

Indicators that provide more information about school performance and student opportunity:

* Achievement
* Student progress or growth
* High school completion
* Progress towards English proficiency for English learners
* Chronic absenteeism
* Advanced coursework completion

An increased focus on raising the performance of each school’s lowest performing students

Information on each school’s performance against improvement targets and how it is doing compared to other schools

Accountability categories that describe how the school is doing and what kind of support it may receive from the state

* Schools requiring broad support due to consistent or chronic underperformance
* Schools requiring focused support due to low overall or subgroup performance, low graduation rates, or low assessment participation
* Schools without required assistance or intervention

What else should I know?

* Detailed performance data will be reported for all districts, schools, and subgroups.
* Accountability results will be used to recognize schools that are demonstrating success in addition to identifying schools in need of support.
* Massachusetts is committed to monitoring the system’s effectiveness in providing clear and actionable information to districts, schools, and the public.

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What are some highlights of the system?

What is an accountability system?

An accountability system measures school and district performance. It helps schools improve the performance of all students, and helps communities and the state decide how to allocate resources. Accountability results answer two questions: *How is the school doing?* and *What kind of support does the school need?*

Massachusetts’ new school and district accountability system