

## What's New for the 2017-18 Accountability Report Cards?

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will release the annual <u>Accountability Report Cards</u> in November 2018. This document summarizes the changes made to the School and District Report Cards since last year's accountability reporting.

**New Look:** The front page overview of the report card will look a little different, but no changes to the underlying calculations were made. We have highlighted the priority area boxes; added some informational boxes to the front page; and eliminated much of the interpretive text on subsequent pages, resulting in a shorter report card. Now, the School Report Card is 10 pages and the District Report Card is 11 pages.

**Priority Area Weights Displayed:** The bottom text box of the front page of the report card includes your school or district's specific weights for each priority area. If the school/district has both Student Achievement and School Growth scores, the required variable weighting is incorporated in calculating the Overall Score.

**Test Participation Reported on Front Page:** The bottom graph shows one-year test participation

rates in ELA and mathematics for all students and for

the subgroup with the lowest rate. More information about test participation, including three-year rates, by subgroup, can still be found on page 10. Test participation rates are reported (not scored) on the front page to highlight the importance of testing all students.

Changes in EL Subgroup: In the past, former English Learners (ELs) were included in the EL subgroup for two years after exiting from EL status. This allowed schools and districts to get credit for successfully educating ELs to achieve English language proficiency. Starting with the 2017-18 report cards, former ELs will be included in the EL subgroup for four years (not two years) following their exit from EL status. This aligns with proposed calculations for the federal ESSA accountability system.

*Updating Accountability Resources:* The accountability team annually updates the resources that help explain and interpret the accountability report cards. For 2017-18 accountability, we are trying to streamline interpretive information and reduce the number of documents to review. You can always find additional resources, including those from prior report card years on our <a href="Accountability Resource">Accountability Resource</a> landing page. If you have questions or feedback on these resources, please contact <a href="mail@dpi.wi.gov">oeamail@dpi.wi.gov</a>.

To view a report card or the statewide data file, please access the report card database application here: <a href="https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/">https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/</a>.

