Update to 2019-2020 Report Card Information

The U.S. Department of Education has provided states the ability to seek one-year waivers from the Every Student Succeeds Act’s (ESSA) testing and accountability requirements. The Ohio General Assembly subsequently passed emergency legislation canceling the spring administration of Ohio's State Tests and waiving report card requirements other than reporting of some limited, available data. The legislation also put in place a “Safe Harbor” period for many elements of the accountability system. Accordingly, the Ohio Department of Education sought and received a federal ESSA waiver for the 2019-2020 school year.

This technical document details how the measure or calculation works in a typical school year. Ohio School Report Cards, Dropout Prevention and Recovery report cards and Career-Technical Planning District report cards all have multiple measures that use assessment data that are not available or are substantially limited this year.

Please visit the Report Card FAQ website for more information about data availability for the 2019-2020 report cards.

Contact accountability@education.ohio.gov with additional questions.
Background

Ohio Revised Code Section 3302.034 (A) says:

*Not later than December 31, 2013, the state board of education shall adopt and specify measures in addition to those included on the report card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. The measures adopted under this section shall be reported separately, as specified under division (B) of this section, for each school district, each building in a district, each community school established under Chapter 3314., each STEM school established under Chapter 3326., and each college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.*

This section grants the state board of education the ability to include other data on the report card beyond the requirements in 3302.03. In late 2013, the board adopted the additional measures and the list of fine arts courses offered was one of them.

ODE uses the Course Master (CN) Record and the Student Course (GN) Record to determine which fine arts courses are offered by a district or school. Districts report a Course Master Record that lists all the courses offered by the district or school. The Course Master record includes the Subject Code Element (CN050 Record) which tells ODE the subject of the course being offered. The Course Master Record also includes a unique Local Classroom Code Element (CN060 Record) which identifies the teacher, period or section, subject and building. For example, one code will be assigned for first period vocal/choral music for Mrs. Smith at Elm Street High School and a different code will be assigned to second period vocal/choral music for Mrs. Smith at Elm Street High School, etc.

When a student enrolls in a course, the district reports that same Local Classroom Code Element on the Student’s Course Record (the GN080 Record) and ODE uses that code to tie the student to the exact course being taught (i.e. – is the student in Mrs. Smith’s vocal/choral music class during first period or second period, etc.).

When ODE produces the list of fine arts courses offered, a course is added to the list if the district reports at least one student with a Local Classroom Code that matches the Course Master Record for any of the Fine Arts Subject Codes listed below. Because the calculation matches on that Local Classroom Code, it is important for districts to check that the codes in the CN record and the GN record align.

The Fine Arts measure is reported for all public and STEM districts and for all community and public schools. The courses that can be offered include:
The district reports the fine arts data in the Course Master Record (CN) and the Student Course Record (GN) during the appropriate reporting windows. The codes above are the only ones included in this list and a course is added to the list if a student is reported as being enrolled at any time during the year.