2016 School Rankings and Reward School Status at a Glance

What are the Statewide School Rankings?

- The school rankings are a list of schools ranked on their student performance in mathematics, English language arts, science and social studies. Students are ranked with an overall percentile from 99 to 0, with 99 indicating highest rank, and 0 indicating lowest rank.
- Within each subject, schools are held accountable for their achievement and improvement (weighted equally).
- High schools also have graduation rates included in the determination of their ranking (weighted at 10%).
- All schools are included in the ranking if they have two years of assessment data for 30 or more Full Academic Year (FAY) students in two or more tested subjects.
- Schools ranked in the top 5% overall or top 5% in improvement are designated as Reward Schools.

What are the Achievement Gap School Rankings?

- The achievement gap rankings are a list of schools ranked on the gaps between the top 30 percent of students and the bottom 30 percent of students, based on average scale score in mathematics and English language arts. Schools are ranked with an overall percentile from 99 to 0, with 99 indicating the highest rank (smallest gap), and 0 indicating lowest rank (largest gap).
- Within both subjects, schools are held accountable for their achievement gap.
- All schools are included in the ranking if they have two years of assessment data for 30 or more Full Academic Year (FAY) students in two or more tested subjects.

Differences between rankings:

System Element	Statewide School Ranking	Achievement Gap Ranking
Subjects	ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies	ELA, Math
Weighting	50% Achievement/50% Improvement	100% Gap between top 30% and bottom 30% of students
Labels	Potential Reward label	None

What are Reward Schools?

- Reward Schools are schools that ranked in the top 5% overall, top 5% in improvement, or identified as a Beating the Odds school (using either methodology 1 or 2).
- Schools that are "Beating the Odds" are those that outperform other schools in similar situations.
    - Methodology 1 identifies schools performing above their predicted levels based on traditional barriers to student achievement.
    - Methodology 2 identifies schools performing above a comparison of the most demographically similar schools in the state.
    - Any school identified as Beating the Odds by either methodology is also designated as a Reward School.

What are the pathways to be a Reward School?

Metric Type	Criteria for Reward School Identification	Source for Reward School identification
Overall	Top 5% of schools in overall ranking	Statewide School Ranking
Improvement	Top 5% of schools in improvement metric	Composite Improvement Ranking within the Statewide School Ranking
Beating the Odds	Outperform their predicted rank on the school rankings list or outperform similar schools, given select risk factors to student achievement	Beating the Odds, Methodologies 1 or 2