

Modified report cards released

Last month, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released 2020 school report cards which, consistent with COVID response legislation (H.B. 197) passed earlier this year, do not contain overall grades for any district or building, individual grades or ratings for given components or performance measures. The report cards also do not include any information about student performance on state tests, the academic growth of students during the school year, and the extent to which student achievement gaps are being addressed.

The report cards do provide information on graduation rates and Prepared for Success indicators, as well as demographic and enrollment data, and operational details.

Highlights of the 2020 report card results include:

- ♦ Continued improvement in the high school graduation rate – The four-year graduation rate stands at 85.9 percent for the Class of 2019, up from 85.3 percent the previous year. The rate has increased 7.9 percent since 2010.
- ♦ More students are meeting the Prepared for Success measure – The statewide percentage has increased to 42 percent with 3,994 more students contributing points to the readiness indicators compared to last year. The statewide percentage has increased every year this measure has been reported – up 7.8 percent since 2016.
- ♦ Gains in industry-recognized credentials and dual enrollment – Nearly 18,200 in the classes of 2018 and 2019 earned industry-recognized credentials, an increase of 3,427 from the previous year. The number of students earning dual enrollment credits jumped 6,121 from the year before and has grown 58 percent since 2017.

Access report cards online at <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/>. Information explaining available report card metrics is also available online at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Report-Card-Resources>.

