What's New for the 2024-25 School and District Report Cards?

Background

This document highlights changes to 2024-25 report cards compared to 2023-24. For more information on report cards, please visit our Report Card Resources page.

What's New?

Updated Rating Category Score Ranges

The report card rating category score ranges have been updated for the 2024-25 school year and beyond. The new rating category score ranges are below:

Accountability Rating Category	Accountability Score Range	
	Minimum	Maximum
Significantly Exceeds Expectations (5 stars)	84.0	100
Exceeds Expectations (4 stars)	71.0	83.9
Meets Expectations (3 stars)	60.0	70.9
Meets Few Expectations (2 stars)	49.0	59.9
Fails to Meet Expectations (1 star)	0	48.9

The new score ranges are the result of the recommendations from a report card standard setting that occurred over the summer in which a representative group of more than two dozen education leaders provided input on performance expectations for the state's school and district report card accountability system. You can find more information about this process on the DPI Report Card Standard Setting page.

Other Scoring Updates

The following scoring updates will take effect on the 2024-25 report cards:

- Two Years of Achievement Data
- No 2023-24 Scale Adjustment
- Norming Update

For complete descriptions of these updates please see the Scoring Updates resource located on the report card resources page. Note that this resource was shared and discussed with members of the standard setting panel prior to their work on recommending cut scores back in August.

Test Participation Returns to the Front Page

Schools receiving Wisconsin public funds must participate in statewide testing as required by law. Test participation rates below 95% present an incomplete picture of school and district performance. Beginning with 2024-25 report cards, school and district participation rates below 95% are noted on the front page beneath the overall rating and associated stars.

3rd Grade Reading Reporting

2023 Wisconsin Act 20 created section 115.385 (1)(f), Wis. Stat., which requires report cards to include data on the percentage of pupils reading at grade level by the end of third grade. This is defined on the report cards as the percentage of third grade students in the Meeting and Advanced performance levels based on Forward reading and DLM ELA results. These data are provided for informational purposes only (not scored) and can be found on the On-Track to Graduation page of the report cards.

Certain State & Local Law Violations Reporting

2023 Wisconsin Act 12 created section 118.124, Wis. Stat., which requires schools with high school grades to collect statistics on certain violations of state and local laws that occur on school property during specified times. Data from these statistics are required to be included on report cards under section 115.385 (1)(e), Wis. Stat. These data are provided for informational purposes only (not scored) and are reported by schools and districts to DPI. This is the first year that these data were reported to DPI and included on report cards.

There are several limitations affecting the quality and completeness of this law violation reporting data. A non-exhaustive list of these limitations is available in the State and Local Law Violation Reporting Requirements (2024-25) document on the report card resources page.

New 'Not Rated' Rating Categories for Choice School Report Cards

Some schools and districts do not have enough data to receive a scored report card. Public schools with insufficient data participate in an alternate accountability process. Private Choice schools with insufficient data are labeled as "Not Rated" (NR). These schools may be not rated due to having fewer than 20 Choice program students enrolled or tested in grades 3-12, missing required data, or low test participation. The NR rating categories listed below are displayed on the front page to indicate which of these scenarios the school falls into:

- **NR-Exempt**: A Choice school that is exempt by law from testing and accountability because it receives vouchers for fewer than 20 students in grades 3-12.
- **NR-Missing Data**: A Choice school that is not exempt but, rather, is unscored because the school inaccurately reported required data.
- **NR-Fewer than 20 Students Tested**: A Choice school that is not exempt but, rather, is unscored because the number of full academic year tested students did not meet the required minimum to produce a score.