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Academics and Performance

Release of the 2018-19 School Performance Reports

Today, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is making publicly available the state's School Performance Reports for the 2018-19 school year.

Access the reports on the NJDOE's School Performance Report [website](#), or www.njschooldata.org.

Use, Share and Improve the New Jersey School Performance Summary Reports

The School Performance Reports reflect the NJDOE's commitment to providing parents, students and school communities with a large variety of information about each school and district. These reports can be used as a tool to help evaluate whether all students have equitable access to high-quality education. We encourage you to use these reports to:

- *Learn more* about your school and district
- *Start conversations* with school community members and ask questions
- *Engage* with school communities to identify what schools are doing well and where they can improve

To help districts share the information in the School Performance Reports and support conversations with school communities, the NJDOE has developed optional tools that districts can use. The School Performance Reports toolkit includes:

- A [sample letter](#) superintendents can send to their communities announcing the release of the reports
- A [PowerPoint template](#) for presenting school- and district-level data
- One-page guides to help start conversations for [administrators](#), [educators](#), and [elementary and middle and high school families](#)
- New information sheets that explain [Graduation Rates](#) and [Median Student Growth Percentiles](#)

The NJDOE [Guide for Local Stakeholder Engagement](#) also provides information about how school and district leaders can engage parents, students, staff and community members.

New to the 2018-19 School Performance Reports

The 2018-19 reports include changes that respond to stakeholder feedback collected through a feedback survey, parent roundtables and workshops, and stakeholder engagement throughout the year. These changes include:

- **Emphasis on progress** with new pages showing progress on student growth, proficiency, and graduation rates over the last three years;
- **Expanded data** that allows comparisons between additional student groups (e.g. gender, homeless students, students in foster care) for student growth, chronic absenteeism, graduation rates and career and technical education program participation;

- **Additional resources** to help explain where the data in the reports comes from and how it is calculated; and
- **More information** including participation in computer science and information technology courses and school-level per-pupil expenditures.

One-Page Summary Reports

Along with the Detailed Reports, one-page Summary Reports for each school and district are available. The Summary Reports provide a high-level summary of how well a school or district is performing with data that address questions such as:

- How does our students' growth compare to students' growth in other districts?
- Are students at risk?
- Are students graduating?
- How did students perform on assessments?
- Are students college and career ready?
- Do students have access to high-level coursework and classes in the arts?

Contact reportcard@doe.nj.gov for questions or feedback regarding the new resources or the School Performance Reports. The NJDOE also continues to seek public input on how to improve future reports and encourages stakeholders to complete the [feedback survey](#).

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