

# School Report Cards

Use this handout at a meeting on your school's report card, along with examples from your state's education department or school board website!

## What is a School Report Card?

- School report cards are similar to your student's report card, in that they show information about how your school is doing.
- School report cards are based on data and information on students, the teachers and staff that work at your school, and other things about the school's culture or the opportunities it provides to students.

### Want to Know More?

Check out the Data Quality Campaign's website! [dataqualitycampaign.org/showmethedata](http://dataqualitycampaign.org/showmethedata)

There you'll find information about:

- what states SHOULD be sharing,
- what to advocate for and how, and
- how to read your school's report card.

You can also find information in [Education Data 101](#)

## Where does the information come from?

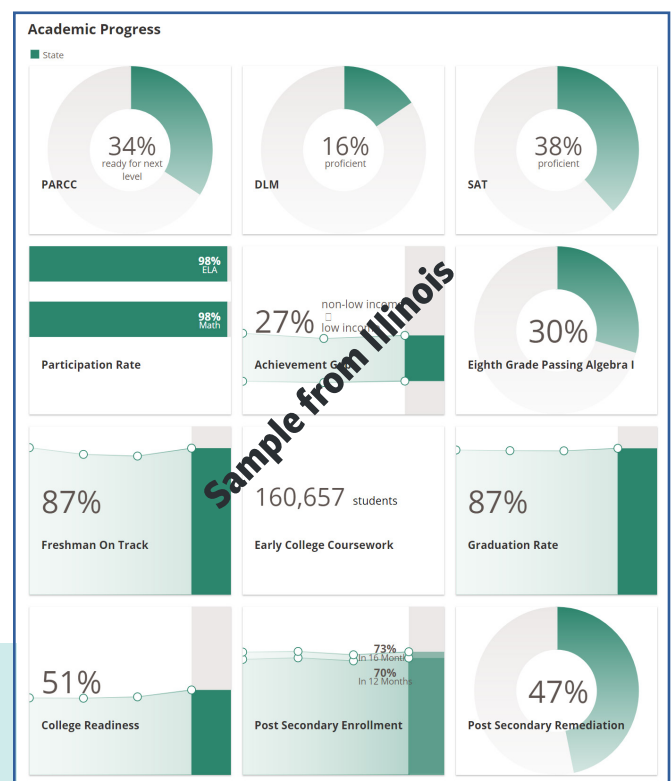
- States get information from districts and charter programs, who get their data from the schools themselves. If you want better or different information, you'll need to talk to your state representatives and your school leadership.

## Where can I find my school report card?

- School report cards are all hosted online on your state's education agency website. Search "(your state) school report card" and it will likely be the first link you see.
- You can also call your school or district office and request a printed copy. They are required to provide it!

## Who can help me understand my school report card?

- School report cards can be difficult to read. The first step is to find the report card and talk it through with a peer or other trusted advocate.
- Next, go together to meet with a school staff member - either a teacher, school site council member, or your school principal in-person. Ask them to walk you through the information on the report
- National organizations can also help! Check out Great Schools! at [greatschools.org/gk/ratings](http://greatschools.org/gk/ratings) and the Data Quality Campaign at [dataqualitycampaign.org](http://dataqualitycampaign.org)



What you learn will help you push for change. Use the information in your school's report card to empower your voice!