

School District of Philadelphia

School Progress Report – Parent and Family Guide



What does the School Progress Report (SPR) do?

The School Progress Report (SPR) is a tool, produced by The School District of Philadelphia every year. It provides information on how your school is doing in the areas that matter the most for student success – Academic **Achievement** and **Progress**, School **Climate** and Safety, and **College and Career Readiness**. The SPR helps us to know:

- ✓ Which schools are strong in which areas?
- ✓ Where are children achieving at high levels?
- ✓ What areas at each school must change in order to improve outcomes for students?

SPR School Categories

Schools can earn scores from 0-100%. Based on their overall score, schools are assigned to one of the following four categories:



Intervene
(0-24%)

Intervene – Performance at these schools is low, and change is needed. These schools require immediate attention and assistance.



Watch
(25-49%)

Watch – Schools in this group have some areas of solid performance, but overall they need intensive focus and support to improve.



Reinforce
(50-74%)

Reinforce – These schools have several areas of strength to build on and, with some targeted assistance, should aim to improve steadily.



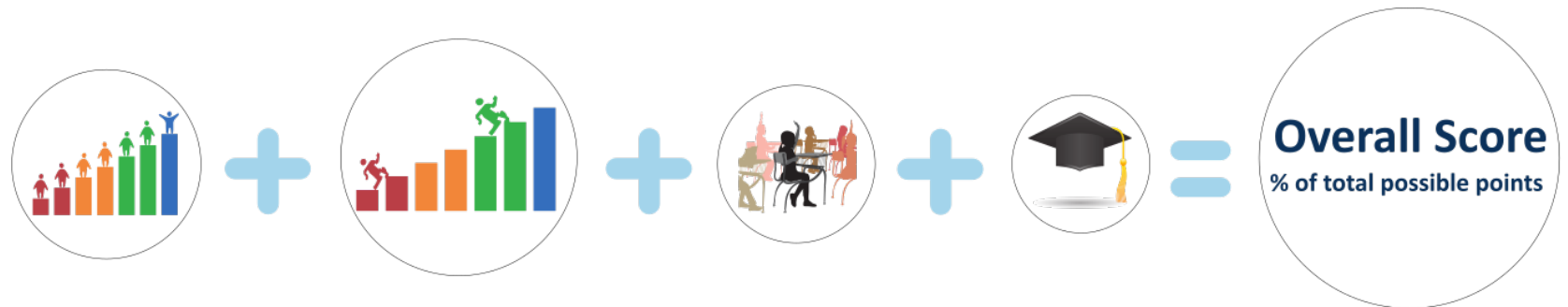
Model
(75-100%)

Model – These schools have earned high scores and are among the best in the city.

This scoring system can be used to understand how well your school is doing in each section and metric on the SPR as well.

How did my school get its SPR Score?

Exactly what counts towards a school's overall score depends on the students it serves. For example, elementary and middle schools' overall scores consider **Achievement**, **Progress**, and **School Climate**, while high schools' SPR scores also consider **College & Career Readiness**. Each SPR domain, or section, has a different weight within the overall score.



	Achievement	Progress	Climate	College & Career	Overall Score % of total possible points
Elementary, K8 & Middle School	30%	40%	30%	NA	100%
High School	30%	40%	20%	10%	100%

A school's overall score shows how a school is performing relative to District goals and can be used to understand changes in performance over time.

Understanding the SPR Sections

Achievement	Progress	School Climate	College & Career Readiness
<p>This section measures how well students are reading, writing, doing math, and learning science, as well as, ELL students' language proficiency.</p>	<p>This section shows whether students are learning as much as they should from one year to the next in reading/literature, math, and science, and if high school students are on track to graduate.</p>	<p>School should be a safe and inviting place where students want to be. This section measures student attendance, student engagement, and reports results from the annual survey.</p>	<p>This section shows whether high school students are graduating and whether they are prepared to pursue their college and career goals (for High Schools only).</p>
What data does the SPR look at?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PSSA/Keystone Proficiency ✓ ACCESS Proficiency (for ELLs) ✓ Reading on Grade Level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Average Growth Index (AGI) ✓ ACCESS Growth (for ELLs) ✓ Percent of Students On-Track ✓ Equity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Attendance ✓ School Retention ✓ Suspensions ✓ Student and Parent Surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ High School Graduation ✓ College Enrollment ✓ College/Career Preparation ✓ Student Surveys
Why is this important?			
<p>Reading on grade level leads to success in other academic areas.</p> <p>Students' early achievement affects transfer options and high school admissions.</p> <p>Test scores can influence college access (for High School students).</p>	<p>For students who are behind, substantial growth is necessary to eventually perform on grade level.</p> <p>Not progressing through high school with the right number of credits puts students at risk for dropping out.</p>	<p>A strong school climate is the foundation for student learning.</p> <p>If children do not attend school, they cannot learn.</p> <p>Parent and student voices are critical to school success.</p>	<p>Graduating high school increases opportunities for students later in life.</p> <p>High school graduates contribute to the city's health.</p> <p>Better-prepared graduates do better in college/careers.</p>
What can you do?			
<p>Support student learning outside of school.</p> <p>Be aware of test dates, make sure students are prepared, and encourage them to always try their best.</p> <p>Monitor student performance on Benchmarks and report cards.</p> <p>Discuss course content with students and their teachers.</p> <p>Ensure students attend every class.</p> <p>Work with the school and/or the School Advisory Council (SAC) to improve student achievement.</p>	<p>Take the annual survey and encourage students to take it as well.</p> <p>Make sure students do not miss more than 1 day of school per month, excused or unexcused.</p> <p>Work with the school and/or the School Advisory Council (SAC) to improve school climate.</p>	<p>Enroll students in credit recovery or summer programs to catch up.</p> <p>Increase access to enrichment and programming that will prepare students for college and career.</p> <p>Stress the importance of attendance.</p> <p>Encourage students to take the annual survey.</p>	

SPR Additional Resources

The School District of Philadelphia’s School Progress Report (SPR) website includes additional resources and information about the SPR and the items it measures: www.philasd.org/spr.

On this page you will find the **SPR User Guide**, **Frequently Asked Questions**, and the **SPR Parent and Family Guide (multiple languages available)**, as well as **the SPR Business Rules**, which provide details on how each item on the SPR is calculated.

Testing and Other Important Dates

Review the School District of Philadelphia’s Web Calendar regularly to be aware of **upcoming test dates, registration dates, and other important dates** for your student and school: www.philasd.org/calendar.

Annual Surveys

We want your feedback! **Complete the annual Parent & Guardian Survey** to tell us about your school and how we can improve: www.philasd.org/parentsurvey.

Review the **survey results for your school** on the School District of Philadelphia’s survey website: schoolsurveys.philasd.org.

Get Involved and Support School Improvement



Visit the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) website for more information on **how to best support your student and school**: www.philasd.org/face

Get Involved! Consider joining your **School Advisory Council (SAC)** to help support students’ academic achievement, improve school climate and culture, and strengthen family engagement.