

Frequently Asked Questions 2020-21 State Report Card

1. ***What is the State Report Card?***

The State Report Card is an important tool for families, educators, elected officials, education stakeholders and communities to understand how Tennessee’s schools are serving all students—and how they can improve to accelerate student achievement. With this knowledge, we can continue to build on our state’s progress to ensure that every Tennessee student has the opportunity for success.

2. ***What will be included in the 2020-21 State Report Card?***

This one-pager provides an overview of the data presented in [the 2020-21 State Report Card](#).

3. ***Will files still be available for download via the Data Downloads page?***

Yes, files will be available for download after the release of the Report Card. For more information on Data Downloads, visit our [Data Downloads page](#).

4. ***Some metrics appear to have “no information” or “N/A” for my school or district. Why is this information missing?***

In accordance with federal and state policy, the department is required to suppress any information that may be personally identifiable for students. As a result, some metrics are not viewable. This is indicated by “N/A” and “Not Available” messages on the report card. For more information on our suppression rules for the 2020-21 Report Card, please click [here](#).

5. ***Where can I find enrollment information on the Report Card?***

Enrollment information has been moved to an additional tab on the State Report Card labeled “[School or District] Information”. The “About” tab now contains hold harmless indicators and designations.

6. ***Will the 2020-21 Report Card be updated after the public release on September 23rd?***

Yes. The State Report Card will be updated in late fall 2021 to include 2020-21 school and district finance information, TVAAS growth scores, and postsecondary enrollment.

7. ***What does “H” mean?***

Because all Tennessee school districts met the requirement in [Public Chapter 2](#) to achieve an 80% rate of student participation in TCAP this spring, some assessment data is neither publicly available this year nor included in accountability calculations such as letter grades or other summative ratings. Other information about schools and districts will still be made available this year on the Report Card as well as the department’s data downloads webpage.

On this year's State Report Card, the department has chosen to highlight the strong student participation rates for the 2021 Spring TCAP assessment and assign districts and schools the letter "H" to signify that they were held harmless.

8. *What is the Governor's Civics seal?*

The Governor's Civics Seal recognizes schools and districts that prioritize teaching our nation's history and civic values. Tennessee districts and schools are highlighted as Governor's Civics Seal recipients on the State Report Card by each school having met a set of criteria outlined in statute and being recognized as a Tennessee Excellence in Civics Education School. Each district with at least 80% of their schools having earned the Seal is recognized as a Tennessee Excellence in Civics Education District. More information on the Governor's Civics Seal is available on the [department's website](#).