

# Understanding Your School's Minnesota Report Card

The Minnesota School Report Card provides families, educators, schools, districts, communities, and citizens with important information about schools. This information helps families make meaningful decisions about, and be engaged in, their student's education.

The school report card contains the following student information:

- School demographics\*
- Attendance rates
- School-wide standardized test scores (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA), Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), and others)\*\*
- Graduation rates and post-secondary enrollment
- Whether students feel safe and engaged
- Preschool and Head Start participation rates
- Rigorous course taking (International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement classes, etc.)

The school report card contains the following information about school staff:

- Race or ethnicity of licensed staff
- Demographic makeup of teachers compared to that of students
- Percentage of licensed and experienced teachers
- Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees
- Staffing profile: how many staff are teachers, paraprofessionals, and other personnel

Certain information is legally required to be included. For example, you can see if a school is recognized for excellence or in need of additional support.

You can view this information at the school, district, or statewide level. You can also compare your school's data with your entire district and other Minnesota districts. For more information, go to the Minnesota Department of Education's School and District Accountability webpage: <https://rc.education.mn.gov/#mySchool/p--3>

The Minnesota School Report Card provides useful data. However, it doesn't include all of a school's strengths and weaknesses. One of the best ways to know what's going on in a school is by speaking to your student's teacher, another parent, or a school leader.

The Minnesota School Report Card can be viewed on computers, tablets, and mobile devices. It is also available in a number of languages, such as Somali, Spanish, and Hmong.

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\*Demographics are information about a population or particular group within that population. The school report card demographics include: the seven federal race/ethnicity categories, English learners, students in special education, students receiving free and reduced-price meals, and students experiencing homelessness.

\*\*The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) and alternate assessment, Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS), are the state tests given to students yearly. The specific test given (such as subject area) varies, depending on a student's grade level. These tests help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards. They also meet federal and state requirements.