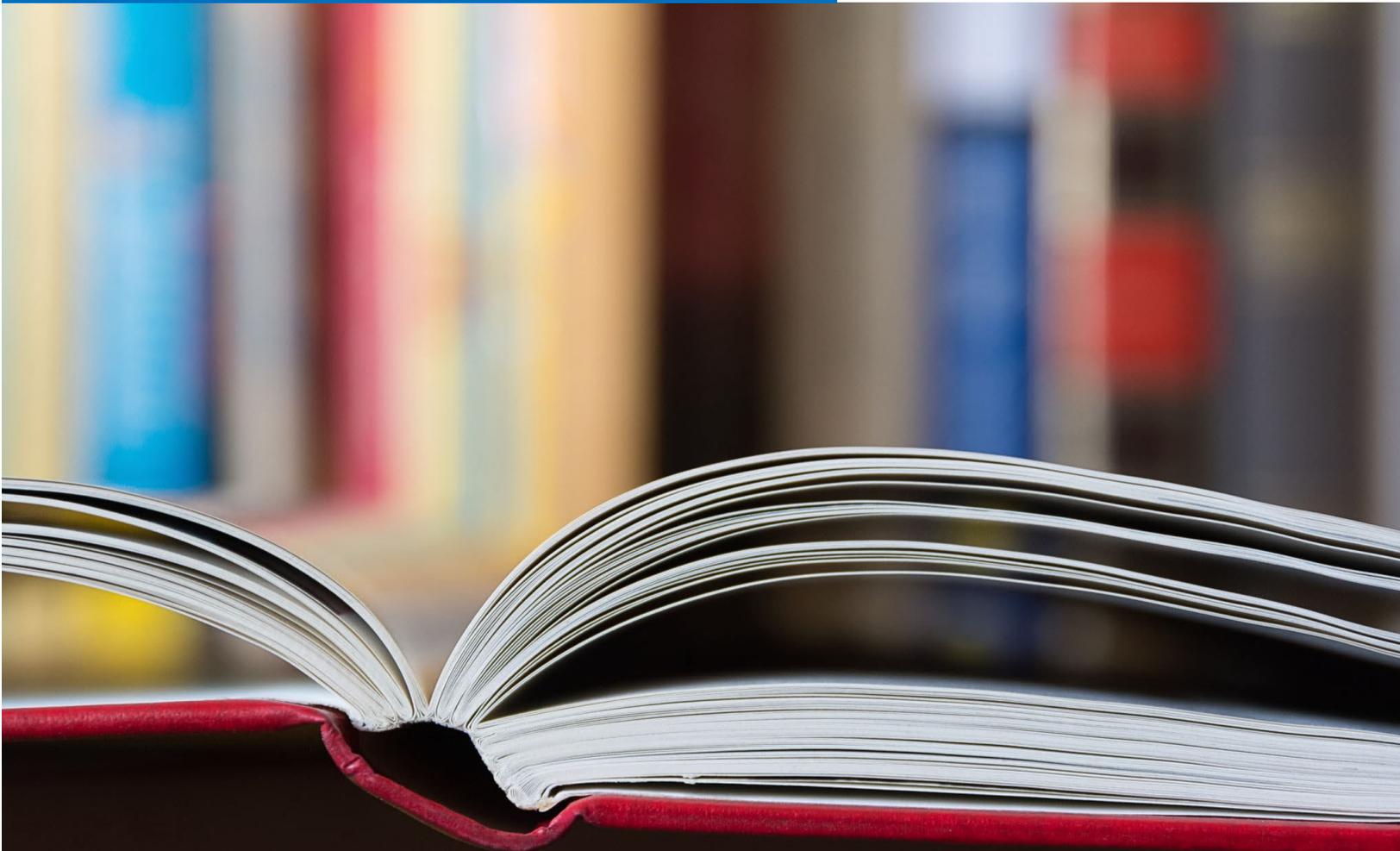


2022-23 School Year



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Welcome

What is the Michigan School Grades Report?

A state law, (Public Act 601 of 2018), requires the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to create a school grading system that annually assigns each public school in Michigan letter grades and ranking labels, based on the school's performance in up to eight areas. The intent of the resulting School Grades Report is to improve Michigan's national educational ranking. MDE is also required to designate high- and low-performing public schools based on their grades and rankings. The enacted Michigan law requiring the School Grades Report can be found at:

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(fp22wm2hugeucklwp1yawf0j\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=mcl-380-1280g](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(fp22wm2hugeucklwp1yawf0j))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=mcl-380-1280g).

Note: The state law governing School Grades, MCL 380.1280g was repealed by Act 34 of 2023 and as such, 2022-23 results will be the last report release.

What information does it include?

Where data are available, the School Grades Report provides an overview of how schools perform in up to eight key areas. It does not provide an overall letter grade or ranking label for the schools. Instead, these are provided in each of the key areas. Non-traditional schools, called Alternative Education Campuses, do not receive letter grades or ranking labels. These schools receive a status report of whether or not they are in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and whether students enrolled in the school are making meaningful, measurable academic progress. This report can be used along with other reporting tools—like the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency—to help parents, community members, and others interested in Michigan's schools find specific and helpful information on their local schools.





The following sections detail what information is available in the 2022-23 School Grades Report and why it is important.

Information Included on School Grades Reports

The table below outlines the elements of the Michigan School Grades reports. Please note that some measures are based on lagged (prior year) data and are available as indicated below.

Key

	The data for this report element is graded on a A-F letter grade scale.
	The data for this report element is ranked for each school relative the state average.

2022-23 School Grades and Rankings Indicator Chart

Indicator	Indicator Label Type	What is it?	Why is it important?
Student Proficiency	 Grade	The percentage of students who are meeting Michigan's academic standards based on statewide test results.	Performance on state tests shows if students are meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations. It also shows if students are on track to be ready for the next grade and for college and career pathways after high school.
Student Growth	 Grade	The percentage of students who, based on statewide test results, are on a path to becoming proficient, or to maintain proficiency, within a specific timeframe.	All students should be making progress in every subject, every year. Making progress towards proficiency is the expectation of families and the community. Student growth shows how much a school is helping their students grow toward the goal of college and career readiness.
Graduation Rate*	 Grade	The percentage of public high school students who, began 9th grade at least four years ago, and graduated within four, five, or six years. A school's grade is based on its highest graduation rate.	Many jobs and post-secondary education opportunities require the skills that are required to earn a high school diploma. Providing opportunities for students to persist and earn their high school diploma prepares them for future success in life.
Performance Among Peers	 Grade	The comparison of student proficiency among similar schools. It compares an individual school to up to 30 schools with similar student enrollment, with similar numbers of students with disabilities, and students receiving free lunches.	Provides context to how schools with similar student characteristics are meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations.

*Lagged indicator data; uses 2021-22 school year graduation rates.

Indicator	Indicator Label Type	What is it?	Why is it important?
English Learner (EL) Progress	 Grade	The percentage of English Learners showing proficiency or growth adequate to become proficient within a specific timeframe. WIDA ACCESS is the state test used to measure the proficiency and growth of students.	Achieving proficiency in English sets students up for success throughout their education, as well as after high school.
Attendance (Chronic Absenteeism)	 Rank	The percentage of students who were not absent on more than 10 percent of their enrolled days	Students must be in school to learn. Research shows students who miss more than 10 percent of the school year are less likely to stay on track for high school graduation and eventually enrollment in postsecondary education



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Test Participation	 Rank	The percentage of students participating in statewide testing.	Test participation plays an important role in public reporting by ensuring valid and reliable results. Schools rely on accurate test results to focus on students or programs that may need more academic support
Student Subgroup Performance	 Rank	The proficiency of a school's student subgroups compared with statewide subgroup proficiency.	Provides context on how a school is serving all of its student subgroups. All students in Michigan public schools are expected to receive an equitable education.

Viewing School Grades Reports

While viewing the [School Grades report on MI School Data](#), you will notice a display of up to eight different school performance indicators described in this guide and one indicator of compliance for alternative education campuses. Each indicator has its own block on the page that shows the grade or rank determined for the respective performance area. Indicators where no data are applicable or available will show an “N/A” for not applicable.

Additional Resources and Support

This document and many other helpful resources are publicly available on the Michigan School Grades page (www.mi.gov/mde-schoolgrades). The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) is available to answer any additional questions or concerns you may have regarding the School Grades system, by email at mde-accountability@michigan.gov or by phone at 877-560-8378 (option 3). You are encouraged to view the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency (www.mischooldata.org/parentdashboard) for your school of interest. This tool provides easy access to reports on multiple measures important to parents and other caregivers.