WHAT'S CHANGING IN OHIO EDUCATION

School and District Report Cards

Ohio is changing the way it measures and rates the performance of schools and districts. The 2012-2013 school and district report cards will grade schools and districts on items with an *A-F letter-grade* system that is easier to understand. The A to F letter grades are familiar to parents and citizens.

What is changing? And why?

Previous report cards were mostly based on how well students performed on state assessments. While assessments will still be a major part of school and district grades, the new report card will show the results in a different way.

The new approach takes the place of the existing system that used six ratings to describe school performance: Excellent with Distinction, Excellent, Effective, Continuous Improvement, Academic Watch and Academic Emergency.

How will it work?

Schools and districts will receive letter grades in six broad categories:

- **Achievement:** How well are students doing against national and state standards of success?
- **Gap Closing:** Are students in all demographic groups making gains in reading and math?
- Graduation Rate: Are all students graduating on time?
- **Progress:** Are students of all abilities growing academically?
- **K-3 Literacy:** Are students in kindergarten through third grade reading at or above grade level?
- **Prepared for Success:** Are students ready for college and careers?

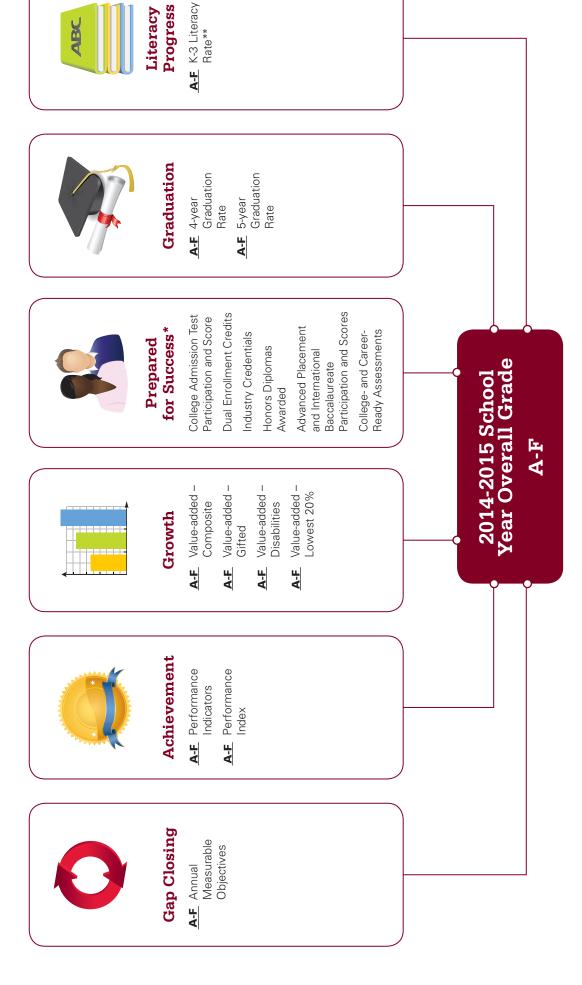
An overall grade for the school and/or district will be the combination of grades of all six categories.

For more information visit: newreportcard.education.ohio.gov

When does it start?

While grades in most categories begin in August 2013, an overall grade for each category and the school and district will not be issued until August 2015. This gives schools time to adjust to the new system and focus their efforts on being successful in all areas being measured.





Progress Literacy

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*While individual items will not be graded, an overall grade for this area will be assigned beginning in August 2015. **Reported only in the 2012-2013 school year. Grading begins in the 2013-2014 school year.

Ohio's Proposed New Accountability System