

January 2019 Superintendent's Update

The Utah State Board of Education has released new, redesigned accountability report cards for all schools. We are hopeful these new reports show the performance of our schools in a more complete and comprehensive way. As you know, the Utah State Board of Education has changed the tests (formerly call SAGE now called RISE) over the past few years and have changed the reporting indicators multiple times. It has been a challenge for our principals, teachers, and students to keep up with the changes, but I commend them for the outstanding job they do and their ability to continually meet the demands placed on them. We hope these new reports will be a tool to help us focus on the individual needs of students and to make continual improvements where necessary.

The report card provides ratings on each indicator used to assess school performance. Ratings are reported on a five-point scale using the following descriptors (from highest to lowest): exemplary, commendable, typical, developing, critical needs. These indicator ratings capture different aspects of school performance and include academic proficiency and growth in core subjects, progress on English language proficiency, graduation rate, performance on the ACT college entrance exam, and success in readiness coursework, which includes such items as Advanced Placement and concurrent enrollment participation as well as students who complete career and technical education Career Pathways.

You can drill down for more information including how well a school performs on each indicator compared to other schools in the district and in the state. Other new pieces include the testing participation rate for each school and the percentage of students consistently attending the school.

You can go to the state site by clicking on this link: <https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/>

Or you can click on any of the following school links:

District Report: <https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/Home/DistrictProfile?DistrictID=795>

MHS:

<https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/Home/SchoolOverAllPerformance?SchoolID=799&DistrictID=795&SchoolNbr=704&SchoolLevel=HS&IsSplitSchool=0>

MMS:

<https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/Home/SchoolOverAllPerformance?SchoolID=798&DistrictID=795&SchoolNbr=304&SchoolLevel=K8&IsSplitSchool=0>

MES:

<https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/Home/SchoolOverAllPerformance?SchoolID=797&DistrictID=795&SchoolNbr=104&SchoolLevel=K8&IsSplitSchool=0>

MGES:

<https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/Home/SchoolOverAllPerformance?SchoolID=185880&DistrictID=795&SchoolNbr=106&SchoolLevel=K8&IsSplitSchool=0>