

MDE Statement on Michigan School Grades System

With the passage of P.A. 601 during the lame duck session in December of 2018, the Michigan Legislature added an A-F grading system, to be applied to most schools in the State of Michigan. The Michigan State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education believe this system is not necessary; that it duplicates information that can be found in our highly successful Parent Dashboard for School Transparency; and that it distills the performance of schools into overly simple letter grades. The system relies too heavily on assessment data to the exclusion of other important measures of student progress. Finally, the system was not negotiated with those who need to use it—parents, educators, and other stakeholders. For those reasons, among others, while we provide it here in compliance with law, we recommend visitors use the [Parent Dashboard for School Transparency](#) to find specific and helpful information about schools throughout the state.

For more information, visit the Michigan School Grades System resource page at www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolgrades