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School Report Card

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The Iowa School Report Card is a web-based ratings system to show how each public school is performing on certain educational measures. Schools receive a score for each measure, and then the scores are combined into an overall score. Based on the overall score, one of the following ratings is assigned to each school: Exceptional, High-Performing, Commendable, Acceptable, Needs Improvement, and Priority.

Educational Measures in the Iowa School Report Card:

The Iowa School Report Card rates schools across a number of educational measures*:

- **Proficiency:** The percentage of students scoring proficient or better on reading and mathematics assessments.
- **Closing Achievement Gap:** A measure that reflects a statewide goal of narrowing the gap in achievement for students with disabilities, students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, and English Language Learners. Two categories were added to this measure in 2016 to include information on achievement gaps by race and ethnicity.
- **College and Career-Ready Growth:** The percentage of students who are making the year-to-year growth necessary to be ready for college and career training by the end of high school.
- **Annual Expected Growth:** The percentage of students making a year of academic growth in a year's time on reading or mathematics assessments.
- **College and Career Readiness:** The percentage of students who score at or above a level of performance in reading and mathematics that predicts a higher probability of postsecondary success. (Middle/high schools only.)
- **Graduation Rate:** The percentage of ninth-grade students who finished high school within five years. (High schools only.)
- **Attendance:** The average daily attendance of students, which is the total number of days students were enrolled and present divided by the total number of possible attendance days.
- **Staff Retention:** The percentage of teachers, school administrators and other licensed staff members who remained employed in a school over consecutive school years.
- **Teacher Survey of Parent Involvement:** This measure is informational and is not included in school scores or ratings. It is a summary of responses to a statewide survey of Iowa teachers on their practices and perceptions regarding parent involvement. Parent involvement eventually will become a scored measure on the Iowa School Report Card.



How Ratings are Calculated

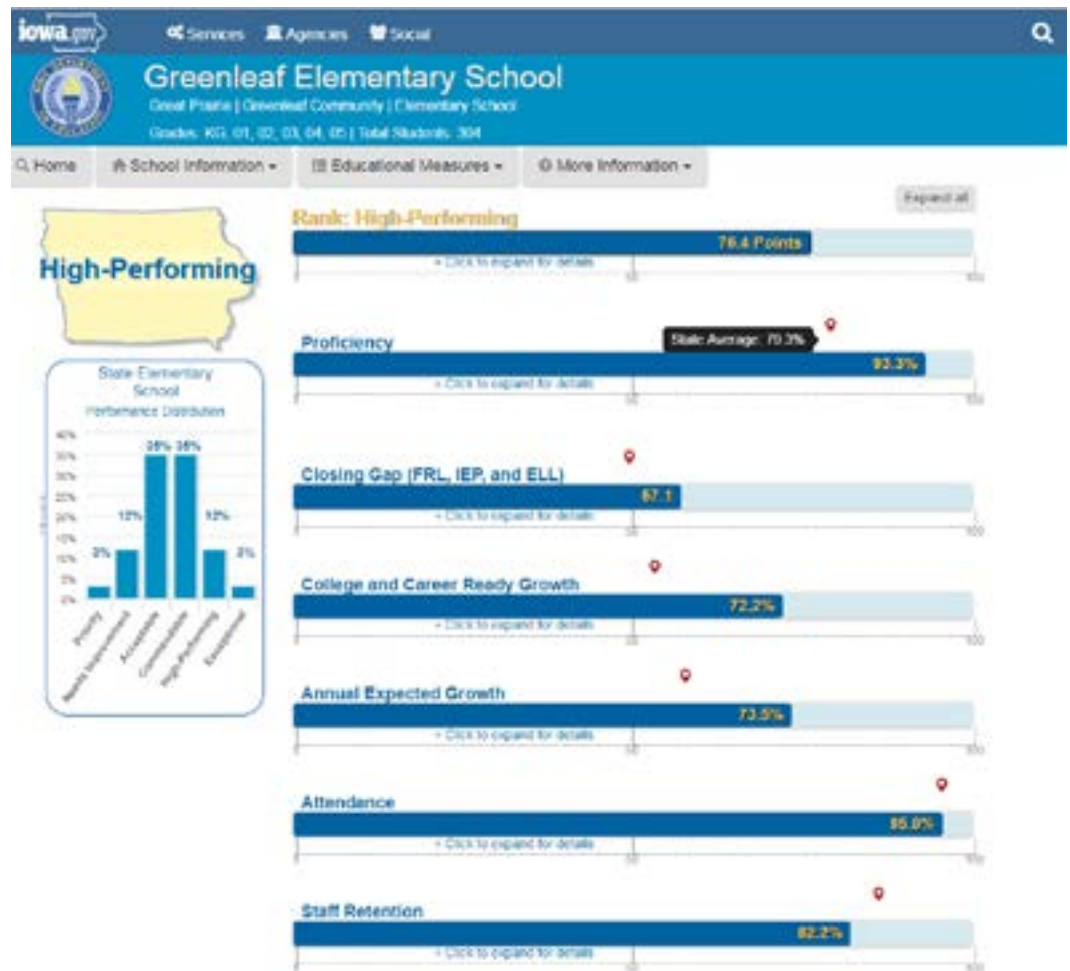
School ratings represent a combination of scores across several educational measures. Because some measures have more impact than others on overall performance, each measure was assigned a weighting, or value it contributes to the overall score.

Each measure has a value from 1 to 100, which is multiplied by the weight to create a score for each measure. The score for each measure is determined, and then all measures are added together for an overall score. A school's overall score determines its rating. Each measure is based on data from the two most recent school years.

Reports Provided in the Iowa School Report Card

Report Card – Summary View

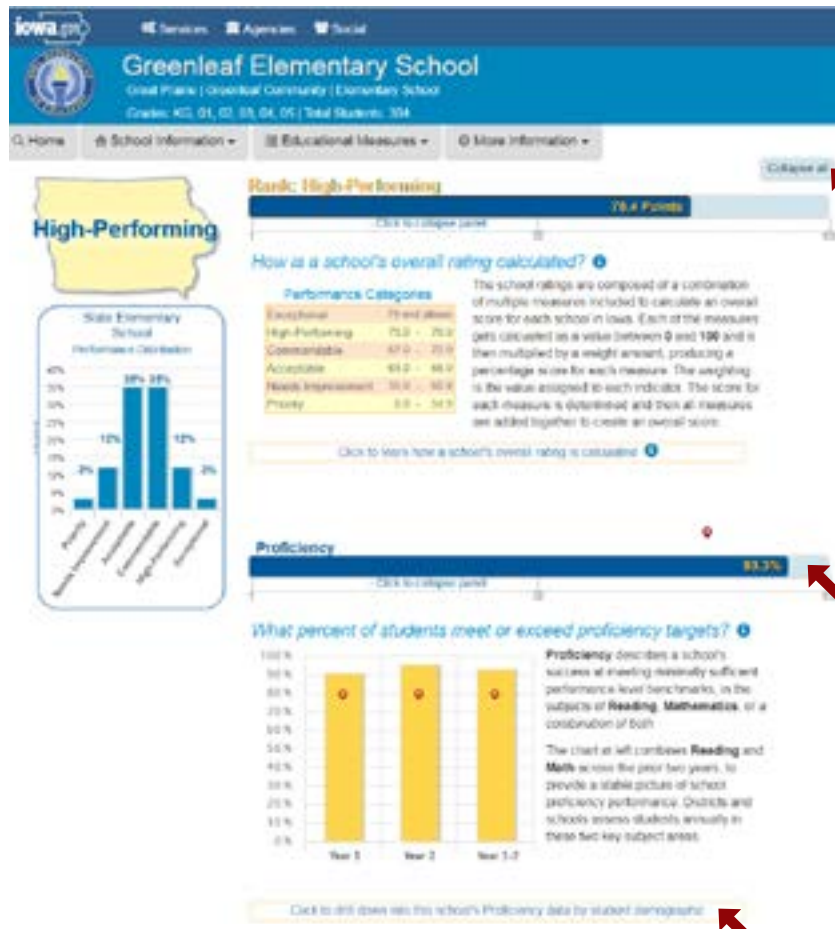
The summary view of the Iowa School Report Card includes a school's overall rating, as well as scores for each educational measure. The summary page also includes a "performance distribution" bar chart, which shows the percentage of schools statewide represented in each of the six ratings. In this example, the fictitious Greenleaf Elementary School is among 12 percent of Iowa elementary schools rated overall as "High-Performing."



The Iowa School Report Card can help Iowans stay informed and can enhance conversations about their schools' strengths and challenges. The Iowa Department of Education developed the rating system in response to a 2013 legislative requirement (House File 215).

Report Card – Expanded View

The expanded view of the Iowa School Report Card builds upon the summary view by providing detailed explanations of a school's overall rating, as well as the definition of each educational measure and how the school performed on the measure. Access the expanded view from the summary page by clicking "Expand all" or by double-clicking each of the horizontal blue bars. Drill down further into the data by clicking on the white bars below each section.



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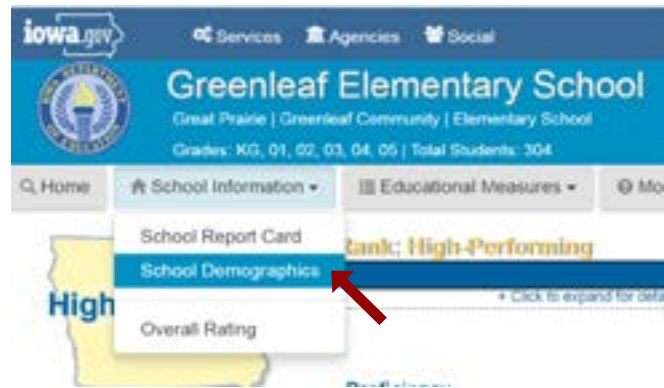
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Further data detail

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School Information & Demographics

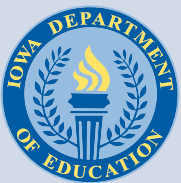
For each school, this section includes the percentage of students by gender and race/ethnicity, as well as percentages of students in special education (Individualized Education Programs), English Language Learners, and students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals. This section also includes a school's address and contact information. Access this section from a school's summary view by clicking on the gray tab labeled "School Information" and choosing "School Demographics" from the drop-down menu.



The "Demographics" section displays contact information and student counts by sub-group. It includes a "School Information" box with fields for Principal, Address, Phone, Fax, Email, and Website. A pie chart shows the gender distribution: 50.3% Male and 49.7% Female. Below this is the "School Demographics" section for 304 total students, featuring a pie chart for "Student Subgroups" and three smaller pie charts for "Individualized Education Programs", "English Language Learners", and "Free or Reduced Lunch".

Subgroup	Percentage
White	92.4%
Native American	0.0%
Black	1.2%
Asian	0.0%
Hispanic	1.8%
Multi-Racial	1.2%
Pacific Islander	0.2%

Program	Percentage
Individualized Education Programs	5.6%
English Language Learners	0.0%
Free or Reduced Lunch	13.2%



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Educational Measures

The educational measures section provides a detailed picture of a school's performance on each educational measure by year, by student demographic subgroup, and by grade level for two consecutive school years. This example displays the "Annual Expected Growth" category for the fictitious Greenleaf Elementary School. Access the educational measures section in one of two ways: 1. Click on the gray tab labeled "Educational Measures" and choose a measure from the drop-down menu. 2. In the expanded view, click on the white bar at the bottom of each educational measure section.

