Elementary and Middle School Accountability System incorporates four key indicators of school performance.

### **Indicator #1: Student Performance**

Elementary, middle, and high schools are accountable for the Student Performance indicator (SPI). This indicator measures students' performance on the state ELA and mathematics assessments. The Accountability Report Card also reports proficiency rates for the science assessments; however, science scores are not included in the SPI calculation. The South Dakota Assessments are single snapshot, summative assessments designed to measure each student's mastery of South Dakota's content standards in ELA, mathematics, and science. A student receives a scale score which falls into four achievement levels: Level 1 being the lowest level, Level 2 indicating nearly meets the standard, Level 3 indicating proficiency, and Level 4 indicating advanced performance. Levels 1 and 2 are considered not proficient; levels 3 and 4 are proficient and above. Note: High school grade 11 is referred to in this section since performance measure details are the same for elementary and middle schools.

#### Proficiency Rate Rules

- Rates include all students who tested in grades 3-8 and 11, for a school or district. Exceptions are students with approved medical exemptions and FYIC students.
- Rates are calculated for ELA, mathematics, and science.
- Only FAY students are considered in the proficiency rate calculation.
- Students NOT counted at the school level will NOT be included in the calculations that determine SPI points.
- Only those students with the most significant cognitive disabilities take an alternate assessment.

#### Transfer students

- Performance scores for FAY students who transfer from one public school to another public school **within the same school district** in South Dakota between October 1 and May 1 with an enrollment gap of no more than 15 consecutive school days are **counted at the district-level and state-level**. Those students will not be counted at the school-level. For all references to dates in this manual, if the date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.
- Performance scores for FAY students who transfer from one public school district to another public school district in South Dakota between October 1 and May 1 with an enrollment gap of no more than 15 consecutive school days are **counted at the state-level** for student performance and used for setting the state long term goals. Those students will not be counted at the school-level or district-level.

Results on the South Dakota Assessments and the South Dakota Alternate Assessments will be returned in two ways:

- Multi-Year Proficiency
- Current Year Proficiency

Multi-Year Proficiency Calculation

Multi-Year proficiency reports three years of student performance for all subject areas in the report cards. SPI points are calculated based on multiple years of data.

*Numerator* = Count of FAY students who tested at Level 3 or 4 in 2023-24 + count of FAY students who tested at Level 3 or 4 in 2024-25 + count of FAY students who tested at Level 3 or 4 in 2025-26

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*Denominator* = Count of FAY students who tested in 2023-24+ count of FAY students who tested in 2024-25 + count of FAY students who tested in 2025-26

Earning SPI Points (Three-year calculation)

SPI points are awarded based on a school’s performance over the course of three years for ELA and mathematics. The N-size of 10 is applied over the three years used for the indicator, rather than an N-size of 10 for each individual year. If a school has a participation N-size of fewer than 10 students in the current year, the school is considered a Small School (see Small Schools section). Points are awarded by looking at the performance of the All-Students subgroup on the state assessment in ELA and mathematics.

The percentage of students scoring at each performance level is calculated and then multiplied by the point value given to that performance level. The point values applied to each performance level details are provided in the table below.

Performance Level	Point Values
Level 1	0.25
Level 2	0.50
Level 3	1.00
Level 4	1.25

Current Year Proficiency Calculation

*The current year proficiency rate reports current school year performance rates for all subject areas. Schools can compare their current year performance to prior years’ performance in the report cards.*

*Numerator* = Count of FAY students who tested at Level 3 or 4 in current school year

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*Denominator* = Count of FAY students who tested at any level in current school year

### **Current Year Participation**

The final component of Student Performance is the participation rate. All students enrolled in a South Dakota public school as of May 1 are required to participate in the ELA, mathematics, and science assessments. High school students are required to test only once in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. See more details at [Who needs to test?](#) For all references to dates in this manual, if the date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.

If a school did not meet the 95% participation requirement for the All-Students group, determine the number of additional students the school would have needed to test to reach the 95% requirement. The students represented here are assigned a zero-point value in the calculation of student performance.

Federal and state law requires that 95% of students, at the school, district, and state levels, and across every subgroup, participate in the state assessment (Administrative Rule 24:55:07:02). Participation data are reported for all the ESSA subgroups.

The steps below reflect how to calculate the percentage of points earned based on the performance level of students on the assessments for ELA and mathematics. Note that all calculations are based on adding together the most recent consecutive three years of data.

#### **Phase I steps for calculating points achieved by performance level for ELA, mathematics and science**

1. Determine the denominator for the calculation. This number reflects the larger of either those students assessed or 95% of eligible students, as identified in participation rate (current year only for ELA and mathematics assessments).
  - a. *If a school met participation requirements for All Students group*, the denominator is equal to the number of students assessed.
  - b. *If a school did not meet participation requirements for All Students group*, determine the number of students required to bring the school up to the 95% bar. The students represented here are given a value of zero-point value.
2. Determine the number of students scoring at Level 1 and translate into a percentage of students using the denominator arrived at in Step 1. These students are given a value of 0.25-point value.
3. Determine the number of students scoring at Level 2 and translate into a percentage of students using the denominator arrived at in Step 1. These students are given a value of 0.50-point value.
4. Determine the number of students scoring at Level 3 (proficient) and translate into a percentage of students using the denominator arrived at in Step 1. These students are given a value of 1.00-point value.
5. Determine the number of students scoring at Level 4 (proficient) and translate into a percentage of students using the denominator arrived at in Step 1. These students are given a value of 1.25-point value.
6. Add the counts of non-participants (if applicable) and Level 1-4 together to get a total count.
7. Divide non-participants (if applicable) and levels 1-4 by the total count to get a percentage of total.
8. Take the percentage of total times the point value to get a percent of points earned.

- Add up the percent of points earned for levels 1-4 to arrive at the total percent of points earned. If the sum is greater than 100%, cap at 100% of points earned.

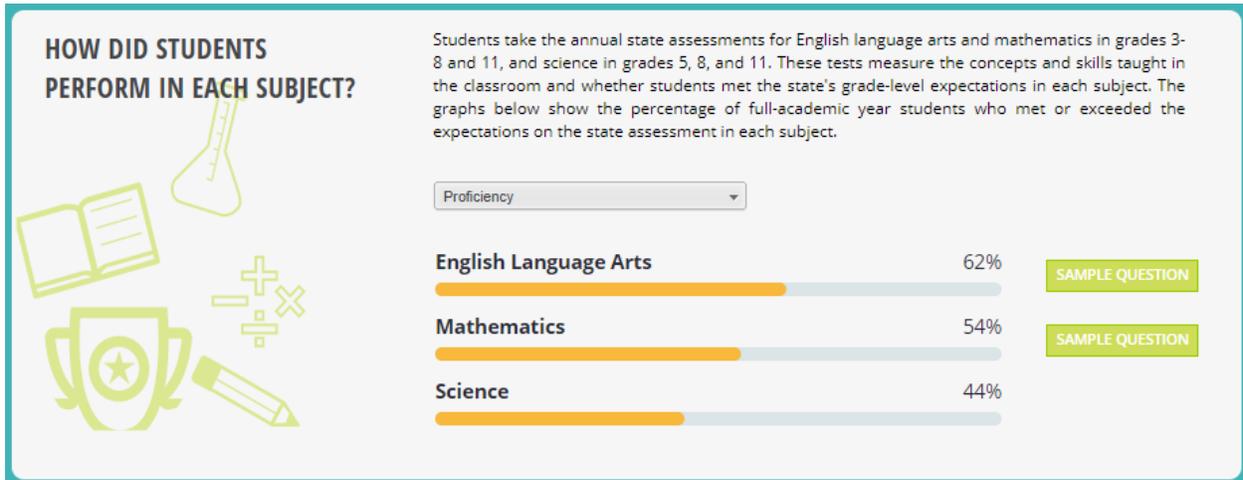
**Example of above steps calculation results for Mathematics:**

	Nonparticipants to get up to 95%	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	Total Points Earned (% x 20 points possible by subject area)
<b>N-size</b>	2	27	50	100	21	200	
<b>Percent of total</b>	1.00%	13.50%	25.00%	50.00%	10.50%	100%	
<b>Point value</b>	0.00	0.25	0.50	1.00	1.25		
<b>% of points earned</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>3.38%</b>	<b>12.50%</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>13.13%</b>	<b>79.01%</b>	<b>15.8</b>

Phase II steps for calculating points:

- Multiply the total percent of points times the number of points possible to get the total points earned. Per the example in the above table, you would multiply the percentage of points earned by 15. Details for rounding rules are found in [Appendix A: Accountability Rounding Rules](#).
  - 79% multiplied by 20 = 15.8 for Mathematics
  - 88% multiplied by 20 = 17.6 for ELA
  - Total earned points for Student Performance for this school is 33.4, which is the sum of 15.8 and 17.6.
- In most cases, there are 40 points possible for the Student Performance indicator (exception if a small school). To calculate the percentage of points earned, divide the amount earned by the amount possible. In this case, it would be 33.4 divided by 40 = 84% of the possible points were earned by the school. No school may earn more points than maximum possible.

**Report card image for Student Performance indicator showing current year proficiency rates:**



### SPI and Invalidated Test Scores

The SDDOE's process for invalidating test scores based on a unique situation at a school is case by case determination. Invalidated test scores will not count in the denominator when calculating multi-year and current year proficiency. However, the invalidation of test scores may impact the school's SPI points for the student performance indicator if the school did not test 95% of their students in the current school year (Administrative Rule: 24:55:02:06).

### **Indicator #2: Student Progress**

Student Progress is based on the Student Growth Percentiles model. In this model, every student is compared to his or her peers (Administrative Rule 24:55:02:12). Test scores of students in grades 4 – 8 are used to capture at least two successive years of test scores for this measure. Student Progress is based on the students who meet Full Academic Year (FAY) in the current school year. A student could be high achieving but show low growth (and vice versa) — achievement and growth are distinct constructs.

Students are compared to other South Dakota students across the state based on their performance on their previous years' state assessments. Then, scores for current year state assessments are used to determine how much they grew. Those students with a relatively higher current year score (i.e., they grew more) will have a higher Student Growth Percentile (SGP). Those with a relatively lower current year score (i.e., they grew less than their peers) will have a lower SGP. The modeling through Student Growth Percentiles is then used to project how the student will perform within the next three years.

- Three categories of students are factored into the numerator of the Student Progress calculation. These categories qualify for meeting the growth standard:
  1. Keeping Up: Those students who are currently proficient and projected to stay proficient.
  2. Catching Up: Students were not proficient in the prior year. In the current year, they may be proficient or not proficient, but the model projects that they will be proficient within three years.
  3. Very High Growth: Students who are not proficient or projected to become proficient but do have a student growth percentile of 70 or higher. Those who are not proficient and not projected to become proficient, but who are achieving significant progress (defined as a Student Growth Percentile of 70 or above, i.e., growing at a rate of better than 70 percent of his or her peers), are designated as having "Very High Growth."
- The above three categories of students, plus the students Not Meeting the Growth standard, are the denominator.

Definition of Student Progress Designations				
Designation	Prior Proficiency	Current Year Proficiency	Projected to be proficient in 3 years?	Current Growth
<b>Very High Growth</b>	No	No	No	SGP of 70 or above
<b>Catching Up</b>	No	Any Level	Yes, on track to become or remain proficient within three years	Multiple SGPs are included, based on historical data showing how students with the same prior scale scores typically grew in future years.
<b>Keeping Up</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Not Meeting Standard</b>	Any Level	Any Level	Any Level	SGP of below 70

The report cards display rates for both the All Students and the Lowest Quartile groups.

All-Student Progress Calculation

The All-Student Progress calculation allows schools to know how all their students are doing in terms of growth. Schools can compare their current year performance to prior years’ performance.

*Numerator:* Number of current year FAY students with a previous year’s assessment score who also earned a designation of Keeping Up, Catching Up, or Very High Growth

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*Denominator:* Number of current year FAY students with a previous year’s assessment score

Lowest Quartile Progress Calculation

The Lowest Quartile is comprised of those students who achieved the lowest 25% of scores on the previous year’s assessment. These students need to grow to catch up to their classmates. This calculation tells schools how well their poor performers are doing.

*Numerator:* Number of current year eligible FAY students with a previous year’s assessment score that was in the lowest 25% of scores who also earned a designation of Keeping Up, Catching Up, or Very High Growth

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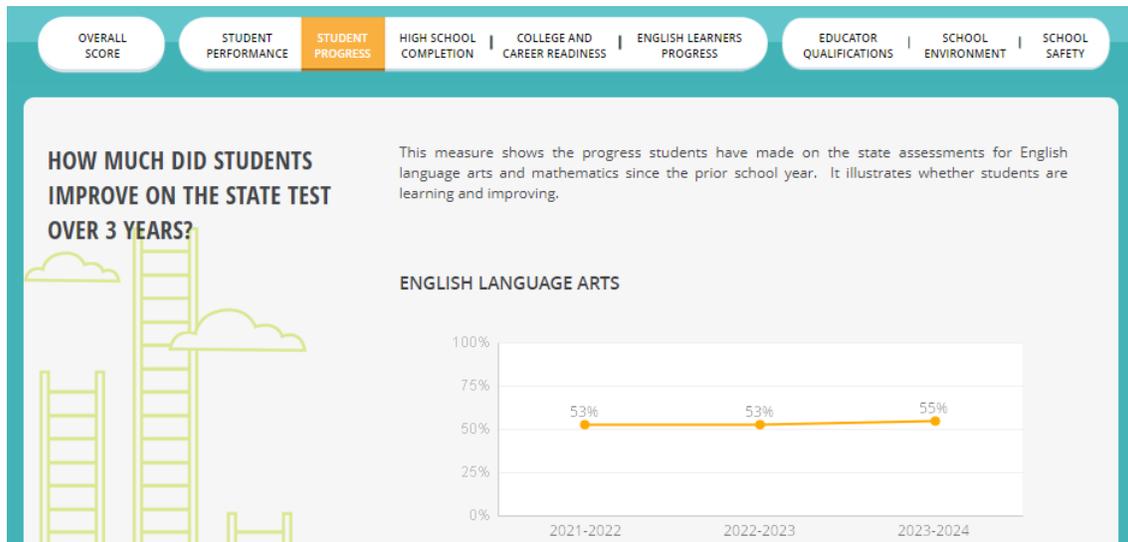
*Denominator:* Number of current eligible year FAY students with a previous year’s assessment score that was in the lowest 25% of scores

Earning SPI Points

Points are awarded based on the performance of the All-Students group as well as the Lowest Quartile students in ELA and mathematics. An example of calculating Student Progress points:

Student Groups	ELA		Mathematics		Total SPI Points
	% Meeting Standard	SPI Points	% Meeting Standard	SPI Points	
All Students	78.00%	7.80	61.33%	6.13	27.40
Lowest Quartile	73.68%	7.68	57.89%	5.79	

**Image of Student Progress rates/3-yr Trend:**



Processing, Loading Schedule

Data Element	Provider of Growth Percentile Measure data file	File Received Timeline	File Processing	Loaded in SD-STARS	Data Year
SD-ELA	eMetric	4-day turnaround	July 11	July 18	current
SD-MATH	eMetric	4-day turnaround	July 11	July 18	current
SD-ELA Alt	eMetric	4-day turnaround	July 11	July 18	current
SD-MATH Alt	eMetric	4-day turnaround	July 11	July 18	current

**Indicator #3: English Learners Progress**

The English Learners Progress (ELP) indicator is designed to focus on the progress of English Learners students using the English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment. South Dakota's objective is to help English Learners attain language mastery within five years of entering an English Learners program. **The English Learners Progress indicator is based on the students who meet Full Academic Year (FAY) in the current school year (Administrative Rule 24:55:02:15).**

Creating Targets – Linear Progress Trajectory

2.9	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	Exit
3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	Exit	
3.1	3.6	4.1	4.5	Exit	
3.2	3.7	4.1	4.6	Exit	
3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	Exit	
3.4	3.8	4.2	4.6	Exit	
3.5	3.9	4.3	4.6	Exit	
3.6	4.0	4.3	4.7	Exit	
3.7	4.0	4.4	4.7	Exit	
3.8	4.1	4.4	4.7	Exit	
3.9	4.2	4.5	4.7	Exit	
4.0	4.3	4.7	Exit		
4.1	4.4	4.7	Exit		
4.2	4.5	4.7	Exit		
4.3	4.5	4.8	Exit		
4.4	4.6	4.8	Exit		
4.5	4.7	4.8	Exit		
4.6	4.7	4.9	Exit		
4.7	4.8	4.9	Exit		
4.8	4.9	4.9	Exit		
4.9	4.9	Exit			
5.0 or higher - Exit					

**Note that students achieving an ACCESS score of 4.0 - 4.9 AND a level 3 or 4 on the English Language Arts portion of the State assessment will also exit the English learner program.**

Point of Entry

The point of entry to the indicator is a student’s first ELP Assessment in South Dakota. The indicator is structured to consider separately students taking the ELP Assessment for the first time and students’ progress on the ELP Assessment.

- All English Learners students who have been in the program before the 2016-17 Academic Year will have their progress trajectories set on their **2016-17 English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment Composite Score**, regardless of how long they have been in the English Learners program (Linear Growth cannot be accurately calculated using scores from two different tests).
- For English Learners students identified after 2016-2017, their first ELP Assessment Composite Score in South Dakota will become the baseline score used to calculate their progress trajectories.

Exit Criteria

The point structure for the English Learners Progress indicator is like the Student Performance indicator.

Schools earn a percentage of points based on how English Learners students are performing towards the SDDOE’s goals for reaching language proficiency. English language proficiency means a student has:

1. Scored a composite score of 5.0 or higher on the ELP Assessment OR
2. Scored a composite score of 4.0 or higher on the ELP Assessment **AND** a Level 3 or 4 on the SD-ELA Assessment
3. Note: This includes students who take the SD-Alternate ELP.
4. Note: For consistency, all students will follow the Linear Progress Trajectory based on the 5.0 Exit Criteria)

The scores for those students who take the ELP Alternative Assessment (ELP Alt) are not included in the SPI indicator calculations.

Years to Exit

Once English Learners students take the ELP Assessment for the first time, the **Composite Score** they get is used to determine the number of years it will take for individual students to exit the English Learners program. The table below shows the number of years for an English Learners student to exit the program after taking their first ELP Assessment. Students may exit the program if they score a 5.0 on the SD-ELP assessment or score a 4.0 on the SD-ELP assessment and a 3 or 4 on the SD-ELA assessment. However, EL students in their first year of enrollment in the United States may qualify for a waiver to not take the SD-ELA assessment, in which case, they must earn a 5.0 on the SD-ELP assessment to exit in their first year.

First SD-ELP Assessment Score	Years to Exit after First SD-ELP Assessment
1.0 to 1.9	5 years
2.0 to 2.9	5 years
3.0 to 3.9	4 years
4.0 to 4.9	3 years
4.0 to 4.9 AND 3 or 4 on SD-ELA	Exit
5.0 to 6.0	Exit

Calculation

The first Composite Score with the years to exit is used to create a Linear Progress Trajectory. The equation used to calculate the Linear Progress Trajectory is:

$$\text{Numerator: } 5.0 \text{ on SD-ELP Assessment} - \text{First Score}$$

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$$\text{Denominator: Years to Exit based on first SD-ELP Assessment Composite Score}$$

The Linear Progress Trajectory is used as annual target scores a student must achieve to receive full points each time they take the SD-ELP Assessment. Below is an example of what an individual student’s targets would look like over a 5-year trajectory.

Initial SD-ELP Score Level	Years to Exit	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target
2.2	5 years	2.7	3.3	3.8	4.4	5.0

Rounding Rule

The Linear Growth Trajectory is measured to the hundredth decimal place and the SD-ELP Assessment measures scores by the tenth decimal place. We calculate targets using the hundredth, but the student’s score is rounded down to the tenth (Rounding up would mean they would have to earn a higher than intended score with a linear progress trajectory). Details for rounding rules are found in [Appendix A: Accountability Rounding Rules](#).

Missing and Invalidated ACCESS Scores

Students missing any domain score will not receive a composite score. The SD-ELP lists the reasons why a subtest may not have been scored. These reasons are specific to each of the possible domains. These reasons include:

Code	Do Not Score Circumstance
<b>ABS</b>	The student was absent and did not take or complete a particular domain test.
<b>INV</b>	A particular domain test was invalid according to state or district policy. For example, this code might be used due to student illness or inappropriate testing practices.
<b>DEC</b>	The student declined to take or complete a particular domain test. SD-ELP is a required annual assessment, and students cannot simply opt out. Use this code only after several unsuccessful attempts to engage the student in the assessment.
<b>SPD</b>	The student’s IEP or 504 team has determined that the student should not participate in particular domain test due to the student’s special education needs (these students will not count against the school).

Since these students do not have a composite score, they would have been identified as non-testers and put into one of these two categories:

- Newly-Identified EL, not tested
- Returning EL, not tested

For both categories, the students will count in the denominator but not the numerator for EL On Track, EL Exited, and EL Progress rates. In addition, there are NO SPI Points earned for these categories. However, there is an exception. The exception to this rule is for students who have a Do Not Score Code of SPD. Students with the SPD code will NOT count against the school since it is due to their disability

that they weren't able to score in that domain. These students are assigned to the SPD Invalidated category and are not included in the On Track, Exited, or EL Progress rates.

### Domain Exemptions

Students may receive a domain exemption if unable to complete the assessment even with an accommodation. The identification of a disability alone is not sufficient for a test exemption. Students who receive an approved test exemption will only receive the domain and composite scores for any domain(s) of the test actually completed by the student.

### Reset Baseline and Target Goals Rule

Mobility occurs with EL students. Some leave the state or country and return to South Dakota and enroll in public schools. For this reason, Accountability created a new business rule in 2019-20. This rule is described below.

Reset baseline assessment score and initiate new target goals:

1. If EL student doesn't test for two or more years
2. If EL student leaves the state for two or more years
3. If EL student initially took the regular SD-ELP then takes the SD-ELP Alt for two or more years
4. If EL student takes the SD-ELP but doesn't receive a composite score for two or more years (ex: has a code of ABS, INV, DEC, SPD)
5. If EL student has a gap in their SD-ELP assessments **for any reason** for two or more years.

These students are then treated as First Time Test Takers, even though they were identified in previous years.

Some students have a gap in their SD-ELP assessment of 1 year. These students are **not** rebaselined, meaning their base year and targets from the previous year remain. However, the target the student is measured against ignores the gap; and the student is held accountable for the target one additional year from the last time they took the SD-ELP.

### Earning SPI Points

Points will be awarded based on the performance of English Learners students on the SD-ELP Assessment. Students can fall into one of eleven growth categories, whether they are first identified as an EL, or they are a returning EL without a test.

First-identified students (students without a previous SD- ELP Assessment test score):

- Newly identified students who were not tested are assigned to the category worth 0 points.
- Students who took the SD- ELP Assessment for the first time and who met the exit criteria, meaning they met English language proficiency, within their first year of receiving services are assigned to the category worth 1.0-point value.
- Other students who took the SD- ELP Assessment for the first time and did **NOT** exit within their first year of services are given a Progress trajectory but are **NOT INCLUDED** in this indicator until the second year of identification when progress towards growth can be calculated.

Students with at least one previous SD- ELP Assessment score:

- Students required to take SD- ELP Assessment but did **NOT** will be assigned to the category worth 0point value.
- Students who took the SD-ELP Assessment as required but a) lost proficiency, b) failed to make progress, or c) did not take the SD-ELP Assessment when first identified but then took the assessment for the first time this year will be assigned to the category worth 0.25 points.
- Students who are **NOT** on track to exit within the prescribed time frame but who have progressed in proficiency will be assigned to the category worth 0.50 points.
- Students who passed their projected exit date and then exited late will be assigned to a category worth 0.75 points.
- Students who are either on track to exit within the prescribed time frame **OR** students who exited on time are assigned to the category worth 1.0-point value. This includes students who exit on their first assessment.
  - Students who scored a 4.0 on the SD- ELP Assessment AND scored a level 3 or 4 on the ELA Assessment AND were in their 5<sup>th</sup> and final year of the Years to Exit are included in this category)
- Students who exit early (ahead of the prescribed timeframe) are assigned to the category worth 1.25-point value.
  - Students who scored a 4.0 on the SD- ELP Assessment AND scored a level 3 or 4 on the ELA Assessment AND were fewer than 5 years into his/her Years to Exit are included in this category.)

Students excluded from SPI:

- Students who take the alternate assessment
- Students who took the SD-ELP for the first time and did not exit within their first year of EL services
- Students who took the SD-ELP but did not get a composite score due to SPD circumstance

The table below describes the nine categories and points:

Growth Category	Point Value/Weight
Newly-Identified EL, not tested	0.00
Returning EL, not tested	0.00
Returning EL, tested, no growth	0.25
Previously Identified, First time testing	0.25
Returning EL, growing but not meeting goals	0.50
Returning EL, tested, late exit	0.75
Newly-Identified EL, exiting	1.00
Returning EL, tested, meeting growth goals	1.00
Returning EL, tested, early exit	1.25
Alternate Assessment	Not Included
First Time Test Taker	Not Included
Special Ed Exception	Not Included

SPI Points Awarded

Only Full Academic Year students are considered in the EL progress calculations. Once all FAY English Learners students have been assigned to the appropriate category as denoted above, the cumulative percentages of students in each point category are multiplied by the point level, and by the points available for the indicator to create a calculated ELP indicator score.

An example for calculating SPI points for the English Learners Progress Indicator:

	Newly-identified EL, not tested	Returning EL, not tested	Returning EL, tested, no growth	Previously identified, First time testing	Returning EL, growing but not meeting goals	Returning EL, tested, late exit	Newly-identified EL exiting	Returning EL, tested, meeting growth goals	Returning EL, tested, early exit	Totals	Total Points Earned (lesser of 10.0 or sum of all points)
N-size	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20	10	100	6.00
Percent of total EL	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	20.00%	10.00%	1	
Point value	0		0.25	0.25	0.5	0.75	1.00		1.25		
Points earned	0		0.25	0.25	0.50	0.75	3.00		1.25	6.00	

N-Size of 10 Rule for English Learners Progress Indicator

South Dakota’s districts vary widely in the number of EL students they serve. Any school that meets the N-size of 10 students will be held accountable and receive points based on the performance of its students for the English Learners Progress (ELP) indicator.

- If a school in a district does not meet the EL N-size of 10 in the current school year, but the district identifies 10 or more ELs in the current year, that school will receive the percentage of points earned at the district level for the indicator.
- If a school and district did not meet the N-size of 10 in the current year, the points for the ELP indicator will be redistributed to the other academic indicators. (See Redistribution of SPI points section for details and examples).

The table below shows what data will show in the private and public report cards for each school and district depending on the number of EL students in each.

Student Counts		Private Report Card		Public Report Card	
School	District	School	District	School	District
<10	<10	No	District	No	No
<10	>=10	District	District	District	District
>=10	>=10	School	District	School	District

English Learners Progress Indicator SPI Points

Several scenarios are possible when calculating SPI points for a school or district. Each scenario uses a table and diagram to describe how the N-size determines if the school or district earn SPI points for the ELP measure.

Scenario 1:

Schools in one district	Number of ELs in current year
Elementary A	0 ELs
Elementary B	7 ELs
Elementary C	5 ELs
Middle School D	3 ELs
High School E	16 ELs
District Total	31 EL students

**English Language Proficiency Indicator SPI Points**

**I have 0 ELs at my school in the current year.**



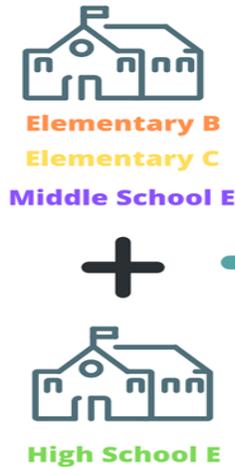
**No ELP SPI points. 10 points are redistributed to other academic indicators.**

**I have 16 ELs at my school in the current year.**



**Responsible for my own 10 ELP SPI points.**

**I am in a school that has less than 10 ELs in the current year.**



**I will receive district ELP SPI points. The number of EL students at my school will be added to the number of EL students at other schools in my district.**

Scenario 2:

School District Schools	Number of ELs in current year
Elementary A	0 ELs
Middle School B	0 ELs
High School C	0 ELs
District Total	0 EL students

**I have 0 ELs at my school district in the current year.**



**No ELP SPI points. 10 points are redistributed to other academic indicators.**

Report Card Calculations

English Learners On Track

The English Learners On-Track progress measures the rate of EL students that have met annual target goals.

*Numerator:* EL students with growth category of 'On Target', 'Identified, Exited' or 'Exited Early'

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*Denominator:* EL students in any growth category EXCEPT 'First Time Test Taker'

English Learners Exited

The English Learners Exited progress measures the percentage of EL students that score a 5.0 or higher on the SD-ELP assessment and exited the program.

*Numerator:* EL students who score 5.0 or higher on the SD-ELP assessment OR EL students who score a 4.0 on the ELP Assessment AND score a level 3 or 4 on the ELA Assessment

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*Denominator:* EL students in any of the above growth categories

Growth Category	Report Card Label	Definition	EL On Track Rate	EL Exited Rate	EL Progress Rate
Newly-Identified EL, not tested	Identified, Not Tested	Newly identified students required to take SD-ELP but did not <b>OR</b> Newly identified students required to take SD-ELP but did not receive a composite score due to circumstances of ABS, INV, or DEC	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>
Returning EL, not tested	Returning, Not Tested	Returning EL students required to take SD-ELP but did not <b>OR</b> Returning identified students required to take SD-ELP but did not receive a composite score due to circumstances of ABS, INV, or DEC	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>
Returning EL, tested, no growth	Not Growing	Returning EL students who took SD-ELP as required but either lost proficiency or failed to make progress	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>
Previously Identified, First Time Tested	Identified Last Year, First Time Tested	Returning EL students who did not take the SD-ELP Assessment when first identified but then took the assessment for the first time this year.	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>
Returning EL, growing but not meeting goals	Growing, Not On Target	Returning EL students who are not on track to exit within the prescribed time frame but who have nevertheless progressed in proficiency	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>
Tested, late exit	Exited Late	Returning EL students who have passed their "projected exit date" and now have exited.	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>
Newly-Identified EL, exiting	Identified, Exited	Newly identified EL students who both took the SD-ELP assessment for the first time, and who met the exit criteria within their first year of receiving services	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>

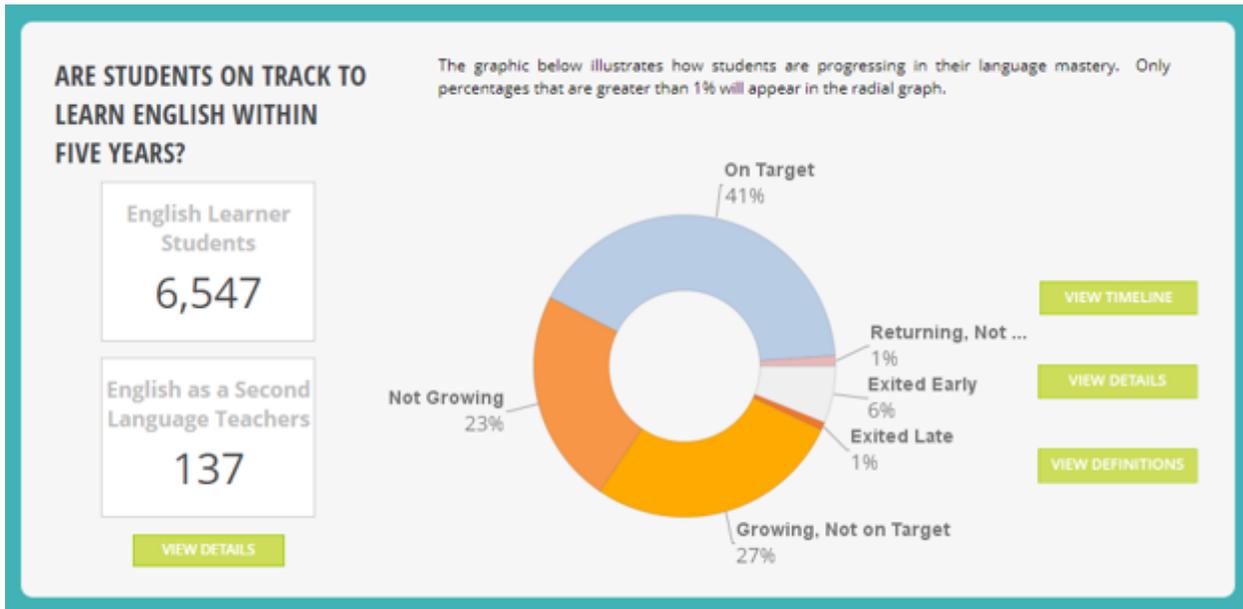
Returning EL, tested, meeting growth goals	On Target	Returning EL students who are either on track to exit within the prescribed time frame <b>OR</b> Returning EL students who exited on time <b>OR</b> Students who have a gap of regular assessment for 2 years, then took the test and exited	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>
Returning EL, tested, early exit	Exited Early	Returning EL students who exit ahead of the prescribed timeframe	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>Yes</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>
First Time Test Taker	NA	Newly identified EL students who took the SD-ELP for the first time and did not exit within their first year of services	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>No</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>Yes</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>No</b>
Alternate Assessment	NA	New and Returning EL students who took the alternate assessment	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>No</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>No</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>No</b>
Special Ed Exception	NA	New and Returning EL students who took SD-ELP but did not get a composite score due to SPD Circumstance	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>No</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>No</b>	Num = <b>No</b> Den = <b>No</b>

Report Card ELP Indicator Details

**Image of the ELP page in the 2020-21 report card:**



Image of the circle shows the rates of students disaggregated by progress (growth) categories and the number of EL students:



The value on the left-hand side of the report card (above image) includes English Learner students who took the assessment for the first time this year and did not exit. The total from the 'View Details' table (image below) only includes students who are counted in the EL progress calculations. Students who took the SD-ELP Assessment for the first time and did not exit within their first year of services are given a progress trajectory but are not included in the progress calculations until the second year of identification when progress towards growth can be calculated.

Image of the English Learners Progress breakdown by category/points table in view details:

	Exited Early	Exited Late	Growing, Not on Target	Identified, Exited	Identified, Not Tested	Not Growing	On Target	Returning, Not Tested	Totals
N-Size	367	76	1,606	28	18	1,381	2,480	86	5,971
Percent of Total EL	6.07%	1.26%	26.58%	0.46%	0.30%	22.86%	41.05%	1.42%	100.00%

Collecting, Processing and Loading Schedule

Assessment Type	Source	Processing Details	File Process Timeline	Loaded in SD-STARS	Data Year
English Language Proficiency	DRC	Title III to DM	June 4 - 9	June 20	Current
English Language Proficiency Alt	DRC	Title III to DM	June 4 - 9	June 20	Current

EL Student Roster Review

Accountability works with Title III Office to review the EL student roster and validate EL student data in for the ELP indicator.

Procedures are:

1. The vendor will provide a data file to the Accountability and Title III offices.
2. The Title III Office will validate EL students in the district and school student rosters for the ELP indicator and provide results to the Accountability Office.
3. The Accountability Office will add information to the overrides file and provide that to the vendor to make changes for the report card.

Teacher of English as Second Language Data

ESSA requires states to report teachers who are teaching out of field in the report card. This data element was added to the ELP page in the report card in 2019-20. The bullet list below provides the definition for each type of certification required for teachers of students learning English and the table describes business rules for identifying and counting teachers.

- Certified for ENL is a teacher who is fully certified in English as a Second Language
- Non-authorized for ENL is a teacher holding an active certificate but is not authorized to teach English as a Second Language
- Non-certified ENL is listed as a teacher by assignment but does not hold a certificate as a teacher and is not certified for any teaching assignment.

**Business Rules for Teachers of English as Second Language**

<b>Data Element</b>	<b>Reporting Level</b>	<b>Business Rule</b>
<b>Certified for ENL</b>	State District School	English as a Second Language (ESL) Only Teacher ="Y" OR Dual English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Content ="Y". <b>-Use the results of the above query as fields in the below query-</b> Out of Field = "N" OR Certified Flag ="Y" AND Required Dual-Certification Flag = "Y" AND Authorized Flag = "N"
<b>Non-authorized for ENL</b>	State District School	English as a Second Language (ESL) Only Teacher ="Y" OR Dual English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Content ="Y". <b>-Use the results of the above query as fields in the below query-</b> Certified Flag ="Y" AND Required Dual-Certification Flag ="N" OR Certified Flag = "Y" AND Required Dual-Certification Flag <> "Y" AND Authorized Flag ="N"
<b>Non-certified ENL</b>	State District School	English as a Second Language (ESL) Only Teacher ="Y" OR Dual English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Content ="Y". <b>-Use the results of the above query as fields in the below query-</b> Certified Flag = "N"

**Indicator #4: School Quality-Attendance**

The attendance indicator rate is based on the percentage of students attending school for 90% or more of enrolled days (Administrative Rule 24:55:02:07). All students who are FAY and enrolled in grades kindergarten (including junior kindergarten – K1) through grade 8 are included in the attendance rate calculation for the SPI indicator. NOTE: The attendance rate of 94% was the standard in past years (before 2017-18) and FAY was not applied. In 2017-18, the attendance rate benchmark changed to 90% and FAY is applied to measure.

Attendance rates are calculated based on every unique student enrollment record. A student can have multiple enrollment records throughout the year. A unique student enrollment record is defined as unique student/district/school/enrollment period. There could exist in Infinite Campus multiple enrollment records for the same student at the same district/school for the same enrollment period – if this is so, only one of these is retained for analysis.

Students not included in the attendance rate include:

- Students who are incarcerated at the state penitentiary
- Students who attended school out-of-state
- Students who attended private school

- Students who attended summer school
- Students who attended home school
- Students who attend after school
- Foreign exchange students
- Students attending out-of-state on a contract basis

#### Rule for Partially Enrolled Students

For the Attendance Indicator only, *students who are only partially enrolled in a school are counted*; meaning that some students will count, for attendance calculation purposes only, at more than one school.

#### Rules for Out-of-District SPED Placement

Students dually enrolled will be counted at each school in which they are enrolled for attendance purposes only, *except for SPED students with enrollments equaling more than 100 percent*.

- For special education students with dual enrollment resulting in a combined enrollment greater than 100%, accountability attribution is assigned to the resident district, irrespective of the distribution of enrollment percentages.
- The percent enrolled must be > 0 (no placeholder enrollments).
- Students must be correctly flagged as “students with disabilities” in both enrollments.

#### Calculation for FAY Attendance

The report card reports attendance only for those students who met FAY. This is called FAY attendance and is used for calculating the SPI points. FAY attendance rates are calculated separately for all levels-school, district, and state. This rate is calculated out and rounded up to two decimal places. Details for rounding rules are found at [Appendix A: Accountability Rounding Rules](#).

*Numerator* = Count of FAY students who attended at least 90% of enrolled days

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*Denominator* = Count of FAY students

#### Earning SPI Points

SPI points are earned by using the FAY attendance percentage for the school-level and multiplied by 10. For example, a hypothetical school with 83.54 percent of FAY students attending at least 90% of enrolled days will receive 8.35 points out of a possible 10.

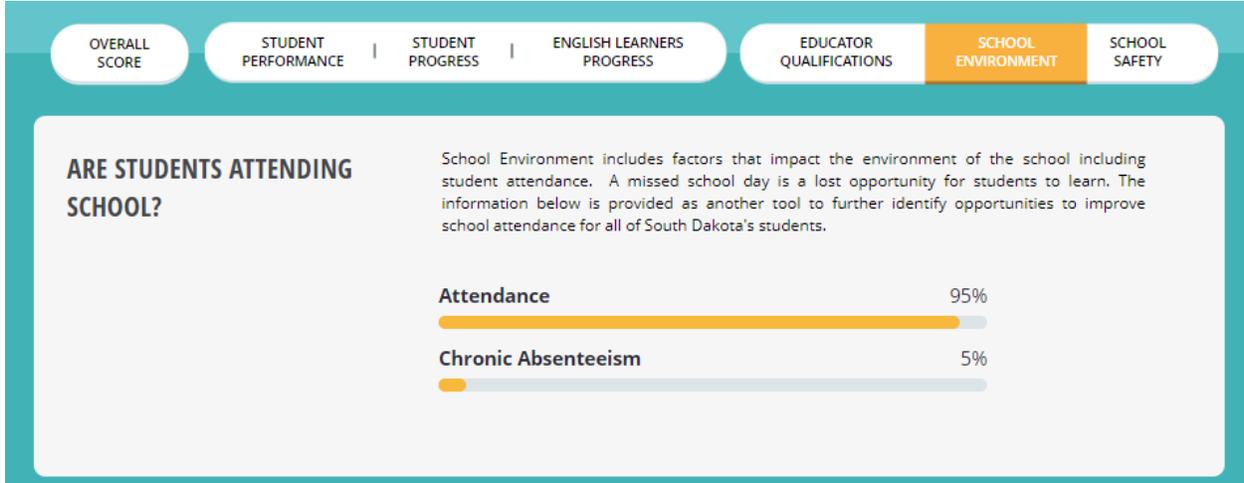
#### Attendance Exceptions

There may be extenuating situations, such as a significant medical condition of the student or a member of the student’s immediate family, which cause a student to miss a considerable number of days of schools. In cases such as this, the school district can count the student as “absent/exempt”, so the prolonged absence does not negatively impact the school/districts’ attendance rate.

**Chronic Absenteeism**

Chronic Absenteeism is reported in the elementary and middle school report cards, but no SPI points are applied for this measure for school environment (Administrative Rule 24:17:3:06). *Chronic Absenteeism measures the percentage of students that have attended more than 10 days and have missed more than 10% of enrolled days in the school year.*

**Report Card Examples**



**Collection, processing, and load data files for Attendance**

Data Element	Available in IC	Data Processed	Data Finalized
Attendance	June 27	July –7-11	July 23
FAY Attendance	June 27	July –7-11	July 23
Chronic Absenteeism	June 27	July –7-11	July 23

# Chapter Three: The High School Accountability System

## **High School Accountability System Indicators**

The High School Accountability System incorporates five key indicators including: student performance, on-time graduation, high school completion, college and career readiness, and English Learners progress.

### **Indicator #1: Student Performance**

High schools are accountable for the Student Performance indicator. This indicator measures student proficiency levels on the state assessments in English Language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science. Refer to the details for the Student Performance indicator by clicking this link: [Indicator #1: Student Performance](#).

High school students only need to test once. In South Dakota, students test in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. If a student is in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and turns 21 years of age during the school fiscal year, then they are required to take the test given they haven't tested in previous years. Fiscal year is July 1-June 30.

*Example: For the 2025-26 school year, if a junior turned 21 between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, they need to test. If a junior is over 21, they do NOT need to test.*

### **Indicator #2: On-Time Graduation Rate (4-yr adjusted cohort)**

The On-Time Graduation rate is based on the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma, divided by the number of students who form the "adjusted cohort" for that graduating class. The adjusted cohort is defined (Administrative Rule Definitions #18) as the students who entered ninth grade for the first time four years ago, minus those who transferred out of the cohort (i.e., moved out of state, transferred to a private school, etc.), plus students who joined the cohort (i.e., students who began four years ago as a ninth grader in a private school, out of state, etc.). Only students who graduate with a regular diploma are counted positively in this measure, as opposed to the completer rate. Those who continue their education beyond four years, those who finish with a GED, and those who dropout are non-graduates count against the Four-Year On-Time Graduation Rate. The state's graduation rate goal for All Students group and all subgroups is 100 percent. Rules are below.

#### **Rules for On-Time Graduation Rate**

- The Graduation Rate is defined as the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who formed the adjusted cohort for that graduating class.

If students were not enrolled for at least 50% of their last enrolled year at one school, students count at the high school they attended the longest, or the last enrolled if there are multiple enrollments with equal enrollment lengths (new rule in 2017-18). For accountability, a semester will be considered 50% of

the school year. A student who takes longer than four years to graduate with a regular high school diploma:

- Must be included in the denominator of the four-year graduation rate and will not be included in the numerator.
- Will not be removed from the cohort in the four-year graduation rate (i.e., cohort year reassignment is not permitted).

#### Early Graduate

A student who graduates in less than four years is “banked” for a year or until the year that his or her cohort is expected to graduate. The student is then included in both the numerator and the denominator the year his or her cohort is included in accountability calculations.

#### Newly enrolled students who are non-graduate

Students are counted in the calculation as a non-graduate for the serving school and district if they were enrolled in the serving district for 15 or more consecutive school days.

- If the newly enrolled student has been in a school less than 15 consecutive school days, the non-graduate is counted at the state level only.
- Conversely, if a student is enrolled for less than 15 consecutive school days and graduates, the student counts as a graduate only at the state level.

#### Non-Graduate Student who completed less than half the academic year

A student who does not graduate from a public high school, having enrolled for fewer than fifty percent of the school’s scheduled days at the student’s last school of attendance, shall count for the graduation rate and the completer rate at the public school in which the student was enrolled for the majority of the student’s time in grades nine through 12. A student who doesn’t graduate, having enrolled for fifty percent or more of the public high school’s scheduled days, shall count at the school in which the student was last enrolled. Administrative Rule 24:55:07:14. For accountability, a semester will be considered 50% of the school year.

On-Time Graduation Exceptions (4-year adjusted cohort) are listed below.

Exceptions include:

1. Transferred out
  - a) Documentation must consist of official written notice that the student is enrolled in another school or an educational program which culminated in the award of a regular high school diploma. (if transfer school is not on student record then the student is counted as a dropout at the last attended school in the next academic year’s completion roster)
    - a. Official written documentation includes:
      - I. Evidence of transfer recorded in Infinite Campus (state’s data system)
      - II. Request for records from the receiving high school (documentation should be entered into Infinite Campus system by the second Friday in June)
      - III. An approved application for home school for the current school year sent to the state by the second Friday in June
      - IV. Letter from an official in the receiving high school acknowledging the student’s enrollment

2. Emigrated to another country
  - a) A school or district must confirm in writing that a student has emigrated to another country, but it does not need to be official documentation.
  - b) Example of written confirmation might include:
    - Memo in the student's file based on a phone conversation with a parent stating that the student is leaving the country.
3. Deceased
  - a) A school or district must confirm in writing that a student has passed away but does not need to provide official documentation.
  - b) Examples of written confirmation might include:
    - An obituary
    - Letter from a parent

To remove a student from a cohort, a school or district should enter details in Infinite Campus by the second Friday in June.

South Dakota is required to follow the Title I Four-Year Adjusted Cohort methodology in determining Graduation Rate, as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 200.19(b). (Source: Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965-ESEA).

- This measure is based on the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma, divided by the number of students who form the “adjusted cohort” for that graduating class.
- The adjusted cohort is defined as the students who entered ninth grade for the first time four years ago, minus those who transferred out of the cohort (i.e., moved out of state, transferred to a private school, etc.), plus students who joined the cohort (i.e., students who began four years ago as a ninth grader in a private school, out of state, etc.)
- Only students who graduate with a regular diploma are counted positively.
- Those who continue their education beyond four years, those who finish with a GED, students with disabilities that completed IEP team modified course requirements, and those who dropout are all counted against the Four-Year Graduation Rate.

**NOTE:** A student who is retained in a grade, enrolls in a General Educational Development (GED) program, or leaves school for any other reason may not be counted as having transferred out for calculating graduation rate and must remain in the adjusted cohort.

#### Infinite Campus End Status/Exit Codes Considered in the On-Time Graduation Measure

End Status/Exit codes are used by districts in ICDE to account for students that exited public schools. Dropout counts are based on Exit codes that are used to calculate the dropout rate. The list and table below describe Exit Codes used for determining who is counted and where for the On-Time Graduation calculation (denominator and numerator) based on the above rules. NOTE: Funding codes also inform where students count regarding school level, district level or state level, i.e., SPED out of district placement.

Exit Code	Exit Code Description	Numerator	Denominator
01	Expelled, didn't return to any school	No	Yes
02	Discontinued education – dropped out*	No	Yes
03	In-state school transfer	No	Yes*
04	Student graduated	Yes	Yes
05	Student died	Exclude	Exclude
06	Committed to institution	Exclude	Exclude
07	Reached maximum age for special-ed	Exclude	Exclude
08	Out-of-state school transfer	Exclude	Exclude
09	Colony student > grade 8 – religious exemption	Exclude	Exclude
10	Student retained	No	Yes
11	Student continues	No	Yes
12	Persistently dangerous transfer	Exclude	Exclude
13	School improvement transfer	Exclude	Exclude
14	Home school transfer	Exclude	Exclude
15	Suspended	No	Yes
16	Home school completer	Exclude	Exclude
17	Discontinued education – completed GED	No	Yes
18	Discontinued education – exceeds compulsory age	No	Yes
19	Continues/Completed IEP team mod/course reqs	No	Yes
20	Discontinued/Completed IEP team mod/course reqs	No	Yes
21	Aged Out/Completed IEP team mod/course reqs	Exclude	Exclude

**Note:** If a student transfers out, has a code of 03, but does not have a subsequent enrollment, then that student should be coded as a non-graduate, with the non-graduate credited to the resident/serving district that initiated the transfer (this aligns with our current dropout policy).

\*02: Discontinued Education – dropped out: Any student that is under the age of 18 and (1) the student/parent indicate that they are dropping out or (2) if the student does not show up for the school for 15 consecutive school days. Dropouts count for the year they fail to show up for.

### Calculation

*Numerator* = Number of cohort members who graduate within four years from their first point of entry into 9<sup>th</sup> grade (fall 2021) with a regular high school diploma

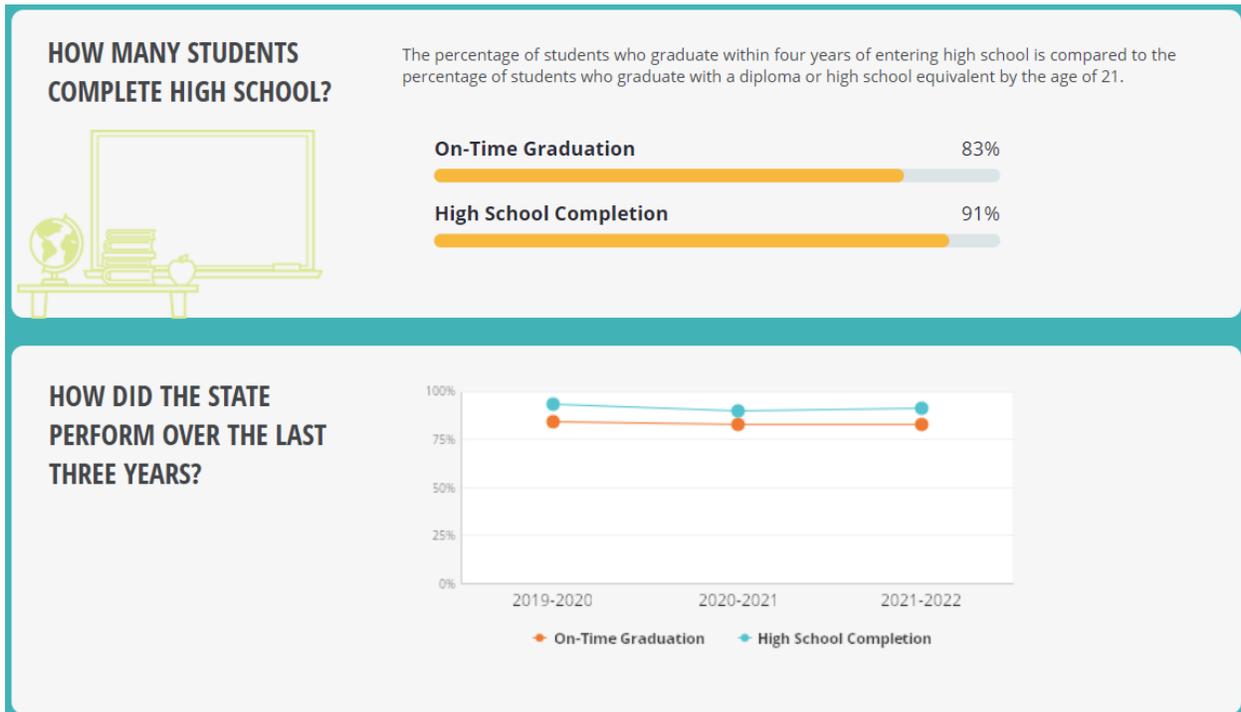
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*Denominator* = Number of first-time ninth graders (starting cohort year-fall 2021), plus students who transfer in, minus students who are removed from the cohort during the school years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25

### Earning SPI Points

The points for On-Time Graduation are calculated and earned based on the Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate multiplied by 12.5 Points.

Image of the High School Completion page in the 2020-21 State public report card:



### Indicator #3: High School Completion

The High School Completion indicator measures the percentage of students in the most recently completed school year who have attained a diploma or a GED. This includes students who graduated outside of the traditional four-year timeframe (both early and late graduates). Students that dropped out in the current school year are also included in the calculation of the SPI points for this indicator.

#### Completer Rules

- The Completer Rate is defined as the percentage of students in the most recently finished school year who have attained a diploma or a GED. The premise behind the Completer Rate is to give schools credit for working with students to obtain completion in some fashion. This may include obtaining the traditional diploma regardless of the time it takes to complete their high school course work (beyond the traditional four years) or by working with students to prepare them to get a GED.
- If students were not enrolled at least 50% of their last enrolled year at one school, students count at the high school they attended the longest, or the last enrolled if there are multiple enrollments with equal enrollment lengths (new rule in 2017-18).
- For accountability, a semester will be considered 50% of the school year.

#### Dropout Definition

Accountability uses the dropout definition provided in Administrative Rules article 24:55: Definitions Section. A student is counted as a dropout if she or he:

1. Was enrolled in school at some time during the school year and was expected to be enrolled the following year but was not enrolled
2. Has not graduated from high school or completed a state or district approved educational program; and
3. Has not met any of the following exclusionary conditions:
  - a. Transfer to another public school district, private school, or state or district-approved educational program
  - b. Temporary school-recognized absence due to suspension or illness
  - c. Death

Newly enrolled students who subsequently drop

Students are counted in the calculation as a drop for the school and district if they were enrolled in the district for 15 or more consecutive school days.

- If the newly enrolled student has been in a public school less than 15 consecutive school days, the drop is counted at the state level only.
- If a student is enrolled for less than 15 consecutive school days and completes, the student counts as a completer only at the state level.

Student drops out completing less than half the academic year

A student who drops out from a public high school, having been enrolled fewer than fifty percent of the school's scheduled days at the student's last school of attendance, shall count for the graduation rate and the completer rate at the public school in which the student was enrolled for the majority of the student's time in grades nine through 12. A student who drops out, having been enrolled fifty percent or more of the public high school's scheduled days, shall count at the school in which the student was last enrolled. Administrative Rule 24:55:07:14.

For accountability, a semester will be considered 50% of the school year.

Infinite Campus End Status/Exit Codes Considered in Completion Calculation

End status/exit codes are used by districts in Infinite Campus to record why a student leaves a school. For the completer rate, exit codes are used to determine whether a student is considered a completer or a dropout, also known as a non-completer.

The exit codes used for identifying if a student is a completer or a dropout are in the table below.

- If the exit code is indicated with a "yes" in both the numerator and denominator columns, the enrollment for that student who exit with this code is considered a completer.
- If the exit code is indicated with a "yes" in the denominator and "no" in the numerator, the enrollment for that student who exit with this code is considered a dropout, or non-completer.
- If the exit code is excluded from both the numerator and denominator, the enrollment for that student is excluded from the completer calculation entirely.

Accountability builds each roster annually for the report card data, using these exit codes.

Exit Code	Exit Code Description	Numerator	Denominator
01	Expelled, didn't return to any school	No	Yes
02	Discontinued education – dropped out	No**	Yes**
03	In-state school transfer	Exclude*	Exclude*
04	Student graduated	Yes	Yes
05	Student died	Exclude	Exclude
06	Committed to institution	Exclude	Exclude
07	Reached maximum age for special-ed	No	Yes
08	Out-of-state school transfer	Exclude	Exclude
09	Colony student > grade 8 – religious exemption	Exclude	Exclude
10	Student retained	Exclude	Exclude
11	Student continues	Exclude*	Exclude*
12	Persistently dangerous transfer	Exclude	Exclude
13	School improvement transfer	Exclude	Exclude
14	Home school transfer	Exclude	Exclude
15	Suspended	Exclude*	Exclude*
16	Home school completer	Exclude	Exclude
17	Discontinued education – completed GED	Yes	Yes
18	Discontinued education – exceeds compulsory age	No	Yes
19	Continues/Completed IEP team mod/course reqs	Exclude	Exclude
20	Discontinued/Completed IEP team mod/course reqs	No	Yes
21	Aged Out/Completed IEP team mod/course reqs	Exclude	Exclude

\* For these exit codes the student must have a subsequent enrollment in a South Dakota school to be excluded from the denominator. If the student does not have a subsequent enrollment showing they continued their K12 education, then the student will be flagged as a dropout, or non-completer, and will count in the denominator.

\*\* Subsequent enrollments in both the same year as a dropout occurred and succeeding years following the dropout year would constitute a return-to-school and effectively zero out the dropout for that given year.

02: Discontinued Education – dropped out: Any student that is under the age of 18 and (1) the student/parent indicate that they are dropping out or (2) if the student does not show up for the school for 15 consecutive school days. Dropouts count for the year they fail to show up for.

Age Rules

Due to how the completer rate is calculated, student age becomes a factor. The calculation makes it possible to capture students over 21 years of age. Therefore, business rules around the age of the dropout and age of the completer are needed.

For dropouts, age is checked at the start of the dropout school year. Only dropouts under the age of 21 at the start of the dropout year count in the high school completion calculation. A student who drops

out as an 18-year-old 9<sup>th</sup> grader will be counted in the calculation for high school completion even though they will be 22 years old when we calculate the completer rate, 4 years later.

For completers, age is checked at the start of the completer rate year or using the student’s GED test date. Only high school graduates under the age of 21 at the start of the completer rate year count in the high school completion calculation. For GED completers, the GED test date is used to determine if the student was over 21 when they took the exam.

GED Rules

Students who obtained an alternative completion credential before age 21, namely the GED, are included at the school level if the student stays enrolled at the school and the school supports the student in preparing for the GED. All students who complete the GED are counted at the state level. This can be noted in one of two places: exit codes of 17 in Infinite Campus or in data files of GED students. In Infinite Campus, schools can note GED recipients via an exit code. This exit code is 17.

Districts do not always know if a former student has completed a GED. Subsequently, the Exit code in Infinite Campus has not been updated to = ‘17’. The SDDOE previously received data on GED recipients from the Department of Labor and Regulation, but SDDOE now accesses that data directly. Data are loaded into SD-STARS and subsequently considered for accountability. Considering both the Infinite Campus exit codes and the GED file, permits two means for Accountability to designate a student a GED completer.

Additional information about the GED files

- SDDOE provides GED data files two times during a school year.
- To match students in the GED file to a student in Infinite Campus, the name and date of birth must match to the most recent enrollment year of enrollment. Without this match, the student may not be counted as a GED completer.
- Any schools with students who completed a GED outside of South Dakota can submit that record to the SDDOE through the appeal process available to districts which requires documentation from the serving institution. SDDOE can only pull records from GED attainment within the state. Districts that can present proof of GED attainment from another state may do so during the appeal window for inclusion in the completer count.

*Collection, Processing, Loading Schedule for On-Time and High School Completion Data Files*

Data Element	Provider of data	Received Timeline	Processing Timeline-OES	Loaded in SD-STARS	Data Year
On-Time Graduation	OES	June 23	June 23 – July 11	July 23	current
High School Completion	OES	June 23	June 23 – July 11	July 23	current
Adjusted Cohort	DM Analyst	June 23	June 23 - July 11	July 23	current
GED	DCCSS/SD-STARS Team	July 2	July 10	July 11	current

High School Completer Rate Calculation Procedures

The completer rate allows the addition of GED completers to be added to the number of graduates in the numerator of the calculation. The denominator is the sum of graduates + GED completers + 9<sup>th</sup> grade dropouts 3 years earlier + 10<sup>th</sup> grade dropouts 2 years earlier + 11<sup>th</sup> grade dropouts' previous year + 12<sup>th</sup> grade dropouts' current year. The below is an explanation of the process.

Enrollment records for the relevant grades and years above, would determine the initial dropout count.

- Subsequent enrollments in both the same year as a dropout occurred and succeeding years following the dropout year would constitute a return-to-school and effectively zero out the dropout for that given year.
- This return-to-school examination process would reduce the dropout count and increase the completer rate.

**Calculation**

*Numerator* = Number of students who obtained a high school diploma or GED in the most recently completed school year (no matter when they started 9<sup>th</sup> grade)

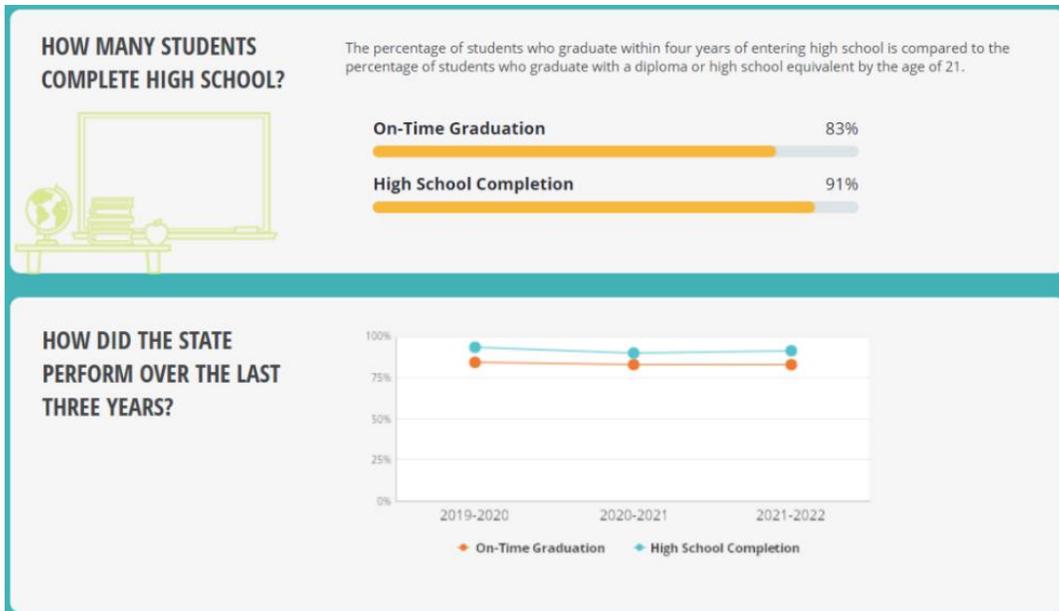
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*Denominator* = Dropouts (Grade 9 dropouts in 2022-23 + Grade 10 dropouts in 2023-24+ Grade 11 dropouts in 2024-25 + Grade 12 dropouts in 2025-26 + the number of students who obtained a high school diploma or GED in the most recently completed school year)

Earning SPI Points

The points for High School Completion are calculated based on the Completer Rate multiplied by 12.5.

Image of the High School Completion page in the 2020-21 report card:



**Indicator #4: College and Career Readiness**

The College and Career Readiness indicator changed in 2017-18 and again in the 2021-22 school years. The CCR indicator is a comprehensive measure that includes assessments and coursework for both college and career readiness. Students are required to meet both assessment readiness and coursework readiness for a school to earn full points on this indicator.

**Assessment Readiness and Coursework Readiness (Administrative Rule 24:55:02:09)**

Three measures are reported in the report card for CCR: assessment readiness, coursework readiness, and both assessment AND coursework readiness. New in the 2022 report card year is the rule for high school graduation advanced endorsements.

NEWLY REVISED CCR TABLE (May 2022)

Assessment Readiness for College or Career	Coursework Readiness for College or Career
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>College English Readiness- meet 1 of 3 options:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State Assessment-ELA (Level 3 or 4)</li> <li>2. ACT English (sub-score 18) Accuplacer- NextGen Writing (score263+)</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>College Math Readiness- meet 1 of 3 options:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State Assessment-Math (Level 3 or 4)</li> <li>2. ACT Math (sub-score 20)</li> <li>3. Accuplacer- NextGen-Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra &amp; Statistics (score 255-300)</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Career English and Math Readiness- earn silver or higher</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ National Career Readiness Certificate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High School Graduation Advanced Endorsement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Earn 1 or more endorsements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Details of CCR indicator measures in the above table as reported on the report card:**

- **Progress towards post high school credential is labeled as Coursework Readiness in the CCR indicator measure in the Accountability System and report cards. Details are:**
  - Students are Coursework Ready if they meet the following criteria:
    - Earn 1 or more High School Graduation Advanced Endorsements
      - Details for Advanced Endorsements are found at <https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements/>
- **Assessment Readiness (includes college and career assessment options)**
  - Students are Assessment Ready if they meet the benchmark on one of the assessment options for both English/reading and mathematics OR earn a silver or higher NCRC certificate. See section about Assessment Readiness for more information.
- **College AND Career Readiness**
  - This measure reflects students who met both the criteria for Coursework Readiness AND Assessment Readiness measures.

CCR Rules

- Unlike other indicators, the student cohort is comprised of the previous year’s completer roster.
- A student will count for the college and career readiness key indicator at the school for which the student counted for the purposes of the prior year completer rate.
- Identify all assessments taken anytime during a student’s high school career for each student by matching student ID.
- Identify if the student met any of the benchmarks. Each of the assessment readiness and coursework readiness measures has its own benchmark.
- If an assessment is taken multiple times, only the best mark is considered.

Earning SPI Points

The College and Career Readiness indicator has a value of 25 points. To award points for this indicator, the prior year’s completer roster data will be examined, and students will be classified into one of three categories with their point value:

- No Indicators met = 0 points
- **Either** Assessment Readiness met **OR** Coursework Readiness met = 0.5 points
- **Both** Assessment Readiness **AND** Coursework Readiness met = 1.0 point

This is an example of how to calculate College and Career Readiness indicator:

	No Indicators Met	One Indicator Met	Both Indicators Met	Totals	Total Points Earned
<b>N-size</b>	20	60	120	200	
<b>% of All Students</b>	10.00%	30.00%	60.00%	100%	
<b>Point value</b>	0.00	0.50	1.00		
<b>% of Points Earned</b>	0.00	15.00%	60.00%	75.00%	18.75

The points for College and Career Readiness are calculated by multiplying the total percentage of points earned by 25.

**N-Size Rule of 10**

N-sizes and subgroup information will be reported for this indicator-both for assessment and coursework readiness. N-size suppression rules will apply. If the number of students who met the different measures (ex: South Dakota State Assessments, ACT, Accuplacer, and/or NCRC) is fewer than 10, the number and rates of readiness will be suppressed in the public report card. SPI points associated with college and career readiness will still be calculated and displayed, regardless of N-size.

**Redistribution of SPI Points for CCR**

Sometimes a school will have no students in assessment readiness. That means no students took the South Dakota state assessments, ACT, Accuplacer, or NCRC. Sometimes a school will have no students in

coursework readiness. That means no students earned a graduation advanced endorsement. In these cases, schools are exempt from this part of the indicator.

- If a high school has no students in CCR, is considered a new school, or first SY after consolidation, then those 25 points are redistributed equally to the other three Academic Indicators:
  - Student Performance would be 48.3 Points ( $40 + 8.3 = 48.3$ )
  - On-Time Graduation would be 20.8 Points ( $12.5 + 8.3 = 20.8$ )
  - English Learners Progress would be 18.4 Points ( $10 + 8.4 = 18.4$ )
  - High School Completion would stay as 12.5 Points, because it is a **non-academic/School Quality** measure
- Or if the high school is new they would not have a completer roster from the prior year and therefore would not have any students for the CCR indicator.

### Assessment Readiness

The South Dakota State Assessments, ACT, and Accuplacer assessments are used to measure college assessment readiness, a component of the College and Career Readiness key indicator in the SPI. The state's goal is that 100 percent of students taking a college readiness assessment will meet the Board of Regents cut scores listed below:

- South Dakota Assessments:
  - ELA: Level 3 or 4
  - Math: Level 3 or 4
- ACT:
  - English: 18
  - Math: 20
- Accuplacer-NextGen
  - Writing: 263+
  - Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics 255-300
- NCRC Work keys
  - Applied Math: 76-79 (Level Score 4; Certificate Silver)
  - Graphic Literacy: 76-77 (Level Score 4; Certificate Silver)
  - Workplace Documents: 77-80 (Level Score 4; Certificate Silver)

Students can also qualify for assessment readiness if they earn a **silver or higher certificate on the NCRC**. To earn a certificate, a student must successfully complete three WorkKeys assessments: Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents. The student's scores on these WorkKey assessments are then used to assign a certificate level. Students who do not score a Level 3 or higher on all three exams do not earn a certificate. There are four NCRC levels.

- Platinum – scores of Level 6 or higher on all three exams
- Gold – scores of Level 5 or higher on all three exams
- Silver – scores of Level 4 or higher on all three exams
- Bronze – scores of Level 3 or higher on all three exams

Students can retake one, two, or all the WorkKey assessments over their high school careers. However, the certificate file received by the SDDOE is based on the year. Because of this, Accountability considers the highest score on each of the WorkKey assessments and can assume a certificate level considering multiple years even if the student isn't noted in the yearly data file as having received a certificate. That means:

- If any of the WorkKey assessment scores taken over the student's high school career is not a score of 4, then the student will not have earned a silver certificate and, therefore, is not considered assessment ready.
- If all the WorkKey assessment scores taken over the student's high school career are a score of 4 or higher, the student is considered assessment ready.

In the CCR roster found in the private report card, the "retake" student will show as having earned high enough scores on their WorkKey assessments and as counting in assessment readiness calculation, but the certificate level will be blank.

#### State Assessment Procedures:

The vendor will use the South Dakota Assessment scores in the file from the appropriate years for the cohort, including possibilities that the student took the assessment either as an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader.

#### ACT Procedures:

Two types of ACT files are received by the SDDOE and loaded into SD-STARS:

1. Test-taker files– Received in December, February, April, June, and September – which include all tested students, regardless of year of graduation, and all test results
2. Graduating class (graduate) file– From previous year, which contains public school students who indicated a year of graduation. Test scores in this file are from the most recent test taken by a given student – August of previous year

Both types of files are loaded into SD-STARS and are considered for accountability. After files are loaded, records in the ACT file are matched to a student in Infinite Campus.

Analysis for this indicator is based on the percentage of school students who received a mathematics sub score of 20 or greater and the percentage of students who received an English sub score of 18 or higher.

#### Accuplacer-NextGen Procedures:

To ensure consistency, the SDDOE requests Accuplacer-NextGen files covering the span during which students in the previous year would have taken the Accuplacer-NextGen (18month date range). The Board of Regents file is requested by the Division of Learning and Instruction, and the BOTE (technical institutes) files are requested by the Accountability Office. In 2019-20 school year, the new Accuplacer-NextGen assessments were introduced and replaced the original Accuplacer assessment.

All Accuplacer-NextGen files are loaded into SD-STARS and considered for Accountability. When the SDDOE loads the file, records in the Accuplacer-NextGen file are matched to a student in Infinite Campus.

Like the ACT, analysis for Accuplacer-NextGen data is based on the percentage of students taking the Accuplacer-NextGen writing assessment who scored 263 or above and the percentage of students taking the NextGen Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics assessment who scored 255-300, out of the total number of students who took the assessment.

National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC):

National Career Readiness Certificate file is loaded into SD-STARS and considered for accountability. When the SDDOE loads the file, records in the NCRC file are matched to a student in Infinite Campus. The analysis for NCRC is based on the percentage of students that earned a silver level or higher certificate. For those handful of students who retake any of the WorkKey assessments, accountability looks across multiple years, to see if the student earned a score of 4 or higher on all of the three WorkKey assessments (Work Documents, Graphic Literacy, and Applied Math). Those students who did are considered assessment ready. Adding the silver certificate earners plus those retakers who scored high enough to earn a certificate over multiple years are counted against the total number of students who took the WorkKey assessments.

Compiling Assessment Readiness

The prior year high school completion roster is matched against the South Dakota state assessment files, the ACT graduate and testing files, the Accuplacer files, and NCRC. When a student appears in the roster and in any of these files, data are combined. This measure will use the maximum test scores achieved for their ACT, and Accuplacer, as well as a certificate of silver or higher on NCRC. For example:

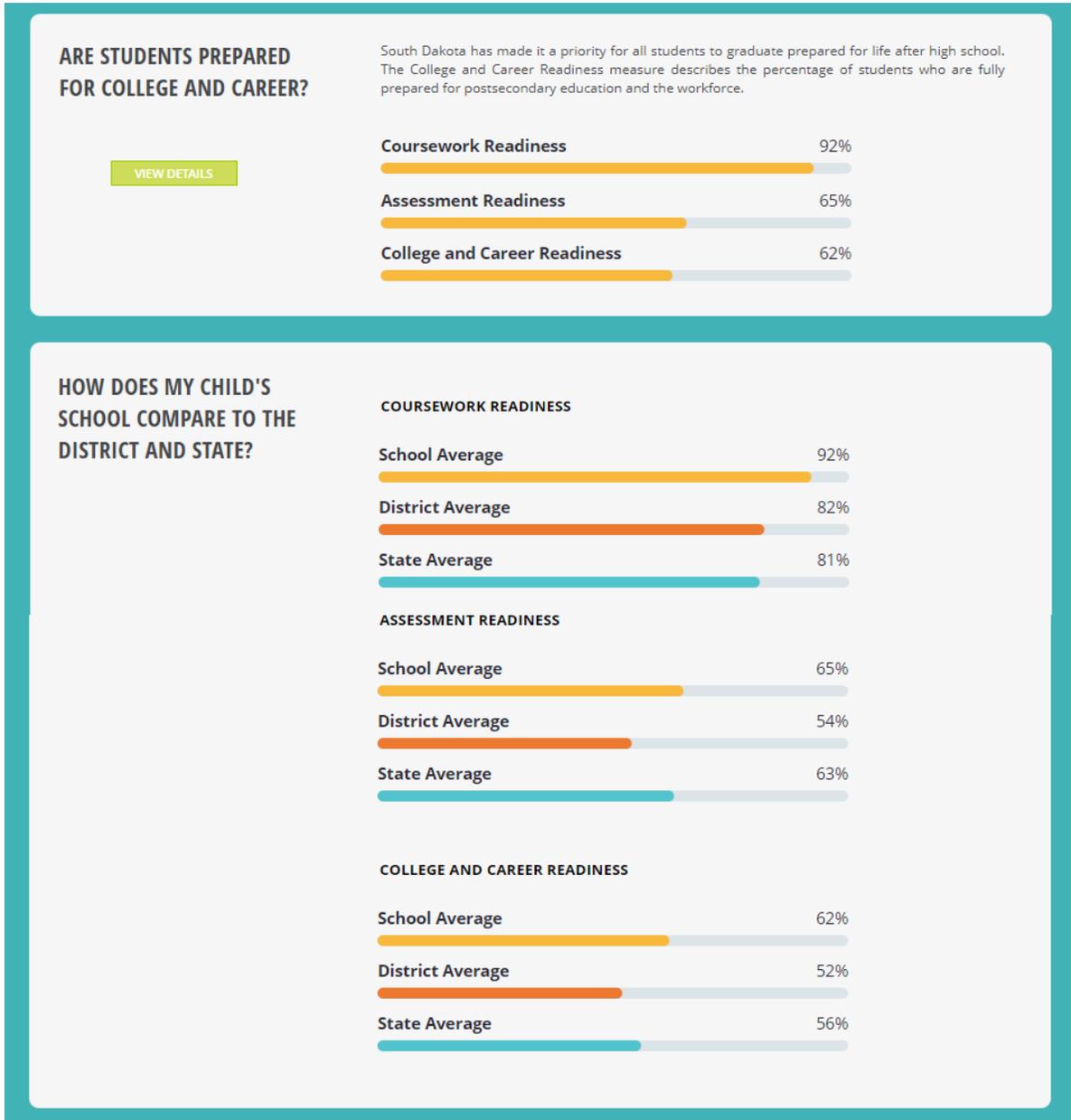
- If a student earned an ACT English sub-score of 19 and an Accuplacer-NextGen-Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics score of 260, then the student is considered Assessment Ready
- If a student earned a silver certificate or higher on the NCRC, then the student is considered Assessment Ready

**Collection Schedule -CCR Data Files**

Data Element	Provide data file	Request data file/ provide file specs	Academic Year for data file	Timeline File Load	Data Year
<b>NCRC</b>	CTE/DLR (SharePoint) September	Accountability Team has access to NCRC data file in SharePoint-Desk Guide has details	2024-25	January	Previous year
<b>SD State Assessments</b>	Cambium	Assessment Team	2024-25	October	Previous year
<b>Accuplacer- NextGen/BOR</b>	BOR sends to DLI	DLI-Accountability	July 1, 2024, to Aug 1, 2025	January	Previous year
<b>Accuplacer- NextGen/BOTE</b>	BOTE sends to DLI	DLI-Accountability	July 1, 2024, to Aug 1, 2025	January	Previous year
<b>ACT test files</b>	SD-STARS	SD-STARS Team	2024-25	September	Previous year

ACT grad files	SD-STARS	SD-STARS Team	2024-25	September	Previous Year
High School Graduation Advanced Endorsements	OES pulled in from SD-STARS/Infinite Campus in March 2025	Accountability	2024-25	January in typical year	Previous year

**Image of CCR page in 2020-21 public report card:**



**Indicator #5: English Learners Progress**

This indicator is the same for high schools as the elementary/middle schools. Click here: [Indicator #3: English Learners Progress](#)

# Chapter Four: Additional Reported Data (Enrollment Demographics, Office of Civil Rights Data Elements and Postsecondary Education Data)

ESSA requires states to report additional data elements in the report card including enrollment demographics. However, SPI points are not awarded for these data elements. Data elements are described in this section based on where these data can be found in the report card.

**Enrollment Demographics**

Demographic characteristics are reported on the About the School page in the report card. Data sources include Fall Enrollment Census Count and Office of Civil Rights/CRDC data survey results (preschool enrollment, chronic absenteeism, and AP coursework). ESSA requires counts and rates disaggregated by subgroups where data are available. OCR/CRDC data results are two years behind the current year report card. ESSA also requires states to break out per pupil expenditures data at the school, district, and state levels. Each school year, K-12 expenditures data (with the exception of preschool grades) are reported in mid-January of the following year (i.e., 2023-24 data reported in mid-January 2025). Currently, school districts provide reports on K-12 educational expenditures for districts, schools, and the state to the SDDOE. The statistical digest reports include preschool grades and are available at <https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/statdigest.aspx>. NOTE: The SDDOE’s Finance office conducts its initial pull of student count data around October 16<sup>th</sup> and sends out the state aid fall enrollment verification form to LEAs at that time. The LEAs have two weeks to review/verify those enrollment counts and report issues to the Data Management for assistance in resolving any system issues. Then the Finance and Data Management offices finalize the fall enrollment counts on or around November 1<sup>st</sup>.

For the Student Enrollment, Diversity and Additional Services data reported on the About the School, District or State pages, the following table explains the sources.

<b>Data Element</b>	<b>Numerator Source</b>	<b>Denominator Source</b>
Student Enrollment Count	Fall Enrollment Census Count	Not applicable
School Diversity Enrollment Rate	Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity in Fall Enrollment Census Count	Fall Enrollment Census Count
Students with Disabilities Rate	Dec 1 Child Count for Students with Disabilities (K-12 only)	Fall Enrollment Census Count
Economically Disadvantaged Rate	Enrollment by ED found in Fall Enrollment Census Count	Fall Enrollment Census Count
English Learners Rate	Enrollment by EL found in Fall Enrollment Census Count	Fall Enrollment Census Count
Foster Care Rate	Enrollment by Foster Care in Accountability data (end of school year)	Accountability data (end of school year)
Homeless Rate	Enrollment by Homeless- Accountability data (end of school year)-school/state	Accountability data (end of school year)

Migrant Rate	Enrollment by Migrant-Accountability data (end of school year)	Accountability data (end of school year)
Military Connected Rate	Enrollment by Military Connected-Accountability data (end of school year)	Accountability data (end of school year)

Details on sources and business rules for the additional data elements on About the School, District and State pages are provided in this table.

Data Elements Elem/Middle	Business Rule	Source
Preschool Enrollment count	Count	OCR/CDRC (biennially-April release) <a href="https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov/view">https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov/view</a>
Data Elements High Schools	Business Rule	Source
Chronic Absenteeism Rate	The number of students who attended school for more than 10 days and who also missed more than 10% of the enrolled days in school year	Attendance data pulled from SD-STARS/Infinite Campus
Chronic Absenteeism Count	The number of students who are absent 15 or more days	OCR/EdFacts C195 (biennially -April release) <a href="https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov/data/Data">https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov/data Data</a>
Dropout Rate for Schools, District, and State	Use EdFacts definition (7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Dropout data file provided by the SD-STARS Team (2024-25)
Advanced Placement Enrollment Count	Number of students that took AP courses (two years behind in reporting year)	<a href="#">Download Recent Data   Civil Rights Data</a>
School/district contact information;	Administrator name/school/district address/phone; URL to school/district webpage;	School/district contact information pulled from SD-STARS/Ed Directory
Interactive school/district location map	latitude/longitude data file to locate schools on map	Latitude/longitude and district maps pulled from SD-STARS/BIT
Education Spending (Per Pupil Expenditures)	Finance Office business rules (per pupil, federal, state, local funding)	Fiscal data reported by districts directly to Finance

Elem/Middle School image of About the School page:

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**SCHOOL STATUS**  
 Elementary EC06 School  
 Grade Levels KG-KG  
 Title I  
[General Support](#)  
 Neither High Nor Low Minority  
 Neither High Nor Low Poverty

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is the official census count of students enrolled in South Dakota's public schools as of the last Friday in September.

**SCHOOL SIZE**

Year	Enrollment
2018-2019	~275
2019-2020	~275
2020-2021	~280

**SCHOOL DIVERSITY**

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.45%
Asian	0.35%
Black/African American	0.00%
Hispanic/Latino	3.50%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00%
Two or More Races	1.40%
White/Caucasian	92.31%

### STUDENTS RECEIVING ADDITIONAL SERVICES

South Dakota has made it a priority to ensure that the educational needs of all students are met. Schools are provided the tools and additional support in the educational programs designed to meet the needs of students who have historically experienced achievement gaps.

**Preschool Enrollment**

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Category	School (%)	State (%)
Economically Disadvantaged	~20%	~35%
English Learners	~2%	~5%
Foster Care	~1%	~2%
Homeless	~1%	~2%
Migrant	~1%	~2%
Military Connected	~20%	~15%

### EDUCATION SPENDING

South Dakota is committed to ensure that all schools have the financial support needed to provide quality education to all students attending public schools. The details below are based upon the school district's annual finances.

State Aid  
Fall Enrollment

Per Pupil  
Spending

Federal  
Funding Sources

State and Local  
Funding Sources

School finance information for school year 2020-21 will be published in January 2022.

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High School Image-About the School page:

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**SCHOOL STATUS**

High School  
 Grade Levels 09-12  
 Non-Title I  
[Targeted Support](#)  
 Neither High Nor Low Minority  
 Neither High Nor Low Poverty

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is the official census count of students enrolled in South Dakota's public schools as of the last Friday in September.

**SCHOOL SIZE**

Year	Enrollment
2018-2019	327
2019-2020	327
2020-2021	327

**SCHOOL DIVERSITY**

Race	Percentage
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.92%
Asian	0.00%
Black/African American	0.31%
Hispanic/Latino	8.26%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00%
Two or More Races	1.53%
White/Caucasian	88.99%

### STUDENTS RECEIVING ADDITIONAL SERVICES

South Dakota has made it a priority to ensure that the educational needs of all students are met. Schools are provided the tools and additional support in the educational programs designed to meet the needs of students who have historically experienced achievement gaps.

Category	School	State
Economically Disadvantaged	25.00%	35.00%
English Learners	5.00%	10.00%
Foster Care	2.00%	5.00%
Homeless	1.00%	2.00%
Migrant	1.00%	2.00%
Military Connected	1.00%	2.00%
Students with Disabilities	15.00%	15.00%

### ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DETAILS

South Dakota's objective is to ensure that all students graduate high school, ready to succeed in college, career and life. High schools have programs to assist all students who need additional support.

**Chronic Absenteeism Rate**  
8%

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**Dropout Rate**  
1%

**Advanced Placement Enrollment**  
3

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### EDUCATION SPENDING

South Dakota is committed to ensure that all schools have the financial support needed to provide quality education to all students attending public schools. The details below are based upon the school district's annual finances.

State Aid Fall Enrollment	Per Pupil Spending	Federal Funding Sources	State and Local Funding Sources
School finance information for school year 2020-21 will be published in January 2022.			

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## Postsecondary Enrollment Rates

ESSA law requires states to report postsecondary enrollment rates for students that graduated from high school in a given school year, including students that graduated in the summer session. The SDDOE defines a program of postsecondary education as: in and out of state higher education institutions including technical institutions, two and four -year institutions. States must report the rate of graduates enrolled in postsecondary institutions by subgroups including: all students, race/ethnicity, students with disabilities, English learners, and economically disadvantaged. Enrollment rates must be disaggregated by private, public in-state, and if data are available, out-of-state types and by two and four year and public technical institutions. The top four institutions that graduates attended. The SDDOE uses “higher education institution” instead of postsecondary in the report card because the public is more familiar with that term. Three data elements are reported on the CCR report card page. These are described below.

### Data Element I: Rates of graduates enrolling in higher education

SD-STARS submits the high school completer roster to National Student Clearinghouse (NSCH) every year. NSCH then provides the postsecondary enrollment information for these students if they were able to match one and if the student allows for the release of such data. These data show if the student enrolled in any higher education institution in the nation, given that institution is a data sharing member of NSCH.

If the student has an enrollment record in NSCH within an 18-month period of graduating from high school, the student will count as enrolling in higher education. The denominator includes those students whom we were unable to track.

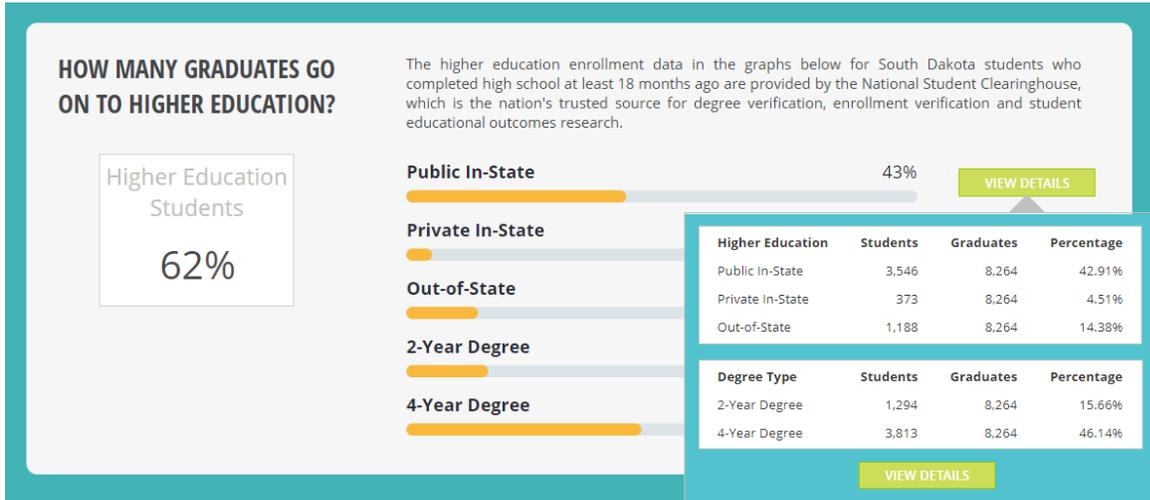
### Calculation

*Numerator* = Number of graduates who enrolled in postsecondary institution within 18 months of completing high school

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*Denominator* = Number of students that graduated in the previous school year including summer graduates

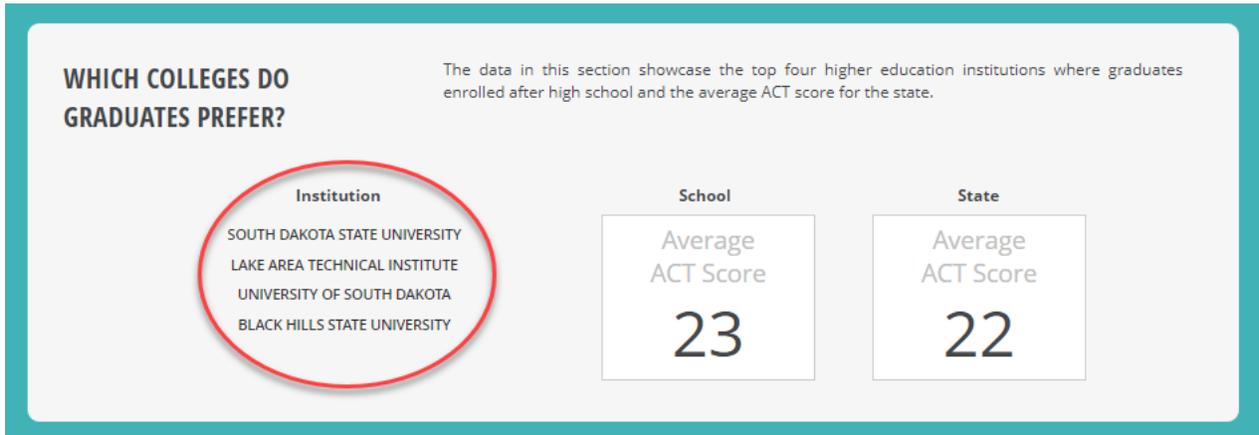
Image of CCR Page/Percentage of Graduates Attending Higher Education within 18 months following Graduation:



Data Element II: Top Four Higher Education Institutions Attended by Graduates

Based on NSCH data, the top four most frequently attended institutions are reported based on a list of all the institutions attended by graduates during the 18-month date range. We use the first institution attended by student to avoid students who attended multiple institutions in the 18-month date range. This eliminates duplications in count.

Most frequently attended high education institutions (see image below)

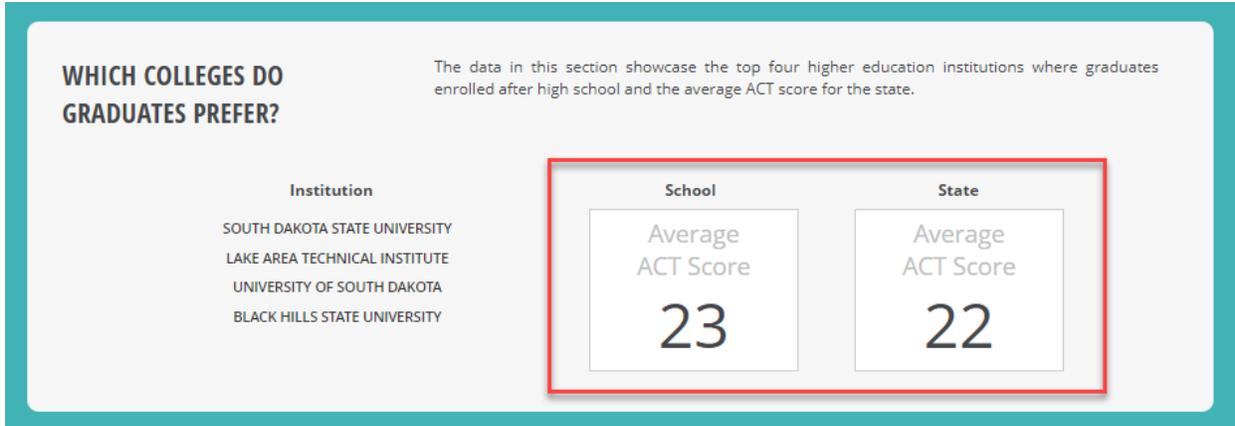


Data Element III: Average ACT Scores Comparison

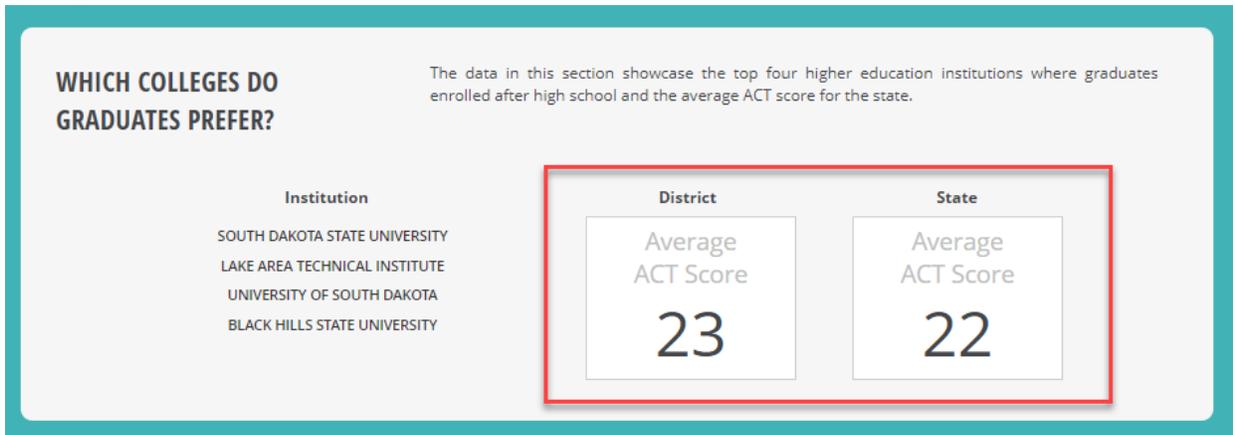
Every year, ACT provides the SDDOE a report. This report summarizes the performance of the prior year graduates who took the ACT as sophomores, juniors, or seniors. The most recent set of test information is used when the student tests more than once. ACT uses self-reported data to identify the prior year graduates, so this may not match Infinite Campus. The SD-STARS Team uses this report and the associated data to put together a file of average ACT scores for schools, district, and

the state. This file is used for the report card. The district-level and state-level results are also posted on [DOE's ACT website](#).

### Average ACT composite score comparison for school/state



### Average ACT composite score comparison for district and state



# Chapter Five: Educator Qualifications

**Educator Qualifications**

The report card includes data measures for educator qualifications as required by ESSA and described in the SDDOE’s ESSA State Plan approved in June 2018 (<https://doe.sd.gov/ESSA/>). Data measures include: number and rate of inexperienced (3 or less years of experience); number and rate of out of field (teaching or leading without correct credentials for the subject or grade level in which they are teaching or for the position they hold); number and rate with no certification; number and rate with provisional or temporary certification; and number and rate with alternative certification or educator permit.

There are five types of certifications: teacher, administrator, education specialist, educator permit and alternative certification. The certification status categories include valid, expired, invalid, temporary, provisional, and inactive. The data source for all educator qualifications is the Personnel Record Form (PRF) system. The SDDOE’s Data Analyst for the PRF database system provides the data file used to calculate the measures for educator qualification for teachers and administrators per ESSA State Plan. Comparisons for school, district and state are provided in the report card for each of the measures for educator qualification. Data results are disaggregated by teachers and administrators in the report card.

Staffing data are sourced from the PRF system and is provided by the Division of Data and Research – Office of Data Management’s Personnel Record Form (PRF) data analyst. Each year the PRF system closes on the second Friday of June. PRF Contacts working in the schools across the state are responsible for monitoring their data in the system; and can contact the Office of Data Management to provide documentation or to make inquiries about their data. The following tables outline the column headings, descriptions, and business rules for data in the PRF Database and used in the calculations. The left column of each table uses abbreviations for teacher and administrator, T and A.

	<b>Column Heading</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Business Rule (Formula)</b>
T, A	Academic Year	School Year	“20252025-“ & [School Year]
T, A	Unique ID	Unique identification number	Right([SSN no dashes],5) & Mid([DOB],1,2) & Mid([DOB],4,2) & Mid([DOB],7,4)
	SSN	Social Security Number	This is used in initial pull of data but is deleted before the data is given to the contractor.
T, A	First Name	First name of staff person	
T, A	Middle Name	Middle name or initial of staff person	
T, A	Last Name	Last name of staff person	
T, A	District Name	Full Name of District	
T, A	District ID	District Number	Five-digit district number
T, A	School Name	School/Attendance Center	
T, A	School ID	Combination of 5-digit district number and 2-digit school number. Ombudsman school in Sioux Falls is removed.	[District Number] & [Attendance Center No] <>“49005999” Ombudsman

	Column Heading	Description	Business Rule (Formula)
T, A	Schools Removed	Identifies when schools are included in the file for other purposes but should be removed from Report Card calculation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ombudsman School is removed from the file</li> </ul>	Y = Yes, school should be removed N = No, school should not be removed  (If([School ID]="49005999","Y","N"))
T, A	Highest Degree	Identifies the highest degree the individual has received.	No Degree/Unknown Associate's degree Bachelor's degree Master's degree Education Specialist Degree Doctorate Degree Highest Degree Earned: ((((((If([Doctorate Degree],"Doctorate", (If([Specialist Degree],"Specialist", (If([Masters Degree],"Masters", (If([bachelors Degree],"Bachelors", (If([associate Degree],"Associate", "Unknown"))))))))))))))))
T, A	Salary	Assignment Salary	For full time employees, the assignment salary based on the % of FTE for the assignment multiplied by the full salary  For part time employees, calculate their overall full-time equivalency (FTE) to determine their part-time wage per assignment. The overall FTE represents the total number of actual paid hours during a period, so it is divided by the total salary (Total Salary/Total FTE). Then calculate the assignment salary by taking your base rate of pay and multiplying it by the assignment FTE ((Total Salary/Total FTE) *Assignment FTE).  For SY2024-25, staff with FTE > 1, [Instructional Salary]/[Total Instructional FTE]*[Assignment FTE]  Tchr Assignment Salary: If([Total Instructional FTE]<0.009,0,If([Total Instructional FTE]<1,[Instructional Salary]/[Total Instructional FTE]*[Assignment FTE],[Instructional Salary]*[Assignment FTE]))  Admin Assignment Salary: If([Total Admin FTE]<0.009,0,If([Total Admin FTE]<1,([Administrative Salary]/[Total

			Admin FTE])*[Assignment FTE],[Administrative Salary]*[Assignment FTE])
T, A	FTE Percent for the Teacher/Admin Assignment	Assignment FTE  <b>EDEN 059 File:</b> Report staff in terms of FTE (full-time equivalent). FTE should be counted in hundredths. For example, if a teaching position is filled by 4 people, each working the same amount of time, each person would count as a .25 FTE. The total FTE counts for instructional staff must be reported to the nearest hundredth, with an EXPLICIT decimal (e.g., 59.20).	By each assignment, the percent of the assignment is based on the total FTE.
T, A	Position Code	Assignment Status Status indicator of (a) Certified, (b) Not Certified, or (c) non-Authorized.	<b>Certified:</b> Person who is fully certified through the South Dakota Department of Education (SDDOE). <b>Non-Authorized:</b> Person holding an active certificate but is not authorized for one or more current assignments. <b>Non-Certified:</b> Person who does not hold an active certificate.
T, A	Position Description	Description of the Position	Example is Elementary Teacher, Middle School Teachers, Elementary Principal, School Counselor
T, A	Position Code w/Non-Authorized	Code identifying the position. Code identifying the position.	Five-digit Position Code  Teacher File:  Teacher File: <>"25400" And Like "2*"  Admin File: Like "3*"
T, A	Assignment Code	Code identifying the assignment. Also referred to as a course SCED code.	Five-digit SCED assignment code number.
T, A	Assignment Description	The name of the assignment/course	
T	Preschool Teacher	Preschool teachers are included in this file because they are used in the EDEN reports. They are not included in the Report Card files	Y = Yes, preschool teacher N = No, not a preschool teacher  (If([Position Code w/Non-Authorized]="23002","Y","N"))
T	Special Education (SPED) Only Teacher	A special education teacher who does not teach academic content. Instead, the primary focus is	Y = SPED Only Teacher N = No, not a SPED Only Teacher

		on facilitating on facilitating, supporting, and implementing specialized services that allow special education students to access education.	Assignment Code = 25100.  (((If( [ [Position Code]="25100","Y", (If( [ [Position Code]="25000","Y","N"))))))))
T	Dual Special Education (SPED) Teacher and Content	Assignment is also provided to Special Education students and requires the teacher to be certified in the content area and special education. Assignment Code is the content assignment. Use only if the Educator is providing case management services to the special education students in addition to teaching the core content subject.	Y = Yes, SPED/Content teacher N = No, not a SPED/Content teacher  (((If( [ [Special Education Teacher Certification Status]="Qualified","Y", (If( [ [Special Education Teacher Certification Status]="Not Qualified","Y","N"))))))))
T	English as a Second Language (ESL) Only Teacher	An English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher who focuses solely on language acquisition rather than subject-area content.	Y = ESL Only Teacher N = No, Not an ESL Only Teacher  Assignment Code = 01508 or 01008 or 01608  ((If([Assignment Code]="01008","Y", (If([Assignment Code]="01508","Y", (If([Assignment Code]="01608","Y","N"))))))))
T	Dual English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Content	Teachers who are teaching ESL and a content subject. Teachers who are working a self-contained classroom or provide support in a resource room with ESL students.	Y = Yes, ESL/Content teacher N = No, not an ESL/Content teacher  (((If([English as a Second Language Teacher Certification Status]="Qualified","Y", (If([English as a Second Language Teacher Certification Status]="Not Qualified","Y","N"))))))))
T	Dual Blind/Visually Impaired Teacher (BV) and Content	Teachers who are teaching BV and a content subject.	Y = Yes, BV/Content teacher N = No, not an BV/Content teacher  (((If([Blind/Visually Impaired Certification Status]="Qualified","Y", (If([Blind/Visually Impaired Certification Status]="Not Qualified","Y","N"))))))))
T	Dual Deaf/Hearing Impaired (DH) Teacher and Content	Teachers who are teaching DH and a content subject.	Y = Yes, DH/Content teacher N = No, not an DH/Content teacher  (((If([Deaf/Hearing Impaired Certification Status]="Qualified","Y", (If([Deaf/Hearing

			Impaired Certification Status]="Not Qualified","Y","N"))))))))
T	Average Years of Experience – Teaching	Years of Experience as a Teacher  Years of experience includes teaching experience at the school, district, another district in South Dakota or out-of-state, and time on the alternative certification program.	0 = 0 to 1 year of experience as a teacher 1 = 1 to 2 years of experience as a teacher 2 = 2 to 3 years of experience as a teacher  Multiply each “years of experience” times the weight, then all products together then divided by total headcount. SUMPRODUCT(\$D\$1:\$BA\$1,D2:BA2)/C2
T	First Year Teacher	First year of Teaching	Y = Yes, the teacher is in their first year of teaching N = No, the teacher is not in their first year of teaching  IIf([Total Teaching Experience]=0,"Y","N")
A	First Year Administrator	First year as an Administrator	Y = Yes, the administrator is in their first year of being an administrator N = No, the administrator is not in their first year of being an administrator  First Year Administrator: IIf([Total Admin Experience]=0,"Y","N")
T,A	Inexperienced	3 or less years of experience.	Y = Yes, the staff person is inexperienced N = No, the staff person is not inexperienced  Includes all teachers or administrators where years of experience = 0, 1, or 2  <b>Teacher Inexperienced:</b> IIf([Total Teaching Experience]<3,"Y","N") <b>Administrator Inexperienced:</b> IIf([Total Admin Experience]<3,"Y","N")
T,A	Certified Flag	Staff person has an educator certificate.  Staff who are certified include individuals with a valid, provisional, interim, or temporary certificate. Staff who have an Alternative Preliminary Certificate are not included.	Y = Certified N = Non-Certified  Not to include a staff person who has only the Alternative Preliminary Certificate. Certified Flag: (IIf([Certification Status]="certified","Y","N"))
T	Required Dual-Certification Flag	These teachers are required to hold dual certification in the content area plus additional certification in special	Y = Certified Certified in SPED, or ESL, or Blind/Visually Impaired, or Deaf/Hearing Impaired N = Not Certified in SPED, or ESL, or Blind/Visually Impaired, or Deaf/Hearing Impaired

		education (SPED), English as a second language (ESL), Blind/ Visually Impaired, or Deaf/Hearing Impaired.	Blank = Not required to be Dually Certified  If{([Special Education Teacher Certification Status]="Not Qualified", "N", (If{([English as a Second Language Teacher Certification Status]="Not Qualified", "N", (If{([Blind/Visually Impaired Certification Status]="Not Qualified", "N", (If{([Deaf/Hearing Impaired Certification Status]="Not Qualified", "N", If{([Special Education Teacher Certification Status]="Qualified", "Y", (If{([English as a Second Language Teacher Certification Status]="Qualified", "Y", (If{([Blind/Visually Impaired Certification Status]="Qualified", "Y", (If{([Deaf/Hearing Impaired Certification Status]="Qualified", "Y", "")))))))))))))))))
T,A	Authorized Flag	Staff are certified and have the endorsement required for the assignment.	Y = Yes authorized N = No, not authorized  No - Staff person has a Plan of Intent or Position Code is non-authorized.  If{([Assignment Status]="Non-Authorized", "N", "Y")
T,A	Plan of Intent	Staff are on a Plan of Intent for the assignment	Y = Yes N = No  <b>Admin Plan-of-Intent:</b> (If{([Out of Field]="Y", "Y", "N"))  <b>Teacher Plan-of-Intent:</b> If{([Position Code]="23002", "N", (If{([Out of Field]="Y", "Y", "N")))
T,A	Out of Field	This field determines whether an individual should be flagged for review based on certification and assignment requirements. The logic evaluates the following conditions:  Out-of-Field Status The person must be classified as out of field for the calculation to apply.	Y = Yes, Out of field N = No, not out of field  <b>Teacher Out of Field:</b> If{([Certified Flag]="N", "Y", (If{([Authorized Flag]="N", "Y", (If{([Required Dual-Certification Flag]="N", "Y", "N"))))})  <b>Admin Out of Field:</b> If{([Certified Flag]='N', "Y", (If{([Authorized Flag]='N', "Y", "N")))

		<p><b>Flagging Criteria</b>                  If any of these conditions are true, the field returns “Y” (flagged as out of field):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The individual does not hold an active certificate.</li> <li>2. The individual is not authorized for one or more current assignments.</li> <li>3. The individual is required to hold dual certification (e.g., in the content area plus special education, ESL, blind/visually impaired, or deaf/hearing impaired).</li> </ol> <p>If none of these conditions apply, the field returns “N” (not flagged as out of field).</p> <p><b>Additional Requirements When Flagged</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For non-authorized or dual licensure assignments requiring a plan of intent, the individual must submit a plan detailing how they will obtain the necessary licensure.</li> <li>2. For individuals without an active certificate, a corrective action plan is required outlining steps to obtain certification.</li> </ol>	
T,A	Inexperienced and Out-of-Field	Staff who are both inexperienced and are out-of-field.	Y = Yes, inexperienced and out-of-field N = No, not inexperienced and out-of-field  Staff person will have both indicators: Inexperienced Column = Y Out-of-Field Column = Y

			Inexperienced and Out-of-Field: IIf([Out of Field]="Y" And [Inexperienced]="Y","Y","N")
T, A	Provisional	Staff who have a Provisional status indicates a one-year certificate issued to an applicant, who meets all the requirements for certification but has not completed the South Dakota Indian studies course requirement.	Y = Yes, Provisional Certificate N = No, does not have a Provisional Certificate  <b>Provisional:</b> (IIf([Educator Profile Certificate Status]="Provisional" And [ Certification Status]="certified","Y","N"))
T, A	Temporary Certificate	Staff who have a Temporary Certificate have previously received an educator certificate in South Dakota.  Must currently have a valid Temporary certificate.  <b>Temporary Certificate</b> includes individuals who have previously met the South Dakota certification requirements but did not renew their certificate by the date that it became Invalid. A one-year temporary certificate is issued to allow time to complete the renewal requirements of the certificate type.	Y = Yes, Temporary Certificate N = No, does not have a Temporary Certificate  Temporary Certificate: (IIf([Educator Profile Certificate Status]="Temporary" And [ Certification Status]="certified","Y","N"))
A	Alternative Certification Superintendent	Staff who have a Superintendent Alternative Preparation with a Not Completed Level.	Y = Yes, has a Superintendent Alternative Certificate N = No, does not have a Superintendent Alternative Certificate  Alt Cert Superintendent: IIf([Superintendent]="Y" And [Certified Flag]="Y","Y","N")  This gets deleted before we give the file to OtisEd:  Superintendent: (IIf([Cert Type Code 1]="Superintendent Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(IIf([Cert Type Code 2]="Superintendent Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(IIf([Cert Type Code

			<p>3]="Superintendent Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 4]="Superintendent Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 5]="Superintendent Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 6]="Superintendent Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 7]="Superintendent Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y","N"))))))))))))</p>
A	Alternative Certification Principal	Staff who have a Principal Alternative Preparation with a Not Completed Level.	<p>Y = Yes, has a Principal Alternative Certificate  N = No, does not have a Principal Alternative Certificate</p> <p>Alt Cert Principal: If([Principal]="Y" And [Certified Flag]="Y","Y","N")</p> <p>This gets deleted before we give the file to OtisEd:</p> <p>Principal: (If([Cert Type Code 1]="Principal Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 2]="Principal Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 3]="Principal Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 4]="Principal Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 5]="Principal Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 6]="Principal Alternative Preparation Alternative Certification - Not Completed","Y",(If([Cert Type Code 7]="Principal Alternative Preparation</p>

			Alternative Certification - Not Completed", "Y", "N"))))))))))))
A	CEO	Staff who have a certificate type of CEO Educator Permit that is active.	<p>Y= Yes, is reported as CEO N = No, staff is not reported as a CEO</p> <p>CEO: (If([Preparation 1]="CEO Educator Permit", "Y", (If([Preparation 2]="CEO Educator Permit", "Y", (If([Preparation 3]="CEO Educator Permit", "Y", (If([Preparation 4]="CEO Educator Permit", "Y", (If([Preparation 5]="CEO Educator Permit", "Y", (If([Preparation 6]="CEO Educator Permit", "Y", (If([Preparation 7]="CEO Educator Permit", "Y", "N"))))))))))))))))</p> <p>CEO2: If([Position Code]="33333" And [CEO]="Y" And [Certified Flag]="Y", "Y", "N")</p>
T	Teacher Permit	<p>Staff has a certificate type of Educator Permit with a certificate type of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTE Instructor;</li> <li>• One-Year CTE Instructor;</li> <li>• Advanced Student Teacher Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performing Artist;</li> <li>• Expert Lecturer;</li> <li>• American Sign Language Instructor;</li> <li>• Braille Education Instructor;</li> <li>• Eminent Scholar Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Language and Culture;</li> <li>• International Teacher were included through 2023-2024;</li> <li>• Junior ROTC; or</li> <li>• Native American Language and Culture certificate type</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Must have a valid certificate.</p>	<p>Y = Yes, is teaching with a valid Educator Permit N = No, is not teaching based on a valid Educator Permit</p> <p><b>Teacher Permit:</b> If([Preparation 1]="CTE Instructor Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 2]="CTE Instructor Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 3]="CTE Instructor Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 4]="CTE Instructor Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 1]="Performing Artist Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 2]="Performing Artist Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 3]="Performing Artist Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 4]="Performing Artist Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 1]="International Teacher Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 2]="International Teacher Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 3]="International Teacher Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 4]="International Teacher Educator Permit", "Y"))))))))))))</p> <p><b>Teacher Permit1:</b> If([Preparation 1]="Expert Lecturer Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 2]=" Expert Lecturer Educator</p>

			<p>Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 3]="Expert Lecturer Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 4]="Expert Lecturer Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 5]="Expert Lecturer Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 6]="Expert Lecturer Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 7]="Expert Lecturer Educator Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 1]="Advanced Student Teacher Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 2]="Advanced Student Teacher Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 3]="Advanced Student Teacher Permit", "Y", If([Preparation 4]="Advanced Student Teacher Permit", "Y"))))))))))))</p> <p><b>Teacher Permit2:</b> If([Teacher Permit]="Y" And [Certified Flag]="Y", "Y", If([Teacher Permit1]="Y" And [Certified Flag]="Y", "Y", "N"))</p>
T	Alternative Certification for Teachers	<p>Staff who have an Alternative Certification Preparation with a Not Completed Level.</p> <p>Must have a valid certificate.</p> <p><u>Alternative Certification Options for Teachers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTE Alternative Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Education Alternative Certification</li> <li>• Teach for America Alternative Certification</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Yes – Yes, holds a valid Alternative Certificate No – No, doesn't hold an Alternative Certificate</p> <p><b>Alt Cert:</b> ((((((If([Cert Type Code 1a]="Alternative Certification - Not Completed", "Y", (If([Cert Type Code 2a]="Alternative Certification - Not Completed", "Y", "N"))))))))))))</p> <p><b>Alt Cert2:</b> If([Alt Cert]="Y" And [Certified Flag]="Y", "Y", "N")</p>
T, A	Provisional or Temporary	Staff who have either a Provisional or Temporary	<p>Yes = Yes, has a Provisional or Temporary Certificate No = No, does not have a Provisional or Temporary Certificate.</p> <p>Provisional or Temporary: If([Provisional]='Y', "Y", (If([Temporary Certificate]='Y', "Y", "N"))))</p>
T	Alt Cert OR Permit	Staff who have either an Alternative Certificate or a Teacher Permit	<p>Yes = Yes, has an Alternative Certificate or Teacher Permit No = No, does not have an Alternative Certificate or Teacher Permit.</p> <p>Alt Cert or Permit: If([Alt Cert2]='Y', "Y", (If([Teacher Permit2]='Y', "Y", "N"))))</p>

A	Alt Cert OR CEO	Administrators who are on Alternative Certification or have a CEO Educator Permit	<p>Yes = Yes, has an Alternative Certificate for Administrators or a CEO Educator Permit                  No = No, does not have an Alternative Certificate for Administrators or a CEO Educator Permit.</p> <p>Alt Cert OR CEO: IIf([Alt Cert Superintendent]='Y',"Y",(IIf([Alt Cert Principal]='Y',"Y",(IIf([CEO2]='Y',"Y","N")))))</p>
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The Teacher Qualifications table below consists of data elements reported on the Report Card. Data are pulled from the Staffing Table in the database system.

Data Element	Reporting Level	Business Rule (number and rate reported)
Preschool Teachers	State District School	Preschool Teachers column = Y then do not include.
Schools Removed	State District School	If Schools Removed column = Y then do not include.
Number of teachers	State District School	<p>Total FTE of teacher table and round to the nearest hundredth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All teachers by FTE                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Column - FTE Percent for the Teacher/Admin Assignment                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Total the FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Included Librarians in 2017-18. Librarians will be excluded going forward.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Average years of experience	State District School	<p>This was not on the report card for SY 2017-18.</p> <p>This is a weighted calculation that will be done by the following:</p> <p>Step 1: Multiply each “years of experience” times the weight, then add all the products together.</p> <p>Step 2: The number from Step 1 will be divided by the total headcount to calculate the average years of experience by state, district and school. The business rule is                  =SUMPRODUCT(\$D\$1:\$BA\$1,D2:BA2)/C2.</p> <p>Division of Data &amp; Research will calculate average years of experience and report these to Accountability.</p>
Inexperienced (3 or less yrs.)	State District School	<p>Inexperienced Teacher column = Y.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>• Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Teachers Column and FTE of Inexperienced column.</li> </ul>

Out-of-Field	State District School	<p>Out-of-Field Column = Y.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Teachers Column and FTE of Out-of-Field column.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE: Use new definition per 2019 amended State Plan</b></p> <p>Out-of-field teacher is a teacher who is not properly certified to teach the subject to which he is assigned and who is placed on a Plan of Intent pursuant to state administrative rules. The Plan of Intent outlines the steps the teacher will take to become properly certified for a specific subject.</p>
<b>Data Element</b>	<b>Reporting Level</b>	<b>Business Rule (number and rate reported)</b>
Inexperienced and Out-of-Field	State District School	<p>Inexperienced and Out-of-Field column = Y.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Teachers Column and FTE of Inexperienced/Out-of-Field column.</li> </ul> <p>3 or Less Years Experienced AND Outside of Certification Area Flag: If([Out of Field]="Y" And [Inexperienced]="Y","Y","N")</p>
<p>Additional Information South Dakota will provide according to the amended State Plan: The district and school report cards provide information about teachers and administrators. The report cards help paint a picture of teacher effectiveness including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of teachers</li> <li>Average years of experience</li> <li>Highest degrees attained by educators</li> </ul> <p>Report cards will include information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of teachers teaching outside their area of certification</li> <li>Number of teachers teaching on Special Permits</li> <li>Number of teachers within their first three years in the classroom</li> </ul> <p>The rates of teachers in each of these categories will be examined by the state to ensure that Title I schools do not have disproportionate rates.</p>		
Provisional or Temporary cert	State District School?	<p>Provisional or Temporary Column = Y.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Teachers Column and FTE of Provisional/Temporary Column.</li> </ul>
Alternative Certification and Educator Permit	State District School	<p>Alt Cert or Permit for Teachers Column = Y.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> </ul> <p>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Teachers Column and FTE of Alt Cert or Permit Column.</p>
Certified teachers	State District School	<p>Certified Flag Column = Y.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Teachers Column and FTE of Certified Teachers Column.</li> </ul>

Highest degree earned	State District School	Highest degree by type; Disaggregate by No Degree/Unknown, Associate, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, Specialist. Headcounts are used as denominator; number of degrees by degree type is numerator. Reported by headcount to the hundredth.
<b>Certified for ENL</b> is a person who is fully certified in English as a Second Language	State District School	English as a Second Language (ESL) Only Teacher ="Y" OR Dual English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Content ="Y"; <b>-Use the results of the above query as fields in the below query-</b> Out of Field = "N" OR Certified Flag ="Y" AND Required Dual-Certification Flag = "Y" AND Authorized Flag = "N"
<b>Non-authorized for ENL</b> is a person holding an active certificate but is not authorized to teach English as a Second Language	State District School	English as a Second Language (ESL) Only Teacher ="Y" OR Dual English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Content ="Y"; <b>-Use the results of the above query as fields in the below query-</b> Certified Flag ="Y" AND Required Dual-Certification Flag ="N" OR Certified Flag = "Y" AND Required Dual-Certification Flag <> "Y" AND Authorized Flag ="N"
<b>Non-certified ENL</b> is a person who does not hold a certificate as a teacher and is not certified for any assignments	State District School	English as a Second Language (ESL) Only Teacher ="Y" OR Dual English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Content ="Y"; <b>-Use the results of the above query as fields in the below query-</b> Certified Flag = "N"

Image of the Teacher Qualifications Data in report card:

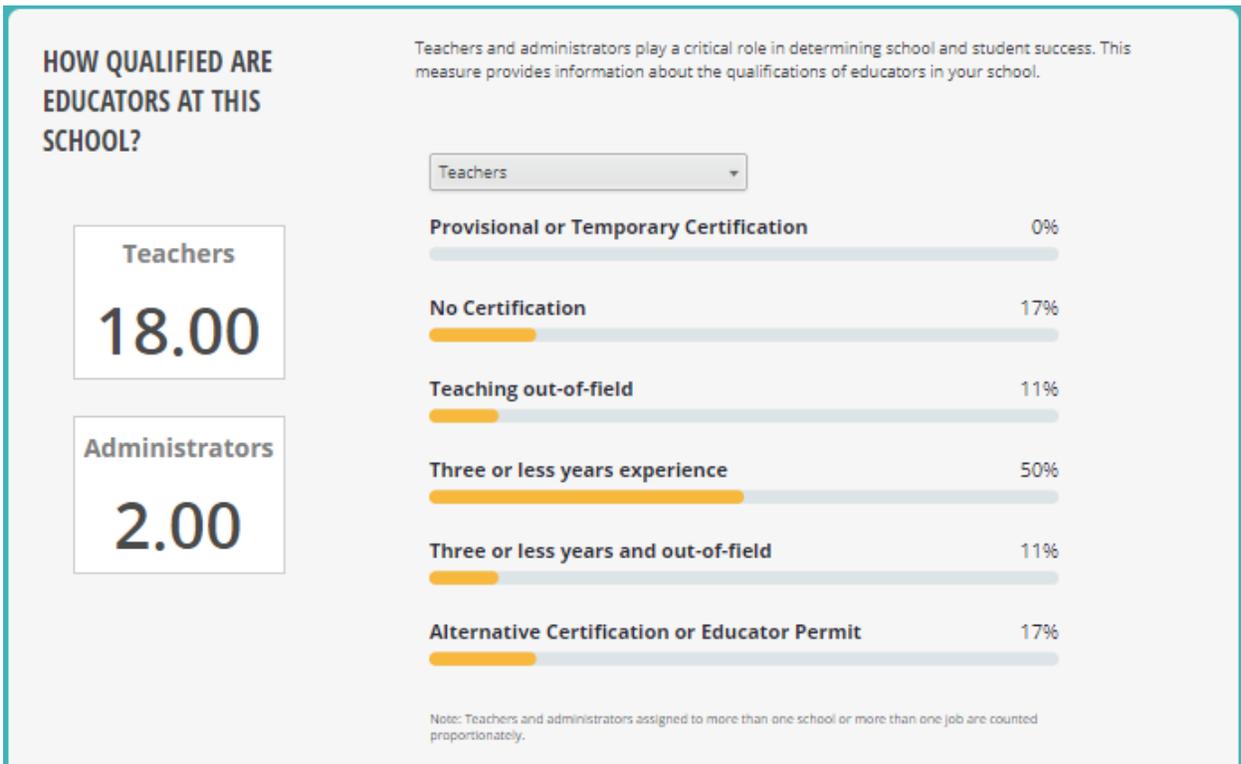
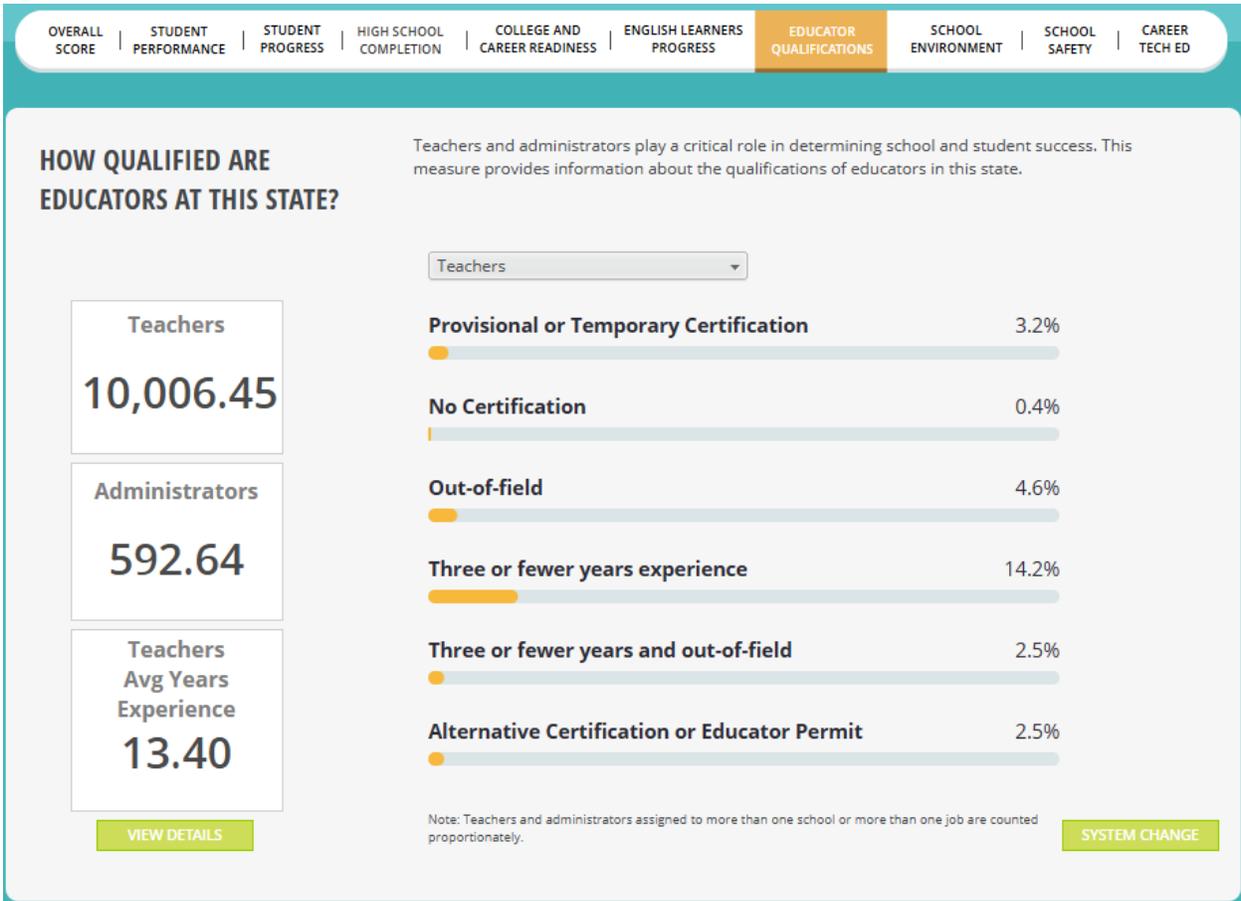
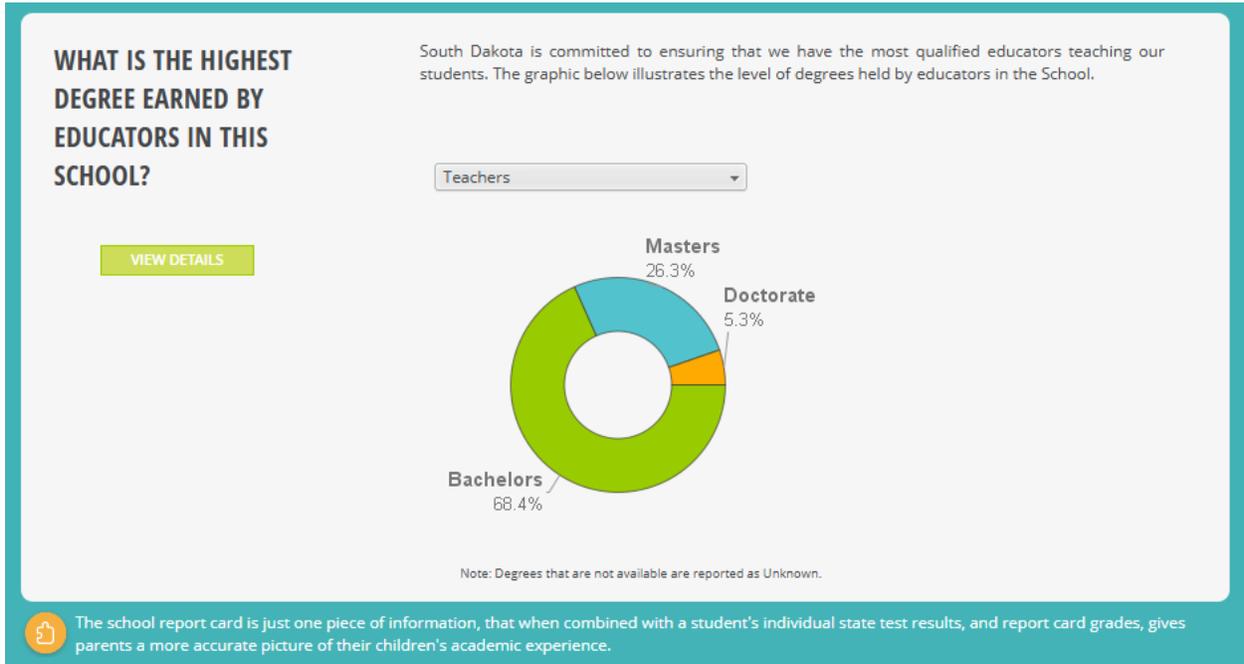


Image of the highest degree earned by degree type in the 2024-25 report card:



**Administrator Qualifications.**

The following data elements are reported on the Report Card. Data are pulled from the Staffing Table.

Data Element	Reporting Level	Business Rule (number and rate reported)
Schools Removed	State District School	If Schools Removed column = Y, then do not include.
Number of administrators	State District School	Total FTE of administrator table and round to the nearest hundredth. Number of full-time equivalent KG-12 admin positions to the nearest hundredth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All administrators by FTE                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Column - FTE Percent for the Teacher/Admin Assignment                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Total the FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Inexperienced (3 or less yrs.)	State District School	Inexperienced Administrator column = Y. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>• Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Administrators Column and FTE of Inexperienced column.</li> </ul>
Out-of-Field	State District School	Out-of-Field Column = Y. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>• Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Administrators Column and FTE of Out-of-Field column.</li> </ul>

Inexperienced & Out of field	State District School	<p>Inexperienced and Out-of-Field column = Y. Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Administrators Column and FTE of Inexperienced/Out-of-Field column.</li> </ul> <p>3 or Less Years Experienced AND Outside of Certification Area Flag: If([Out of Field]="Y" And [Inexperienced]="Y","Y","N")</p>
Provisional or Temporary Cert	State District School?	<p>Provisional or Temporary Column = Y.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Administrators Column and FTE of Provisional or Temporary Cert column.</li> </ul>

Data Element	Reporting Level	Business Rule (number and rate reported)
Alternative Certification and CEU Educator Permit	State District School	<p>Alternative Certification or CEO column = Y. Total FTE and round to the hundredth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> </ul> <p>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Administrators Column and FTE of Alternative Certification or CEO column</p>
Certified Administrators	State District School	<p>Certified Flag Column = Y. Total FTE and round to the hundredth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total FTE and round to the nearest hundredth.</li> <li>Determine percentage based on FTE of Number of Administrators Column and FTE of Certified Administrators Column.</li> </ul>
Highest degree earned	State District School	<p>Highest degree by type; Disaggregate by No Degree/Unknown, Associate, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, Specialist. Headcounts used for denominator; number of degrees by degree type is numerator. Reported by headcount percentage to the tenth.</p>

# Chapter Six: School Safety

**School Safety**

South Dakota has made it a priority to ensure that our schools are safe learning environments for all students. Every school district is required to provide data to the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), which is a biennial (i.e., every other school year) survey mandated by the United States Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR). South Dakota reports Advanced Placement enrollment, preschool enrollment, chronic absenteeism, and many school safety metrics from this data. The school safety table below consists of data elements reported on the report card’s school safety page.

<b>Data Element</b>	<b>Description</b>
In School Suspensions	Number of students who received one or more in-school suspensions.
Out-of-School Suspensions	Number of students who received one or more out-of-school suspensions
Expulsions	Number of students who received an expulsion without educational services
Incidents of Violence	Number of students reported as harassed or bullied on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.
Law Enforcement Referrals	Number of students referred to a law enforcement agency or official.
Arrests	Number of students who received a school-related arrest.

**Data Preparation**

The full CRDC data set is released by the OCR two years after the data collection. The data is school level; therefore, accountability business rules are NOT applied to this data. Implementation of accountability business rules requires student-level information. District and state level data is reported by aggregating the school-level information using only those schools receiving a report card through the accountability system in the current report card year.

# Chapter Seven: Long Term Goals

## **South Dakota Department of Education Accountability Goals**

### **I. Long Term Goals**

The SDDOE worked with its Technical Advisory Committee, Regional Education Lab partners, and experts from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) to re-evaluate the state's long- and interim accountability goals to better align with the ultimate aspiration that all students leave the K-12 system college, career and life ready, and incorporating the following milestones:

- Students enter 4<sup>th</sup> grade proficient in reading.
- Students enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade proficient in mathematics.
- Native American students experience increased academic success, and the performance gap for this population will be closed.
- Students graduate high school ready for postsecondary and the workforce.

At the outset, the SDDOE has set a preliminary trajectory for where it wants the educational system to be in 13 years, when the fall cohort of kindergarteners is ready to leave the educational system. The long-term goals will not be reset. However, every 13 years, the state will evaluate the goals holistically in assessing how well schools performed in meeting their trajectories.

### **II. Interim Goals**

Inherent in the design is a system of continuous improvement for all students and all schools. Interim progress goals are set to both: ensure that all groups are expected to grow or maintain proficiency levels and set the expectation that those student groups and schools with the lowest levels of proficiency will grow more quickly as they work to close the performance gap.

#### **Goals by Indicator**

##### **A. Long Term Goals – Student Performance**

These goals are aspirational in nature and are directly aligned to the above goals such that in 2032-33, 100 percent of students will be proficient in English language arts and mathematics, detailed as:

- 100 percent of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will demonstrate proficiency on the statewide summative English language arts assessment, regardless of subgroup membership.
- 100 percent of 8<sup>th</sup> graders will show proficiency on the statewide summative mathematics assessment, regardless of subgroup membership.
- There will no longer be a performance gap as measured by graduation or proficiency rates for our Native American student population.

##### **B. Interim Goals – Student Performance**

In this trajectory of milestone years and grades, 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades are slated as the five and ten -year markers in a student’s educational experience and serve as key markers in the state’s continuous improvement model. Interim targets are aligned to these grade expectations:

- In five years (2024-25), the proficiency expectation will be that all student groups, schools, and subgroups will demonstrate both mathematics and English language arts proficiency levels equal to the all-students performance percentage as measured at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of public schools on the 2018 summative assessment.
- In ten years (2029-30), the proficiency expectation will be that all students group, subgroups, and schools will demonstrate both mathematics and English language arts proficiency levels equal to the all-students performance percentage as measured at the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of public schools on the 2018 summative assessment.
- Goals are set with the expectation that all student groups and subgroups will perform at these levels with the intent that in 2032-33, the aspirational goal is that All Students will demonstrate both English language arts and mathematics proficiency.

For schools performing above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile, respectively, interim goal targets will be set to meet the next milestone. A school’s trajectory will be reset at five and ten-years to align with annual targets each school will need to hit to meet the next milestone.

Goals are set to ensure that all groups are expected to grow or maintain proficiency levels and set the expectation that those student groups and schools with the lowest levels of proficiency will grow more quickly as they work to close the performance gap. The aspirational goal is such that there will be no performance gap, but that all groups of students will be performing at the same level.

**Example of Calculation of Student Achievement Progress Goals and Annual Targets – Mathematics**

<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Goal: 2017-18 50th Percentile proficient</b>	<b>School's 2017-18 proficient</b>	<b>Annual Increase to reach 50th Percentile</b>	<b>Year 1 Target</b>	<b>Year 2 Target</b>	<b>Year 3 Target</b>	<b>Year 4 Target</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
All Students	50.00%	40.00%	2.00%	42.00%	44.00%	46.00%	48.00%	50.00%
Subgroup A	50.00%	7.00%	8.60%	15.60%	24.20%	32.80%	41.40%	50.00%
Subgroup B	50.00%	15.00%	7.00%	22.00%	29.00%	36.00%	43.00%	50.00%

C. Long Term Goals – On-Time Graduation

Baseline data were set with the 2017-18 cohort graduation rates. The long-term goals are aligned to the state’s goals such that in 2032-33:

- 100 percent of students will graduate on time.
- There will no longer be a performance gap as measured by graduation or proficiency rates for South Dakota’s Native American student population.

D. Interim Goals – On-Time Graduation

Interim goals set for On-Time Graduation are seven and twelve years and serve as key markers in the state’s goal system. Interim targets are aligned to these expectations:

- In seven years (2024-25), the expectation will be that the all-students group, subgroups and schools will demonstrate graduation rates equal to the all-students graduation rate as measured at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of public schools in 2017.
- In 12 years (2029-30), the expectation will be that the all-students group, subgroups and schools will demonstrate graduation rates equal to the all-students graduation rate as measured at the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of public schools in 2017.
- Goals are set with the expectation that the all-students group and subgroups will graduate in 2032-33, the aspirational goal is that all students will graduate on time.

For schools performing above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile, respectively, interim goal targets will be set to meet the next steppingstone. A school’s trajectory will be reset at the five and ten -year marks to align with what yearly targets each school will need to hit to meet the next milestone.

**Example of Calculation of Graduation Rate Progress Goals and Annual Targets**

<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Goal: 2017-18 50th Percentile Grad. rate</b>	<b>School's 2017-18 Grad. rate</b>	<b>Annual Increase to reach 50th Percentile</b>	<b>Year 1 Target</b>	<b>Year 2 Target</b>	<b>Year 3 Target</b>	<b>Year 4 Target</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
All Students	90.00%	87.05%	0.59%	87.64%	88.23%	88.82%	89.41%	90.00%
Subgroup A	90.00%	82.00%	1.60%	83.60%	85.20%	86.80%	88.40%	90.00%
Subgroup B	90.00%	89.50%	0.10%	89.60%	89.70%	89.80%	89.90%	90.00%

**E. Long-Term ELP Goals – English Learners Progress (state, district, school-level)**

South Dakota’s overall goals for English Learners progress will use baseline data beginning with the 2016-17 assessment results. The 2017-18 assessment results will be re-examined to ensure that targets remain appropriate.

The long-term goals for ELP are 100 percent of students will be on track to exit ELP status on time by 2032-33. Inherent in the design is a system of continuous improvement for all students and all schools. Every 13 years, the state will evaluate the goals holistically in assessing how well schools performed in meeting their trajectories.

**F. Interim ELP Goals**

Similar to milestone years for Student Performance goals, 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades are interim targets in a student’s educational experience and serve as key markers in the state’s goal system. Interim targets are:

- In seven years (2024-25), the expectation will be that all schools will demonstrate at least 50 percent progress towards meeting ELP proficiency expectations.
- In 12 years (2029-30), the expectation will be that all schools will demonstrate at least 75 percent progress towards meeting ELP proficiency expectations.
- Goals are set with the expectation that All Students will be on track to exit EL status on time by the 2032-33 school year.

For schools performing above 50 percent progress and 75 percent progress, respectively, towards meeting ELP proficiency expectations, interim goal targets will be set to meet the next steppingstone. A school’s trajectory will be reset at the five and ten -year marks to align with yearly targets each school will need to hit to meet the next milestone.

**Example of Calculation of English Language Proficiency (ELP) Rate Progress**

**Goals and Annual Targets**

School	2017-18 50th Percentile ELP rate	School's 2017-18 ELP rate	Annual Increase to reach 50th Percentile	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target
Lewis Elementary	50.00%	23.00%	5.40%	28.40%	33.80%	39.20%	44.60%	50.00%
Snyder Elementary	50.00%	45.00%	1.00%	46.00%	47.00%	48.00%	49.00%	50.00%

# Chapter Eight: School Support Identification, Classifications and Supports

**School Support Identification**

Schools are identified for one of the following four categories of support on an annual basis.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Support</b> All schools not identified for extra support</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)</b> Schools with subgroups that are performing in the bottom quartile of each statewide subgroup across all eligible indicators over three years</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)</b> TSI Schools with federally defined subgroups that are performing no better than the schools designated for the bottom 5% of Title I schools whose SPI score is at or below the bottom 5% using the results of the SPI.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)</b> Title I school whose SPI score is at or below the bottom 5% OR High schools with On Time Graduation Rate below 67% OR Title I ATSI schools not meeting exit criteria within four years of identification</p>

**Comprehensive Support and Improvement**

In accordance with ESSA, the South Dakota Department of Education (SDDOE) will identify the lowest-performing five percent of public Title I schools as CSI based on the results of the School Performance Index<sup>1</sup> (SPI) indicators. Also, the SDDOE will examine the four-year cohort graduation rates of all public high schools in the state. Those public high schools that do not graduate at least one-third of their students will be identified as CSI. Additionally, any Title I school identified as ATSI that does not meet the exit criteria within a 4-year period will be designated as CSI. Schools that are identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement will not be identified for Targeted Support and Improvement.

**Targeted Support and Improvement**

Comparing like subgroups will ensure the lowest performing subgroups throughout the state are being identified for support. Subgroups for schools identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement will be removed prior to ranking the performance of each subgroup.

The SDDOE will start by looking at Full Academic Year (FAY) subgroup N size of the current tested year to determine if the subgroup meets the N size of 10 per SPI indicator. Then the DOE will look at subgroup performance in all eligible indicators over the most recent three years for all subgroups in the state,

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<sup>1</sup> SPI indicators for elementary and middle schools are student performance, student progress, English Learners progress, and attendance; high school indicators are student performance, high school completion, on-time graduation, college and career readiness, English Learners progress (see Calculation Guide for more details)

ranking the performance for each subgroup. Schools with one or more subgroup(s) in the bottom quartile will be designated a Targeted Support and Improvement School. Only subgroups performing below the state's average for each eligible indicator will be identified for Targeted Support and Improvement.

#### Additional Targeted Support and Improvement

From the list of schools with consistently underperforming subgroups (TSI schools), any public school with a federally defined subgroup performing no better than the schools designated for the bottom 5% of Title I schools in that academic year using the results of the SPI will be designated for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement. Only those subgroups with 10 or more students in the current school year will be used to identify underperformance.

#### Exit Criteria for Comprehensive Support and Improvement

Schools identified as CSI will have a **period of four years** to improve their performance. Exit Criteria are:

- School is no longer in the **bottom 5% of overall SPI points; Graduation rate is above 67%**; and/or subgroup performance has improved.
- School performance on **all SPI indicators** over the period of designation demonstrate a positive overall trajectory.
- School **demonstrated improvement on the identified prioritized need(s)**, as agreed between the School Success Facilitator and the school based on the results of the comprehensive needs assessment conducted in the first year of designation.

#### Exit Criteria for Targeted Support and Improvement

Schools identified as TSI have a **period of two years** to improve the performance of underperforming identified subgroup(s). Exit Criteria are:

- School no longer meets the definition under which it was identified as TSI.

#### Exit Criteria for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement

Schools identified as ATSI have a **period of two years** to improve the performance of underperforming subgroup(s). Exit Criteria are:

- School no longer meets the definition under which it was identified as TSI.
- Subgroup SPI indicator that led to the initial designation demonstrates a positive overall trajectory.

#### Administrative Rules Reference for School Support Identification when Ed Structure for school or district changes include the below rules.

Administrative Rule 24:55:08:01. Public school or district changing grade span or physical status. A public school or public school district that proposes to change its grade span or physical building capacity must submit a request to the SDDOE to explain the reasons for the proposed change. The

SDDOE shall review the request and either approve or deny. Regardless of changes made in student population, a school identified as a comprehensive support and improvement, or targeted support and improvement school is not eligible for a new accountability status while in the identified classification.

Administrative Rule 24:55:08:02. Students attending public school or district in first year of operation -- Included in accountability classification. Students attending a public school district in its first year of operation are included in the accountability classification at the public-school level.

Administrative Rule 24:55:08:03. Accountability classification determination starts with first year of operation. Accountability classifications for new public schools are made by the SDDOE within their first year of operation.

Administrative Rule 24:55:08:04. Public school boundaries altered -- Prior academic progress goals and targets recalculated. If a public school district that has two or more attendance centers per grade span changes boundaries such that at least 50 percent of the student population of the attendance center, or students in the grade spans assessed in that attendance center, moved and have been replaced with students from another attendance center within the district:

1. The academic progress goals and targets of the affected public schools shall be recalculated using the methodology in § 24:55:05:03 and shall be applied for the remaining years of the current cycle; and

2. If one or more of the affected schools has been classified as a comprehensive support and improvement school, the classification shall be removed by the SDDOE, notwithstanding the provisions of § 24:55:04:06.

Administrative Rule 24:55:08:05. School district consolidation -- Prior academic progress goals and targets recalculated. If two or more public school districts consolidate under the provisions of SDCL chapter 13-6:

1. The academic progress goals and targets of the affected public schools shall be recalculated using the methodology in § 24:55:05:03 and shall be applied for the remaining years of the current cycle; and

2. If one or more of the affected schools has been classified as a comprehensive support and improvement school, the classification shall be removed by the SDDOE, notwithstanding the provisions of § 24:55:04:06.

# Chapter Nine: Preparing the Data

**Preparing the Data**

Accountability and SPI determinations are required for all public districts and schools in South Dakota. The state’s Student Information Management System (SIMS) (Infinite Campus) is used to collect the data for public school districts as well as private and BIE districts within the state. It is therefore necessary to designate business rules for pulling only the public-school student data out of Infinite Campus.

Within Infinite Campus are different sort codes for the districts and the schools. We use the sort codes along with the state funding codes (or enrollment status) that are found on the enrollment tab to help create business rules for including or excluding students.

In general, most students in public school districts will count at the state level, at their attending district, and at their attending school. However, there are some exceptions in which public school students being served at a non-public facility or program need to be counted at their resident district and at the state levels.

**Enrollment Record Rules**

The below rules are based on the May 1 enrollment record for the student. For all references to dates in this manual, if the date is on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will apply.

**Y** = Yes

**N** = No

**A** = Attending District

**R** = Resident District

For students enrolled in public school districts (district type 10) as of May 1:

Students enrolled >50% in Public School Districts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Default to All Students counted at their Attending School, Attending District and State Level</li> </ul>	includeInState = ‘Y’ includeInDistrict=‘A’ includeInSchool = ‘Y’
<p><u>EXCEPTIONS:</u></p>	
Student enrollments at the following schools within a public district are excluded completely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School numbers 61 &amp; 88 (JDC’s - students will have another enrollment record at their resident districts where they will be counted. If the student does not have a subsequent enrollment, the student will count at the state only). <b>**Exception –</b> Parkston Our Home is coded with a school number of 88 but is NOT a JDC.</li> <li>• School number 99 (alternative instruction students)</li> </ul>	includeInState = ‘N’ includeInDistrict=‘N’ includeInSchool = ‘N’
Exclude Foreign Exchange Students, Citizenship Status =2	includeInState = ‘N’ includeInDistrict=‘N’ includeInSchool = ‘N’

<p>Exclude All Students in district ID 36001 <i>(this is a dummy district (Alpena) used for testing)</i></p> <p><i>Effective with the 2025/26 school year, Alpena School District no longer exists in the Infinite Campus State Edition. Removed with our migration to the Infinite Campus Cloud.</i></p>	<p>includeInState = 'N' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'</p>
<p>All Students in District 49005, School Number 64 should be included in the state numbers only (the State Penitentiary)</p>	<p>includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'</p>
<p>Exclude all Summer School Enrollments School numbers 69, 95, and 98</p>	<p>includeInState = 'N' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'</p>
<p>Exclude All Students with Funding Code of B</p>	<p>includeInState = 'N' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'</p>
<p>Students with State Funding Code of E, J, or R These students are included at the State Level only</p>	<p>includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'</p>
<p>When student is a South Dakota resident and the funding code is P or T, exclude from the school level but count at State and Resident district *<u>Exception</u>: Cheyenne (20302)/Eagle Butte (20001) rule below</p>	<p>includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'N'</p>
<p>If Attending District is 49002 (Brandon Valley) and the funding code is T, exclude from the school level but count at State and Resident district (School for the Deaf students)</p>	<p>includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'N'</p>
<p>Students with State Funding Code of G: Whole Grade Sharing in District 26002 (Burke and South Central). <i>*Note: Students from South Central in grades 6-12 attend school in Burke. South Central students in grades 6-12 count toward Burke's accountability calculations. Burke will be responsible for assessment. For census count, they are counted in Burke – counted where they serve. For state aid, count in South Central. Child count, in South Central.</i></p> <p><i>Effective with the 2025/26 school year, Whole Grade Sharing is also occurring between the Bowdle and Edmunds Central School Districts.</i></p>	<p>includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='A' includeInSchool = 'Y'  *Note that the Attending School in this case is Burke.</p>
<p>If Resident District is out of state but the Attending district type is 10, count them at state, district, and school level</p>	<p>includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='Y' includeInSchool = 'Y'</p>
<p>If resident district is out of state but the attending district is type 10 and the funding code is P or T then count at state, district, and school level</p>	<p>includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='Y' includeInSchool = 'Y'</p>

If attending District ID is 20302, Resident District is 20001 and State Funding Code is T, student will count at the Resident District (20001 Eagle Butte)	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'Y'
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For student in SPED out-of-district placement (district type 10, school ID 97):

If attending school ID is 97, the students' enrollment type will be N: SPED out-of-district. (See Data Management Desk Guide). For Type N enrollment, a check will be run to look for concurrent enrollments for N with exit code 04 within the Grad and Completer Rosters.	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'N'
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For students in Non-Public districts (district type 20):

Students with State Funding Code of E or J, Include at the State Level only	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'
Students whose funding code is <u>not</u> E, J, or P are excluded	includeInState = 'N' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'
When the funding code is P, exclude from the school level but count at State and Resident district	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'N'

For student in tribal districts (district type 30):

If attending District ID is 20302, Resident District is 20001 and State Funding Code is T, student will count at the Resident District (20001 Eagle Butte)	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'Y'
All other students that attend tribal districts and are not public-school students are excluded.	includeInState = 'N' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'

For students in Cooperative/Multi-districts (district type 40), Special Population districts (district type 60), Community Support Providers (district type 70), and Alternative Programs (district type 90):

Students whose funding code is not E, J, or P are excluded completely	includeInState = 'N' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'
Students whose funding code is E or J are excluded from the district and school count but included at the State	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'
When the funding code is P, then exclude from the school level but count at State and Resident district	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'N'

For students in State Special Schools (district type 80) e.g., School for the Blind:

Students whose funding code is not E, J, or W are excluded completely	includeInState = 'N' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'
Students whose funding code is E or J are excluded from the district and school count but included at the State	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'
Students who are attending SD School for the Blind and whose funding code is "W" are included at the State level and at their Resident district, not at the school level	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'N'

For out-of-state students:

If the attending district ID starts with 99 (e.g., '99xxx') then the student is excluded completely	includeInState = 'N' includeInDistrict='N' includeInSchool = 'N'
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For out-of-state students in Cooperative/Multi-districts (district type 40):

When the funding code is P, then exclude from the school level but count at State and Resident district (Iowa out of state students)	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'N'
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For students enrolled with an enrollment type N (SPED placement, out-of-district):

If a student is enrolled with an enrollment type N in addition to or in lieu of a primary enrollment type P, a check should be run to ensure that essential information, such as graduation or exiting from high school, is captured in the data even if that information is noted as a part of students' non-primary enrollment	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'N'
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For students enrolled with an enrollment type S (Partial enrollment):

If a student is enrolled with an enrollment type S in addition to enrollment type P, a check should be run to ensure that essential information, such as graduation or exiting from high school, is captured in the data even if that information is noted as a part of students' non-primary enrollment	includeInState = 'Y' includeInDistrict='R' includeInSchool = 'Y'
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NOTE: Once appeals are completed, the SDDOE will work with vendor to handle coding exceptions

## Data Management

### Assessment Procedures

- In December/January/February of each school year the Data Management (DM) Office prepares pre-id files for the SD-ELP -SD-ELP ALT (English Learners assessments) and South Dakota Alternate Assessments based on the specifications and file layouts received from the Assessment Office via Data Request forms. For the South Dakota Assessments, pre-id files are created through nightly extract process that was developed. The extracts come from SD-STARS and are passed to the South Dakota Assessments vendor.
- After the test administration period has ended, each vendor provides the Assessment Office a “results file.” The Assessment Office reviews and saves each file to a predetermined Assessment folder on the N: Drive where DM reviews and cleans the file before placing a final file to the same folder for Assessment Office approval. Once approved, the Assessment Office informs SD-STARS Team that the results files are ready for loading. This is considered the final data.
- All results files are loaded into SD-STARS.
- Once eMetric has finalized their data, DM prepares an additional results file for each assessment for BIE and places it on the BIE SFTP site.
- DM begins the process of loading the student scores to Infinite Campus-State Edition (ICSE), then pushing them down to each student’s record in Infinite Campus-District Edition (ICDE).

### Preparing Test Results for Infinite Campus

- Prior to the opening of the test windows, DM staff create the Test Setups within ICSE. These test structures are used to upload the test results to IC. There are individual Test Setups for each of the student assessments given each year.
- DM receives and saves Data Request Forms including file specification documents from the Assessment Office who receive final assessment results files from various vendors based on the assessment type.
- DM opens and saves each file to a working EXCEL database and cleans each file based on the file specs, to include but not limited to identifying any duplicate records which go to the DA for adjudication, confirmation of filled and accurate data elements, i.e. gender, race, and another program match.
- Once approved, DM loads the test results for each given assessment to the ICSE and then pushes down the test results to each student’s record on the District Edition of Infinite Campus.

### Misidentified EL Students Procedures

Data Management works with Title III staff to examine English Learners student records as needed to see if there are students who are misidentified as EL. These procedures are:

- DM works with Title III director to validate EL student roster and identify students who were misidentified by districts (ongoing throughout the school year)
- Per Title III staff, DM will correct the information in the student record in Infinite Campus
- For Accountability purposes, Title III/DM will provide a list of misidentified students to Accountability to use for validation of report card data (rosters)
- Accountability provides a list of misidentified students in the Overrides file for the vendor to make changes in the data results files used for reporting data in the report card.

# Chapter Ten: Timeline and Appeals Process

### Setting the Report Card Timeline

The new Every Student Succeeds Act Law requires states to report more than 2,000 data points in Accountability Report Cards. The Accountability Report Card requires cooperation from multiple vendors, multiple department teams, districts, and schools to be successful. The first step of establishing cooperation is to set a timeline that has key dates and tasks. This timeline is a high-level document that is disseminated to all parties involved with the Accountability Report Card and throughout the SDDOE.

### Things to Consider

Key considerations for creating the annual report card timeline are listed below.

#### 1. Timeline for Data Loads

- Per SD Administrative Rule 24:17:03:02: School districts are required to have their year-end data finalized no later than the 2nd Friday in June of each year. Then Data Management and the PRF Teams review the data and work with districts to resolve any outstanding items. Typically, it takes an additional 2-week to verify and validate the data in Infinite Campus and PRF are correct.
- Assessment files come from various vendors. Typically, this isn't until late-June, early-July. Sometimes the assessment files have errors like wrong scores or missing students. Therefore, the timeline should consider a deadline for loading corrected assessment data **OR** the SDDOE must decide that the first file is the final file.
- Growth calculations cannot be done until after the assessment files are loaded into SD-STARS. This is because an extract of the SD-STARS assessment data is used to produce the growth calculations.

#### 2. Beginning of the School Year

Districts are very busy in mid-August through the end of September. In addition to the workings of a school to start a new school year with new staff, new students, and new systems, schools also are required to report key data to the SDDOE needed for State Aid and to comply with state statutes.

One key district stakeholder is the STARS Account Manager (SAM). These people are responsible for assigning the accountability permissions to their districts' users. Many of the SAMs are school or district secretaries that are off during the summer and don't return until August. If the report card is released during the summer or before the SAMs come back to the district, it can cause problems for districts users who need to review the data.

The beginning of a new academic year is also busy for key teams at the SDDOE.

- Data Management monitors, supports, and validates that the data for the new school year is correctly entered. They also offer beginning-of-the-year trainings to districts.
- SD-STARS Team rolls over the SD-STARS system to the new school year on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This takes a few weeks to confirm and validate.

### 3. Work Schedules

When considering the timeline, consider district staff and SDDOE staff work schedules. A few things to note:

- SDDOE and district staff typically do not work on weekends.
- Many district staff do not work during June-August. These staff only have 9-month contracts. They include principals, school secretaries, counselors, and more.
- Friday releases cause issues with how to handle user tickets/issues (ex: locked out, forgotten passwords) over the weekend. Consider non-Friday releases if possible.

There are conferences that occur during the typical report card release schedule that affect the availability of the SDDOE and key district/school personnel. These dates should be considered.

- CTE Conference – Typically the last Monday-Tuesday of July. Attendees include teachers as well as school and district administrators.
- ASBSD/SASD – Typically the first or second Thursday-Friday of August. Attendees include school and district administrators and school boards.
- Labor Day – The first Monday in September.

### **Data Accuracy and Sign Off with Districts**

The SDDOE sends out the annual End of Year Signoff form with instructions to districts in early May as a requirement for districts to finalize their schools' data in several database systems (Infinite Campus, PRF and Perkins). These database systems close on the second Friday of June each year. The SDDOE uses these database systems as the data source for state and federal reports (report cards, EdFacts, Title programs, etc.).

### **End of Year Checklist and Memo for Districts**

In preparation for the end of the year, the SDDOE sends to districts three documents:

- Memo
- Checklist
- Directions for assigning the Accountability Permissions in SD-STARS

The end of year checklist process is as follows:

1. Districts submit their electronic signed documents through the [DOE.Accountability@state.sd.us](mailto:DOE.Accountability@state.sd.us)
2. Accountability sends those emails/attached documents to the administrator of the Office of Data Management.
3. Data Management tracks the schools that submitted and those that have not by the deadline in an Excel file. The Office Administrator will log the Year-End Checklists as received on the Year-End Tracking Spreadsheet located at: N:\0\_Accountability\2025-26\Year End Sign Off\0-Tracking Spreadsheet.
4. Once logged in – the Office Administrator will place the Year-End Checklists in the folder 1-Received and Ready for Review located at: N:\0\_Accountability\2025-26\Year End Sign Off\1-Received and Ready for Review. Data Management staff will be going into that folder regularly to grab the Year-End Checklists and review them against the data found in Infinite Campus for completeness.
5. Once the Infinite Campus data is considered complete, the Data Management staff who reviewed the district, will rename the file in this format: (JM Alcester-Hudson DONE 5-18-.pdf) and save the Year-End Checklist to the folder 2-Verified and Complete located at N:\0\_Accountability\2025/26\Year End Sign Off\2-Verified and Complete.
6. Other DOE staff (CTE, PRF, and SDSTARS) will regularly check the 0-Tracking Spreadsheet for districts who have submitted their Year-End Checklist and will review their respective system to make sure the district has completed what they need to for their program area. When each respective office considers their areas complete, they will update the Tracking Spreadsheet with a C = Complete in their respective column of the spreadsheet.
7. The Accountability Office can check the Tracking Spreadsheet at any given time to see who has and has not submitted their Checklist. The Accountability Office will communicate with those districts who have failed to submit the Year-End Checklist by the deadline.

End of Year Updates Relevant to the SDDOE Offices and Program Teams

- Office of Data Management – information relevant to Infinite Campus and EdStructures,
- Title Program Managers
- PRF Manager - Certification Office
- CTE Team - Perkins data manager
- SD-STARS Team (provide updated information on how to assign the accountability permissions)

### **Formal Appeals**

The SDDOE follows state administrative rules to establish timelines for district to review, validate and as needed, to appeal student level data in the report card (Administrative Rule 24:55:09:01).

Districts may submit formal appeals for student demographic flags, unique situations and data that are not accurate. The SDDOE will share a “Things to check” document with districts at the start of the appeals window. The SDDOE will not approve appeals for student attendance data nor student race/ethnicity.

### **Private Report Card Release to Districts and Appeals Process**

The SDDOE determines and releases the preliminary Accountability/SPI determinations for all districts and schools (see timeline table below). *Within 10 business days of the initial private release of the report card*, the district/school reviews its data and may challenge student level data based on documentation that a student’s data should or should not be counted in the accountability indicator calculation/s that determines SPI points. The Accountability office provides a set of concise instructions for districts and schools to appeal indicator data and responds directly to report card and appeals questions by phone or through email ([DOE.Accountability@state.sd.us](mailto:DOE.Accountability@state.sd.us)).

*Within 30 calendar days of the closing of the appeals window, the SDDOE is tasked with reviewing all appeals and making final Accountability/SPI determinations.* Accountability Office works with vendor to make the final changes to the Accountability Report Cards and validate SPI points for each school.

### **Releasing the Accountability Report Card**

The Accountability office coordinates the release of the Accountability Report Card to the public with the SDDOE’s Communications office and BIT. When possible, we try to ensure that districts have time to share annual report cards with their school boards a few days prior to the public release.

### **Communication Process**

The SDDOE will establish a communication plan that outlines when these determinations will be released so that both districts and the SDDOE can make internal personnel work schedule arrangements and districts can determine their own communication strategies. Tentative release dates will be announced prior to the end of the school year.

#### **SY 2025-2026 ARC Timeline (updated: 03/17/2026)**

**January 19-23, 2026:** 2025-2026 Enhancements defined, approved, and entered as tickets

**January 26 – March 20, 2026:** NAEP test window

**January 27 – February 27, 2026:** SD-ELP/SD-ELP-Alt test window

**January 27 – February 27, 2026:** Review ELP Domain Exemptions with Title III, SPED and Accountability

**January/February 2026:** Start on AYP Schools/Master Spreadsheet

**February 2026:** Accountability shares timeline with ARC Subgroup and Leadership for final approval

**February 2026:** Accountability shares updated ARC Tech Manual with ARC Subgroup and Leadership for final approval

**February 2026:** Accountability compiles the list of the 2025-2026 Reporting Schools in the Master Schools Spreadsheet

**February 2026:** Make reservations for LGR

**March 2026:** Accountability starts review and update of ARC documents.

**March 9 – April 24, 2026:** SD-ELA-Alt and SD-Math-Alt (MSAA) test window

**March 13, 2026:** SD-STARS provides drop out data

**March 13, 2026:** SD-STARS provides ACT data for the CCR Indicator

**March 13, 2026:** SPED office provides child counts

**March 13, 2026:** Department staff provide any changes needed for the year-end sign off document

**March 20, 2026:** MicroStrategy upgrade completed in all environments of SD-STARS and Public Report Card

**March 27, 2026:** Fall Enrollment Rate/diversity/subgroup data completed/validation

**March 30 – May 8, 2026:** SD-ELA, SD-Math, SD-Science and SD-Science-Alt (Cambium) test window

**March 30 – April 3, 2026:** DOE Title III receives SD-ELP data for validation

**April 1, 2026:** Scope of work finalized to account for any approved changes

**April 10, 2026:** OES/Accountability compiles an initial graduation roster provides list of potential cohort adjustments to Data Management

**April 17, 2026:** Initial CCR data calculations completed/validated by SDDOE; Endorsement data is audited for added coursework readiness measure (data issues reported to Data Management in the Diploma Endorsements data)

**May 2026:** Title III pull down 5.0 exiters

**May 4, 2026:** End of Year Sign off to Districts is sent

**May 15, 2026:** Misidentified, medical exemptions for SD-ELP/SD-ELP Alt overrides for OtisEd reviewed by Title III

**May 15, 2026:** Medical exemptions for all math, ELA, and science assessments reviewed by Accountability

**May 15, 2026:** FYIC WIDA screener overrides review by Title III and Accountability

**May 22, 2026:** Title III and Accountability pull down 4.0 & ELA 3-4 exiters

**May 29, 2026:** Audit the Master School Spreadsheet against the EdFacts FS029/Directory

**June 1, 2026:** SD-STARS/SLDS Databases in the SD Azure Cloud Cutover

**June 3, 2026:** DOE receives final SD-ELP data and adds domain exemption scores

**June 8, 2026:** Title III provides SD-ELP data to Data Management

- *New Standard Setting in July – the scoring mechanism won't be finalized until August for re-baseline and trajectory for years to exist for the 2026-2027 report cards*

**June 12, 2026:** Data Management provides SD-ELP to SD-STARS

**June 12, 2026:** IC/PRF closes for 2025-26 & District Sign Offs Due

**June 12, 2026:** SDDOE receives SD-Math/ELA/Science/Science-Alt assessment files from Cambium

**June 15, 2026:** SDDOE receives MSAA files from Cognia

**June 15, 2026:** SDDOE receives SD-ACT assessment files from ACT (this file will not include performance levels)

**June 19, 2026:** SD-ELP assessment data loaded to SD-STARS

**June 19, 2026:** SD-ELP medical exemption files to OES

**June 19, 2026:** FYIC WIDA screener overrides provided to OES

**June 19, 2026:** Data Management completes cleaning SD-Math/ELA/Science (SBAC/MSAA) assessment files. Data are provided to SD-STARS

**June 22 – July 10, 2026:** Adjusted cohort data reviews by Accountability and OtisEd

**June 22, 2026:** OES receives Cambium (SD-ELA, Math, Science and Science-Alt), SD ACT(ELA/Math/Science and Cognia/MSAA (Math-Alt and ELA-ALT) files to load into SD-STARS

- *SD ACT will be loaded without Proficiency Level (given that Cut Scores/PL's won't be finalized until July/August).*

**June 24, 2026:** Medical exemption files for math, ELA and science assessments provided to OES

**June 26, 2026:** Development ends for all enhancements and messaging (OES will report on this)

**June 29, 2026:** All Cambium (SD-ELA, Math, Science and Science-Alt) and Cognia/MSAA (Math-Alt and ELA-ALT) files data loaded in SD-STARS, SD ACT data loaded without Proficiency Levels

**July 1, 2026:** Data Management will notify Accountability that ICSE is ready for initial data pull for initial ARC data processing (needs to be done by July 3)

**July 6, 2025:** OtisEd works with BIT DBA's to create the SD-STARS database used to produce the 2025-26 report cards

**July 7-9, 2026:** ACT Standard Setting, Cut Scores and PL's provided to Leadership

**July 2026:** PRF Extract

**July/August 2026:** SDDOE provides OES with the approved cut scores. OES adds performance levels for each student and each test (math, science, English, reading, writing, ELA) in the SD-ACT student data file.

**July/August 2026:** OtisEd applies Cut Scores/PL to SD-STARS

**July 1, 2026:** GED file due from DCCSS to SD-STARS (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026, test takers) \*Kasey request from Kristen

**July 3, 2026:** GED data loaded to SD-STARS

**July 6, 2026:** OtisEd work with DOE/BIT to create the official iMartTDW ARC database, which represents the static IC and assessments data that will produce the 2024-2026 report cards

**July 7, 2026:** OES begins loading Report Card Rosters and processing accountability results for 2025-26

**July 8, 2026:** Accountability provides messaging for 2026-26 ARC changes for private RC

**July 10-31, 2026:** Report Card data validations performed by OtisEd for all data, except HS Student Performance/SPI

**July 10-31, 2026:** Accountability begins testing of all data, except HS Student Performance/SPI

**July 13, 2026:** OES provides Growth ELA / Math rosters for both SBAC / MSAA to eMetric

**July 17, 2026:** Accountability staffing (admin/teacher rosters/educator qualifications) data provided to OES/Patti by Jantina / Data Management

**July 20, 2026:** Student Growth file due back from eMetric

**July 20, 2026:** ACT provides SDDOE the cut scores/PLs for SDDOE to approve

**July 27, 2026:** Accountability begins testing (small group reviews of SNAP tables and report card visualizations)

**July 31, 2026:** SD-STARS Rollover for the new school year

**July 31, 2026:** All ARC SNAP tables processed (state assessments (FAY/All Assessed); graduation, completion, CCR, attendance, chronic absenteeism, ELP; ed qualifications; overall score/SPI; fall enrollment; postsecondary, OCR data, except for HS Student Performance/SPI

**August 2026:** SD-STARS security testing. Contact Evelyn Watson when OES gives the green light.

**August 3, 2026:** End of Summer School (the first business day after this, OES will start the process to review summer school graduates).

**August 4, 2026:** Validation of federal program flags (subgroups)

**August 5, 2026:** Elem/Middle School Private Report Cards refreshed with SPI, School Support, and all other required data for 2025-26 in UAT. High School Private Report Cards are published for initial review purposes.

**August 7, 2026:** SPI calculated, and initial School Support list created

**August 12, 2026:** ARC Documents related to the report card are posted on the DOE website

**August 14, 2026:** Access to Qualified Teachers Table produced; validation

**August 17, 2026:** Small School analysis conducted by SDDOE; OES will provide a report (Excel file) to accountability

**August 24- 27, 2026: DOE/OES Validation-Large Group Data Reviews (OES onsite)**

**August 28-September 28, 2026:** Training for districts on how to access/validate data and how to submit an appeal (dates flexible)

**September 8, 2026: Private ARC release**

**September 9-September 23, 2026:** Appeal window (closes at 5PM CT)

**September/October 2026:** Receive ACT Grad file

**September 2, 2026:** Accountability provides messaging for 2025-26 ARC changes for public RC

**September 25, 2026:** Receive Accuplacer data file from BOR to load to SLDS

**September 25, 2026:** Receive Accuplacer data file from BOTC to load to SLDS

**September 25, 2026:** Receive STARS ACT test file to load to SLDS

**October 1, 2026:** DOE finalizes all appeals decisions, notifies districts and creates override file for OES

**October 1, 2026:** OtisEd begins testing the production of Report Card Data in the Cloud version of SLDS

**October 2, 2026:** Accountability provides new secretary photo and messaging

**October 9, 2026:** DOE provides appeals override file to OES

**October 9, 2026:** SDSchools.SD.GOV displays maintenance message (Report Cards will be Offline)

**October 12-16, 2026:** Overrides are processed and loaded in the Private and Public Report Cards

**October 19-23, 2026:** Accountability validates overrides in Private and Public Report Cards

**October 20, 2026:** Provide Laura a spreadsheet of longitudinal data (years 16-17 through 24-25)

**October 21-22, 2026:** Data download reports completed, and both the Private (PROD) and Public Report Cards (test site) signed off by SDDOE for final publication

**October 30, 2026: Public Report Card Release**

**October 30, 2026:** Tables for EdFacts that are sourced from Accountability will be prepared and loaded in a typical ARC year-Angie Bren will provide details on what EdFacts reports are required (November dates for loading some EdFacts files)

**November 2, 2026:** Perkins DE56 receives data from SD-STARS/EdFacts Assessments Reports/ARC reports that don't require Educates Tables will be produced

**November 2, 2026:** Work and planning begins for the 2026-27 report cards

**November 16, 2026:** EdFacts Tables for FS050, FS126, FS137-139, FS210/211, FS0195 Ready

**December 2026:** National Student Clearinghouse (NSCH) data

**December 2026:** Accountability drafts ARC timeline for next school year with ARC Subgroup input

**December 2026:** Accountability begins review of ARC Tech Manual

**December 11, 2026:** Section 1003 Funds data provided by Title Office to Report Card

**December 15, 2026:** Perkins Report Card Released to State Users

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** EdFacts Tables for FS206/212 Ready

**January 4, 2027:** Perkins Report Card released on private site to school districts/consortia

**January 18-22, 2027:** When ready, re-release of public report card Perkins report card, including the School Improvement Report

**February 5, 2027,** Financial data are provided by Bobbi Leiferman to OES

**February 12-19, 2027:** Finance data, enhancements, report card refresh/test (UAT/private/public)

**February 24, 2027:** Re-release of public report card with financial data

**March 15, 2027:** Release of NAEP Data on Public Report Cards

***Additional Accountability Reports***

Data Download Reports completed	October
Preliminary Data Report (DLI request preliminary Accountability data)	September
Legislative Data Report (Mary Stadick Smith request finalized Accountability data)	November
EdFacts CSPR 1 Reporting Deadlines	October-November
EdFacts CSPR 2 Reporting Deadlines	January-February
EdFacts CSPR revalidate and respond to US ED questions	March-April

# Appendix A: Accountability Rounding Rules

Attendance

A student met the 90% if the student's attendance percentage can be rounded to the nearest one hundredth decimal to equal 90%.

- 90% equals      89.99999%  
                            89.51000%  
                            89.50000%
- 90% does NOT equal 89.49999%

Determining SPI Points:

**Numerator** = Count of FAY students who attended at least 90% of his or her enrolled days

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**Denominator** = Count of all FAY students

- Example:
  - $56/57 = 0.982456$  or Rounded to **98.25%**

Multiply the Attendance Rate by the points allocated to the indicator. This will arrive at the **Total Attendance SPI Points**. The SPI points are rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - $0.9825 * 10 = 9.825$  or **9.80 Total Attendance SPI Points**

Student Performance

Determining SPI Points:

Step #1: Calculate the Total FAY Multi-Year (3 Years) Student Population

- Example:
  - 65 FAY Students Tested in 2015-2016 + 75 FAY Students Tested in 2016-2017 + 60 FAY Students Tested in 2017-2018 = **200 Students in Denominator**

Step #2: Take the number of students that are non-participants, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 and divide each of those numerators by the Total Student Population Denominator. This gets you the Percent of Total. The percentages are rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - 2 out of 200 Students are Nonparticipants = **1.00%** of Total
  - 27 out of 200 Students Achieved Level 1 = **13.50%** of Total
  - 50 out of 200 Students Achieved Level 2 = **25.00%** of Total
  - 100 out of 200 Students Achieved Level 3 = **50.00%** of Total
  - 21 out of 200 Students Achieved Level 4 = **10.50%** of Total

Step #3: Multiply the Percent of Totals by their weight. The percentages are rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - $0.01 * 0.00 = \mathbf{0.00\%}$  of Points Earned
  - $0.1350 * 0.25 = \mathbf{3.38\%}$  of Points Earned
  - $0.2500 * 0.50 = \mathbf{12.50\%}$  of Points Earned
  - $0.5000 * 1.00 = \mathbf{50.00\%}$  of Points Earned
  - $0.1050 * 1.25 = \mathbf{13.13\%}$  of Points Earned

Step #4: Add the percentages from Step #3 together and multiply by the points available for that subject area. The Subject Area Points are rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - $0.00\% + 3.38\% + 12.50\% + 50.00\% + 13.13\% = \mathbf{79.01\%}$
  - $79.01\% * 15 \text{ (for HS)} = \mathbf{11.85 \text{ Points}}$

Step #5: Add the Total Points from all applicable Subject Areas to arrive at the Student Performance SPI Points. The SPI Points are rounded to the hundredth decimal place. If the SPI Points are over the maximum points allocated to the indicator, then they are defaulted to the maximum.

- Example:
  - 79% multiplied by 15 = 11.85 for Mathematics
  - 88% multiplied by 15 = 13.20 for ELA
  - 84% multiplied by 10 = 8.40 for Science
  - Total earned points for Student Performance for this school is 33.45, which is the sum of 11.85, 13.20 and 8.40

	Nonparticipants to reach 95%	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	Total Points Earned (% x 15 points (HS) possible by subject area)
<b>N-size</b>	2	27	50	100	21	200	
<b>Percent of total</b>	1.00%	13.50%	25.00%	50.00%	10.50%	100%	
<b>Point value</b>	0.00	0.25	0.50	1.00	1.25		
<b>% of points earned</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>3.38%</b>	<b>12.50%</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>13.13%</b>	<b>79.01</b>	

	% of Points Possible Achieved	Score	Total Points for Student Achievement
<b>Math</b>	79.00%	11.85	33.45
<b>ELA</b>	88.00%	13.20	
<b>Science</b>	84.00%	8.40	

Student Progress

## Determining SPI Points:

*Numerator:* Number of FAY students with a previous year's assessment score who also earned a designation of Keeping Up, Catching Up, or Very High Growth

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*Denominator:* Number of FAY Students with a previous year's assessment score

Step #1: Add the number of students who are Keeping Up, Catching Up or Very High Growth in English Language Arts divided by the Number of FAY Students for English Language Arts with a previous year's assessment score. This percent is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - 150 Total Number of FAY Students with a previous year's assessment score
  - 50 Students are Keeping Up; 60 Students are Catching Up and 7 Students are Very High Growth = 117 Students have Met Growth for English Language Arts
  - $117 / 150 = 78.00\%$  **Met Growth** for English Language Arts

Step #2: Add the number of students who are Keeping Up, Catching Up or Very High Growth in Mathematics divided by the Number of FAY Students for Mathematics with a previous year's assessment score. This percent is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - 150 Total Number of FAY Students with a previous year's assessment score
  - 40 Students are Keeping Up; 50 Students are Catching Up and 3 Students are Very High Growth = 93 Students have Met Growth for Mathematics
  - $93 / 150 = 62.00\%$  **Met Growth** for Mathematics

Step #3: Determining Lowest Quartile – Take the Number of FAY Students with a previous year's assessment score English Language Arts and Mathematics and multiple it by 0.25. This will be the number of students in the Lowest Quartile for English Language Arts and Mathematics respectively.

- Example: If the number is a decimal with .5000 or above, round up to the next whole number. If the number is a decimal with .49999 or below, round down to the nearest whole number.
  - If the calculation yields 78.501, the school's lowest quartile would be comprised of 79 students.
  - If the calculation yields 23.49, the school's lowest quartile would be comprised of 23 students.

Step #4: Add the number of students who are Keeping Up, Catching Up or Very High Growth in English Language Arts Lowest Quartile divided by the Number of FAY Students Lowest Quartile for English Language Arts with a previous year's assessment score. This percent is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - 38 Total Number of FAY Students Lowest Quartile with a previous year’s assessment score
  - 10 Students are Keeping Up; 15 Students are Catching Up and 3 Students are Very High Growth = 28 Students who have Met Growth for Lowest Quartile English Language Arts
  - $28 / 38 = 73.68\%$  **Met Growth** for Lowest Quartile English Language Arts

Step #5: Add the number of students who are Keeping Up, Catching Up or Very High Growth in Mathematics Lowest Quartile divided by the Number of FAY Students Lowest Quartile for Mathematics with a previous year’s assessment score. This percent is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - 38 Total Number of FAY Students Lowest Quartile with a previous year’s assessment score
  - 5 Students are Keeping Up; 15 Students are Catching Up and 2 Students are Very High Growth = 22 Students who have Met Growth for Lowest Quartile Mathematics
  - $22 / 38 = 57.89\%$  **Met Growth** for Lowest Quartile Mathematics

Step #6: Take all the Percentage Met Growth for all 4 sub-indicators above and multiple them by the allocated points to that subsection to get the SPI Points for that subsection. Then, you add all those subsection points together to equal the **Total Student Progress SPI Points**. The SPI Points are rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - $78.00\% \times 10 \text{ points} = 7.80 \text{ Points}$  (rounded to the hundredth decimal place)
  - $62.00\% \times 10 \text{ points} = 6.20 \text{ Points}$  (rounded to the hundredth decimal place)
  - $73.68\% \times 10 \text{ points} = 7.68 \text{ Points}$  (rounded to the hundredth decimal place)
  - $57.89\% \times 10 \text{ points} = 5.79 \text{ Points}$  (rounded to the hundredth decimal place)
  - $7.80 + 6.20 + 7.68 + 5.79 = 27.47$  **Total Student Progress SPI Points**

Student Groups	ELA		Mathematics		Total SPI Points
	% Meeting Standard	SPI Points	% Meeting Standard	SPI Points	
All Students	78.00%	7.80	62.00%	6.20	<b>27.47</b>
Lowest Quartile	73.68%	7.68	57.89%	5.79	

English Learners Progress

**Rounding Rule for Growth Goals:** Growth Goals are **rounded down** after the Linear Growth Trajectory has been calculated.

- Example:
  - A Student achieves a **2.2 Composite First ACCESS 2.0 Score**. A Composite Score of 5.0 OR a 4.0 on ACCESS AND a 3 or 4 on SD-ELA is required to exit the English Learners Program  $(5.0 - 2.2) / 5 = \mathbf{0.56 \text{ Linear Growth Trajectory}}$
  - $2.2 + 0.56 = 2.76$  or **2.7 Year 1 Goal**
  - $2.76 + 0.56 = 3.32$  or **3.3 Year 2 Goal**

Determining SPI Points:

Step #1: Determine the number of students that are in each category and divide by the total number of English Learners Students accountable by the indicator. This percent is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

Step #2: Multiply the Percent of Total ELs in the category by the Point Value for that category. This percent is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

Step #3: Add together the Percent of Points Earned for each category.

Step #4: Multiply the Total Percent of Points Earned by the total number of points allocated by the indicator. This will arrive at the **Total English Learners Progress SPI Points**. The SPI Points are rounded to the hundredth decimal place. If the SPI Points are over the maximum points allocated to the indicator, then they are defaulted to the maximum.

	Newly-identified EL, not tested	Returning EL, not tested	Returning EL, tested, no growth	Returning EL, growing but not meeting goals	Newly-identified EL exiting	Returning EL, tested, meeting growth goals	Returning EL, tested, early exit	Totals	Total Points Earned (lesser of 10.0 or sum of all points)
<b>N-size</b>	10	10	20	20	10	20	10	100	
<b>Percent of total EL</b>	10.00%	10.00%	20.00%	20.00%	10.00%	20.00%	10.00%	100%	
<b>Point value</b>	0		0.25	0.5	1.00		1.25		
<b>% of Points Earned</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>5.00%</b>	<b>10.00%</b>	<b>30.00%</b>		<b>12.50%</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>5.75</b>

College and Career Readiness

## Determining SPI Points:

Step #1 – Determine the unduplicated number of students who are proficient in English Language Arts and Mathematics with any combination of South Dakota Assessments, ACT or Accuplacer-NextGen scores **AND** the students that have achieved a Silver Certificate or Higher on NCRC. These are the students that are Assessment Ready.

Step #2 – Determine the unduplicated number of students who received one or more high school advanced endorsement. These are the students that are Coursework Ready.

Step #3 – Add the number of students who are **NEITHER** Assessment nor Coursework Ready divided by the Number of Students in the previous year's High School Completion Roster (rounded to the hundredth decimal place). Then, multiple that percentage by 0.00 Points. This is the percent of points earned for students with **No Indicators Met**.

- Example:
  - 200 Total Students from the previous year's High School Completion Roster
  - 20 Students have **No Indicators Met**
  - $20 / 200 = 10.00\%$
  - $0.1000 * 0.00 = 0.00\%$  of Points Earned

Step #4 – Add the number of students who are **ONLY** Assessment Ready and **ONLY** Coursework Ready divided by the Number of Students in the previous year's High School Completion Roster (rounded to the hundredth decimal place). Then, multiple that percentage by 0.50 Points. This is the percent of points earned for students with **One Indicator Met**.

- Example:
  - 200 Total Students from the previous year's High School Completion Roster
  - 60 Students have **One Indicator Met**
  - $60 / 200 = 30.00\%$
  - $0.3000 * 0.50 = 15.00\%$  of Points Earned

Step #5 – Add the number of students who are **BOTH** Assessment Ready and Coursework Ready divided by the Number of Students in the previous year's High School Completion Roster (rounded to the hundredth decimal place). Then, multiple that percentage by 1.00 Points. This is the percent of points earned for students with **Both Indicators Met**.

- Example:
  - 200 Total Students from the previous year's High School Completion Roster
  - 120 Students have **Both Indicator Met**
  - $120 / 200 = 60.00\%$
  - $0.6000 * 1.00 = 60.00\%$  of Points Earned

Step #6 – Add up the percentage of points earned in the steps above and multiple that by the points allocated to this indicator. This will arrive at the **Total College and Career Readiness SPI Points**. The SPI Points are rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - $0.00 + 15.00 + 60.00 = 75.00\%$
  - $0.7500 * 25 = 18.75$  **Total College and Career Readiness SPI Points**

	No Indicators Met	One Indicator Met	Both Indicators Met	Totals	Total Points Earned
<b>N-size</b>	20	60	120	200	
<b>% of All Students</b>	10.00%	30.00%	60.00%	100%	
<b>Point value</b>	0.00	0.50	1.00		
<b>% of Points Earned</b>	0.00	15.00%	60.00%	75.00%	18.75

On-Time Graduation

Determining SPI Points:

Step #1: Determine the number of Students that are in the adjusted cohort and who graduated on time with a High School Diploma. Take the students that graduated on time divided by the students in the adjusted cohort. This percentage is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - Original Cohort + Transfer in – Transfer Out/Removed from Cohort = Adjusted Cohort
  - $70 + 1 - 6 = 65$
  - 62 Students Graduated on time
  - $62 / 65 = 95.38\%$

Step #2: Multiply the Graduation Rate by the points allocated to the indicator. This will arrive at the **Total On-Time Graduation SPI Points**. The SPI Points are rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - $0.9538 * 12.50 = 11.92$  **Total On-Time Graduation SPI Points**

High School Completion

Step #1: Determine the number of Students that are in the High School Completer Roster and who completed High School with a High School Diploma or GED. Take the students that Completed High School divided by the students in the High School Completer Roster. This percentage is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - 80 Students in the High School Completer Roster
  - 70 Students Completed High School
  - $70 / 80 = 87.50\%$

Step #2: Multiply the High School Completion Rate by the points allocated to the indicator. This will arrive at the **Total High School Completion SPI Points**. The SPI Points are rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- Example:
  - $0.8750 * 12.50 = \mathbf{10.94 \text{ Total High School Completion SPI Points}}$

#### Participation Rate

The number of students tested divided by the number of students eligible to be tested equals the Participation Rate. This percentage is rounded to the hundredth decimal place.

- $194 / 200 = \mathbf{97.00\% \text{ Participation Rate}}$

# Appendix B: Rates of Access to Qualified Teachers Calculation Guide

### The Access to Qualified Teachers Report

The Disproportionate Rates of Access to Qualified Teachers Report is a new addition to the Accountability Report Card in response to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the State Plan under ESEA section 1111(g)(1)(B), which requires SEAs to report disproportionate rates of access to qualified teachers for low-income and minority students served by Title I schools as compared to all schools in the state.

### Information and Descriptions used in the School Improvement Report

Accountability reports the number of schools (Non-Title I, Title I, all schools) by poverty and minority status; and schools that have or have not met the criteria for the three teacher qualifications when compared to all schools in South Dakota.

### Title I Designation

Title I schools receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting low-income student's educational goals. The number of low-income students is determined by the number/percent of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch (FRL) program. In general, LEAs may:

- Designate as eligible any school attendance center in which at least 35% of the children are from low-income families.
- Use funds received under this part in a school that is not in an eligible school attendance center, if the percentage of children from low-income families enrolled in the school is equal to or greater than the percentage of such children in a participating school attendance center of such agency.
- Designate and serve a school attendance center of school that is not eligible under this section, but that was eligible and that was served in the preceding fiscal year, but only for 1 additional fiscal year.
- Elect not to serve an eligible school attendance center or eligible school that has a higher percentage of children from low-income families if,
  - the school meets the comparability requirements of Section 1118(c).
  - The school is receiving supplemental funds from other State or local sources that are spent according to the requirements of Section 1114 or 1115.
  - the funds expended from such other sources equal or exceed the amount that would be provided under this part.

Additional guidance for Title I school designations can be found in ESEA: SEC. 1113. ø20 U.S.C. 6313.

Once the SDDOE has finalized the list of LEAs designated as Title I and Non-Title I schools, that list is used in this report.

### Poverty Status

Poverty designation for a school is based on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students as compared to all other public schools in the state. There are three levels for poverty status (high, low and neither high nor low).

Minority Status

Minority designation is based on the percentage of students who are members of race/ethnicity subgroups as compared to all other public schools in the state. The racial subgroups considered for minority designations are:

- Asian
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Two or more Races

Organization of the Report

- Data in the report are organized as:
  - Number of schools by poverty and minority status
    - Number of schools with high poverty status
    - Number of schools with low poverty status
    - Number of schools with high minority
    - Number of schools with low minority
  - Number of Title I schools with high poverty and minority status
    - Number of Title I with high poverty status
    - Number of Title I with high minority status
    - Number of Title I with both high poverty and high minority status

Method for Determining Poverty Status Level

The following steps are conducted to identify the status for all schools.

- Determine Economically Disadvantaged rates for all schools for current school year
  - Economically Disadvantaged rates are calculated using data from two sources (CEP, Fall Enrollment Count)
- Quartile method is applied to school level data
  - Rank schools from lowest to highest Economically Disadvantaged rate
  - Exclude all NULLS from the data
  - Divide the number of schools with rates into four quarters or quartiles
    - Schools with rates in the upper quartile (above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile) are considered high poverty
    - Schools with rates in the lower quartile (below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile) are considered low poverty
    - Schools with rates in the middle two quartiles (between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles) are considered neither high nor low poverty
  - All the previously excluded NULLS are then classified as neither high nor low poverty

Method for Determining Minority Status Level

The following steps are conducted to identify the minority status level for all schools.

- Quartile method is applied to school level
  - Rank schools from lowest to highest minority rate
  - Exclude all NULLS from the data
  - Divide the number of schools with rates into four quarters or quartiles
    - Schools with rates in the upper quartile (above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile) are considered high minority
    - Schools with rates in the lower quartile (below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile) are considered low minority
    - Schools with rates in the middle two quartiles (between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles) are considered neither high nor low minority
  - All the previously excluded NULLS are then classified as neither high nor low minority

#### Rates of Access to Qualified Teachers

The SDDOE selected three teacher qualifications categories to use in the calculation for disproportionate rates of access to teachers. These are:

1. Out-of-field (teachers who are teaching in content areas without certification)
2. Three or fewer years of experience (inexperienced)
3. Out-of-field AND Three or fewer years of experience (ineffective)

#### Calculation Details

The calculation includes the three most recent academic years of teacher data for each of the three teacher characteristics: inexperienced, out-of-field, and inexperienced and out-of-field. The SDDOE's PRF database system is the source for the teacher qualifications data which uses Full Time Equivalent (FTE) counts.

1. Calculate the average percentage of teachers falling into each of the three measures mentioned above (average percentage of teachers who are out of field, average percentage of teachers with three or fewer years of experience, and the average percentage of teachers who are out of field and have three or fewer years of experience).
2. Calculate the standard deviation of the percentages of the three measures mentioned above (standard deviation of the percentage of teachers who are out of field, standard deviation of the percentage of teachers with three or fewer years of experience, and the standard deviation of the percentage of teachers who are out of field and have three or fewer years of experience).
3. Calculate the threshold (aka target) for determining whether a school has a disproportionate rate of access to qualified teachers.
  - a. The thresholds for each measure are calculated by adding the mean and standard deviation of the measure. When a school's percentage for the measure is greater than the threshold, the school is flagged for disproportionate access related to the measure.

### Disproportionate Rates of Access to Qualified Teachers Report Details

Using the three most recent academic years of data, the SDDOE looks at multiple teacher qualifications for the state and for Title I schools to identify schools with disproportionate rates of access to qualified teachers.

The report is found in the State public report card's Options Menu.

### Features of the Report

- **Red shaded data** in this report represent Title I schools that have not met the criteria for the three teacher qualifications when compared to all schools in South Dakota. These are Title I schools that have disproportionate rates of access to qualified teachers.
- Interactive analysis dashboard allows users to filter on Title I status, poverty status and minority status.
- Users have options for exporting the data into Excel, PDF and CVS documents
- Filtering options include:
  - Title I Status (Title I, Non-Title I or All)
  - Poverty Status (high, low, neither or All)
  - Minority Status (high, low, neither or All)

### Report Feature Images

Three images of report features are provided in this section.

Image describing how to export the report. The arrow is pointing to the location to access the export

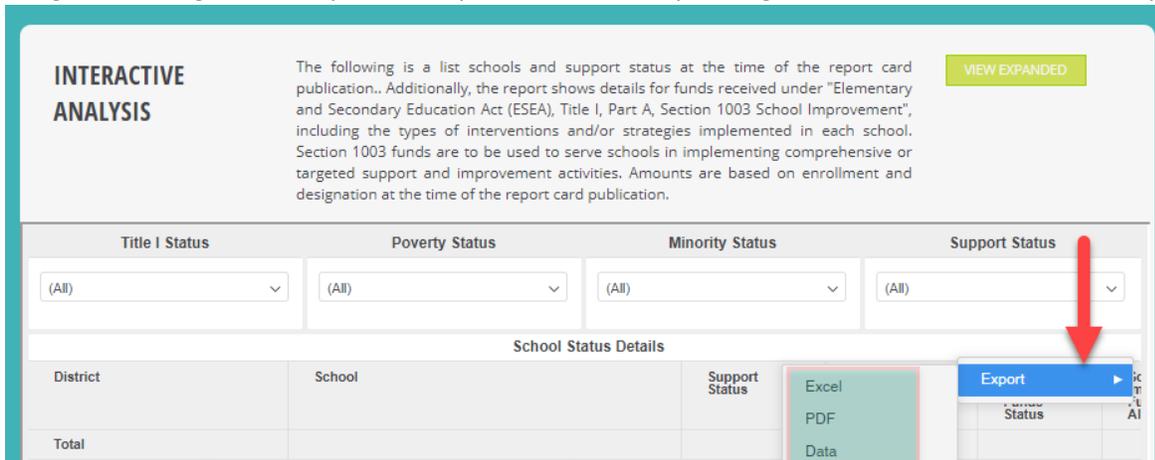


Image of the number of Title I and all schools by poverty and minority status



Image of a report filtered by Title I, High poverty and minority status (red data flags the schools with disproportionate access to qualified teachers by the teacher qualifications categories)

Title I Status		Poverty Status		Minority Status		School Status Details									
District	School	Title I Status	Poverty Status	Minority Status	Schools	Teachers (Multi-Year FTE)	Teachers Teaching Out-of-Field Count (Multi-Year FTE)	Teachers Teaching Out-of-Field Percent (Multi-Year FTE)	Teachers Three Years or Less Years Experience (Multi-Year FTE)	Teachers Three Years or Less Years Experience Percent (Multi-Year FTE)	Teachers Three or Less Years and Out-Of-Field Count (Multi-Year FTE)	Teachers Three or Less Years and Out-Of-Field Percent (Multi-Year FTE)			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	70.50	0.00	0.00	9.50	13.48	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	58.25	0.00	0.00	13.00	21.94	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	86.48	1.00	1.77	14.74	26.10	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	53.63	0.00	0.00	12.00	22.38	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	24.72	2.26	9.14	3.63	14.68	0.84	3.40			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	45.70	0.00	0.00	9.00	19.69	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	17.30	2.52	14.87	5.84	33.76	1.00	5.78			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	53.63	0.00	0.00	8.84	16.42	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	83.98	1.30	1.55	19.80	23.70	1.30	1.55			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	14.95	0.00	0.00	1.96	13.11	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	28.36	0.00	0.00	6.00	21.16	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	14.65	0.00	0.00	2.96	20.20	0.00	0.00			
		Title I	High Poverty	High Minority	1	35.98	0.00	0.00	4.00	11.12	0.00	0.00			

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