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Dothan City Schools' 2022-2023 School Report Card Released

DOTHAN, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Education released the Alabama State Report Card on Thursday, December 14, 2023, containing a letter grade for schools and school systems across the state for the 2022-2023 school year, including Dothan City Schools (DCS).

Dothan City Schools received a “**B**,” which reflects several different factors including academic achievement, academic growth, chronic absenteeism, as well as graduation rates and college and career readiness (for high schools).



“We are very proud of the work of our DCS Principals, administrators, teachers and staff for their continued hard work to raise the academic growth and achievement of all Dothan City School students. Through an investment in our people and professional development, we have created a systematic approach to meeting the needs of our students and how we can continue to improve our schools,” says Dothan City Schools Superintendent, Dr. Dennis Coe. “While we recognize we are moving in the right direction, there is still much work to be done. We encourage our community to view this report as a way to assist and become more involved in Dothan City Schools. Parents can simply help our report card grade by ensuring their children attend school every day.”

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We encourage parents and others to explore DCS's five-year Strategic Plan and the Alabama State Report Card, which provides multi-year, detailed information about our schools and allows you to compare our schools to others throughout the state using a wide range of measures. This information can be found at:

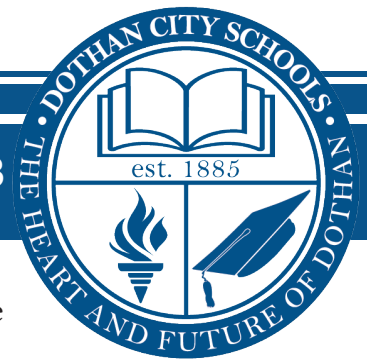
- ❖ dothan.k12.al.us/strategicplan
- ❖ reportcard.alsde.edu/selectschool.aspx

Although it is important to understand a letter grade is a snapshot of how a school is performing, it does show specific areas in which we are doing well, as well as areas in which we need to improve.

We also hope you will view this report as a way to assist and become more involved in Dothan City Schools. Help us raise the grades together for all schools and the system by taking a community approach to the mission of educating children. Together we can strive for excellence in all areas of education.

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DOTHAN CITY SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2022-2023

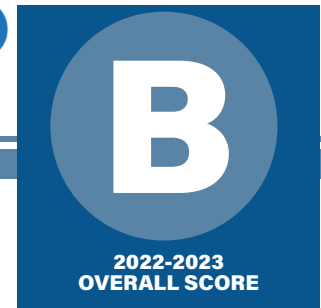


The Alabama Department of Education released the Alabama State Report Card on December 14, 2023, containing a letter grade for schools and school-systems across the state. The report card provides parents and community members with an additional snapshot of information to understand how their school is performing, see successes, and know where to ask questions and get engaged. Dothan City Schools' grade changed from a 76/C to an 80/B.

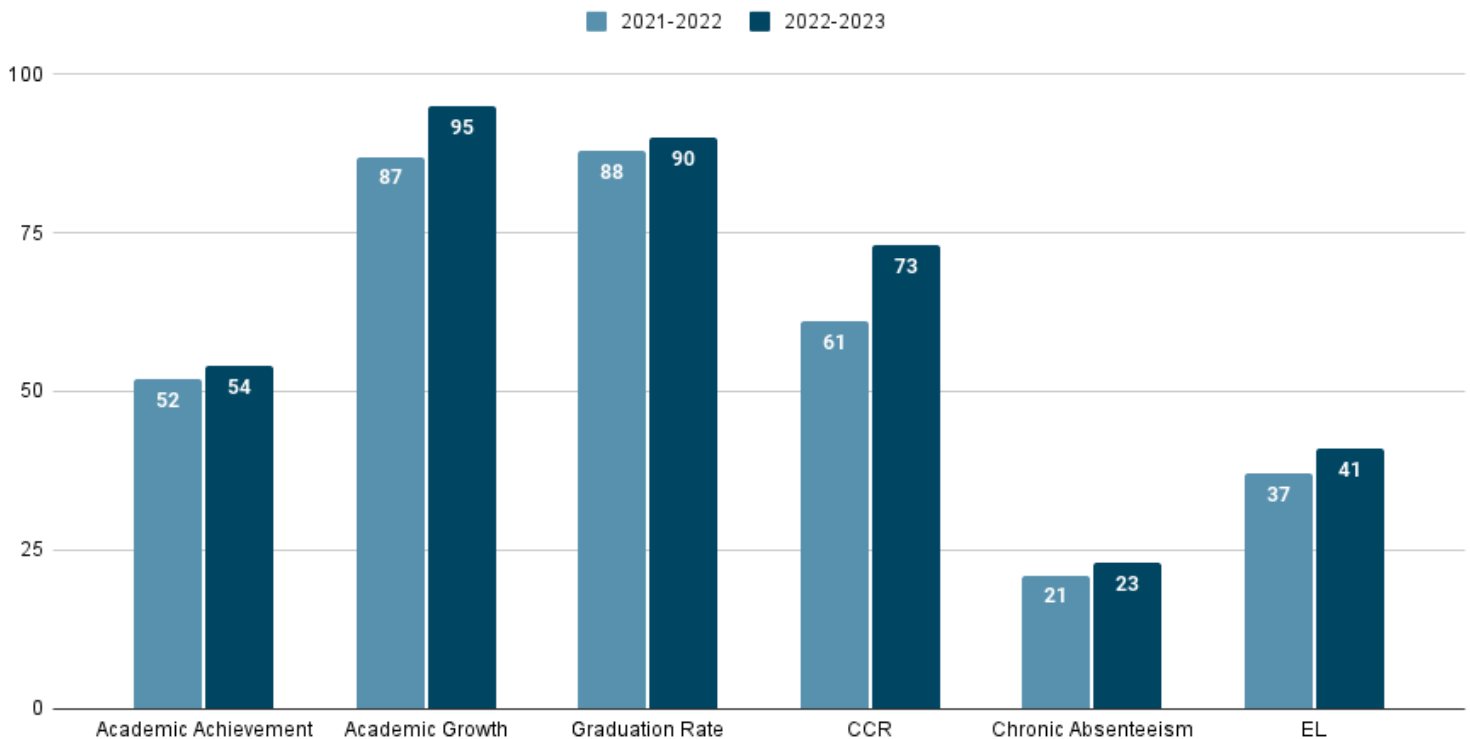
This grade reflects several different factors including academic achievement, academic growth, chronic absenteeism, graduation rates, college and career readiness, and English Language Proficiency.



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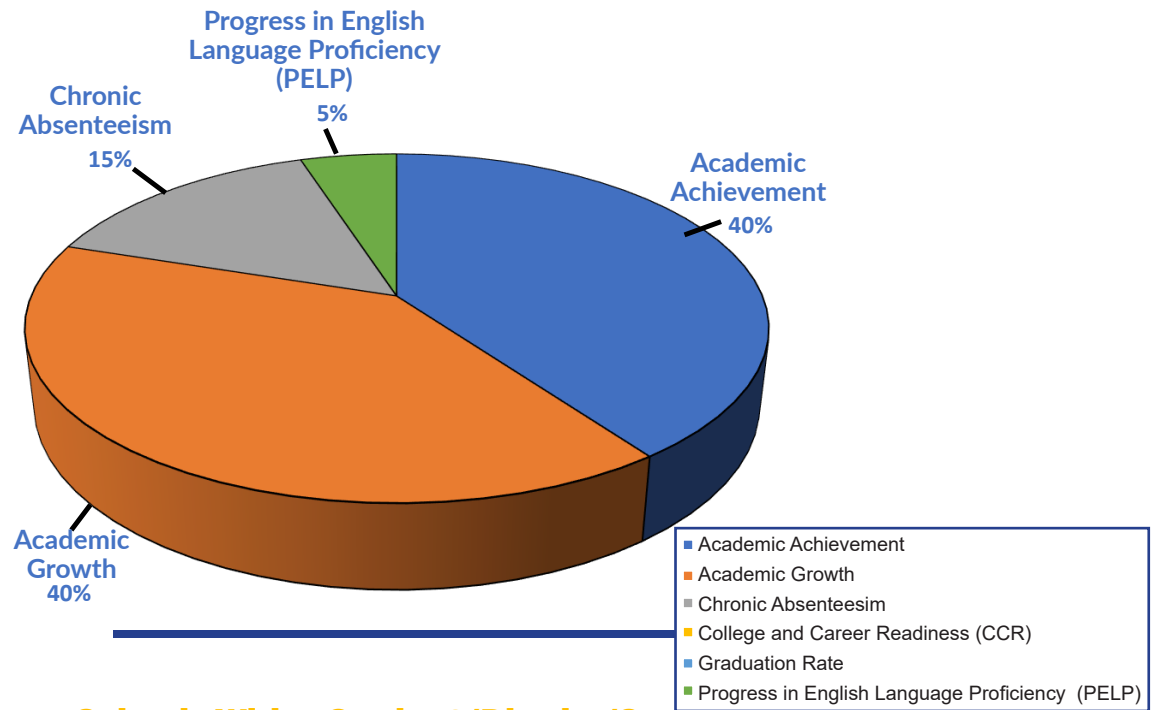
DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS



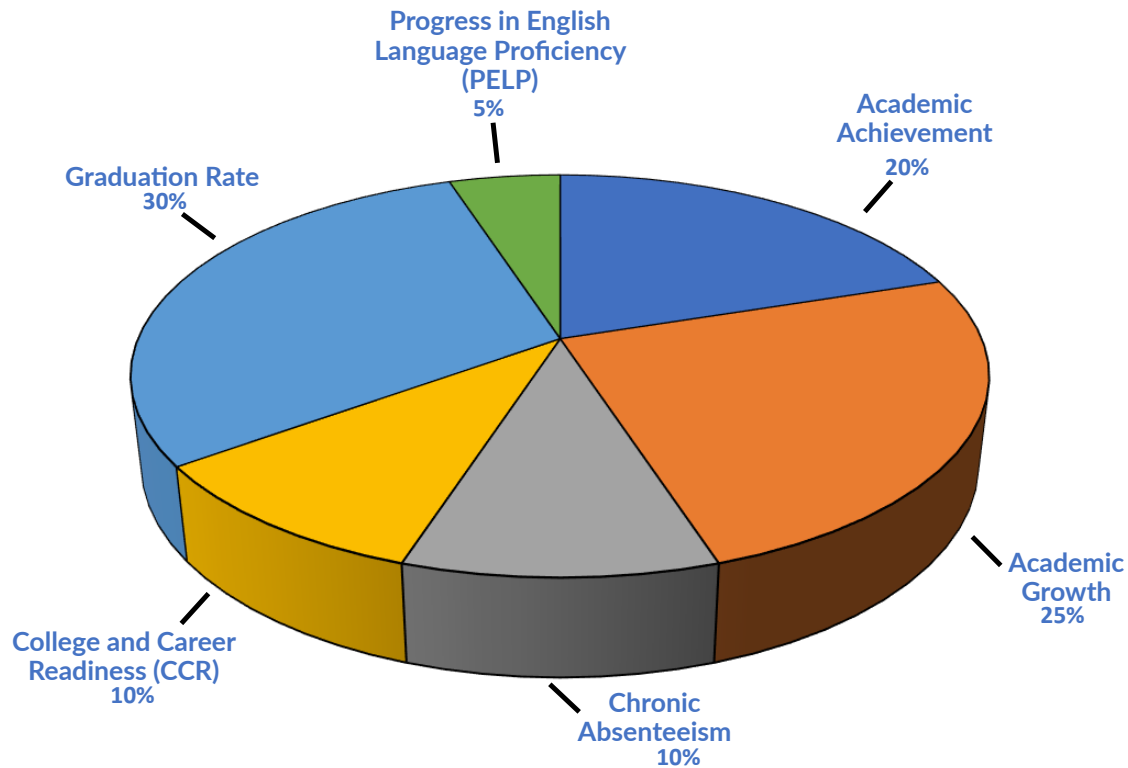


Indicator Weights by School Configuration (State & Federal)

Schools Without a Grade 12



Schools With a Grade 12/District/State



- Each Indicator Score will be multiplied by the indicated Percent of Score.
- The products will then be summed in order to obtain a numerical score.
- The numerical score will be matched to the traditional grading scale and the resulting letter grade will be displayed in the State Accountability System.



Indicator Factor Definitions

Academic Achievement is based on the number of students in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Math utilizing assessments in tested grades.

The score is based on achievement levels as outlined below:

- Level I - 0.00
- Level II - 0.50
- Level III - 1.00
- Level IV - 1.25

Academic Growth is based on individual students who demonstrate improvement in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math, utilizing assessments in tested grades within the growth categories 1-4.

The score is based on the weighted growth categories outlined below:

- Category 1 - 0
- Category 2 - 0.75
- Category 3 - 1.25
- Category 4 - 1.50

Graduation Rate is based on the percentage of high school students who graduated within four (4) years of first entering the 9th grade.

College and Career Readiness (CCR) is based on the percentage of students enrolled in the 4 year cohort who met at least one (1) of the CCR indicators:

College and Career Readiness Indicators are listed below:

- » Benchmark on any ACT subtest
- » Qualifying Score on AP or IB Exam
- » Military Enlistment
- » Approved Transcript College or Postsecondary Credit while in High School
- » Silver Level or Higher on the ACT WorkKeys
- » Approved Industry Credentials
- » Career Technical Education Completer
- » Career Technical Education Apprenticeship

Progress in English Language Proficiency is based on *Growth to Target Model* measured by two (2) years of student performance on WIDA ACCESS scores, as measured against progress targets.

Chronic Absenteeism is based on the percentage of students in grades K-12 who missed 18 or more days (both excused and unexcused). Points are based on students present.



DOOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS GRADE PER SCHOOL

10 of the 15 Dothan City Schools reporting went up a letter grade from 2021-2022*.
12 schools showed significant gains.

2022-2023 Report Card Scores

Beverlye Intermediate	70/C *
Carver School for Math, Science and Technology	98/A
Faine Elementary	64/D *
Girard Intermediate	65/D *
Girard Primary	68/D *
Heard Elementary	82/B
Hidden Lake Primary	70/C *
Highlands Elementary	92/A *
Kelly Springs Elementary	80/B *
Selma Street Elementary	84/B *
Slingluff Elementary	70/C *
Dothan City Virtual School	78/C *
Dothan Preparatory Academy	65/D
Carver 9th Grade Academy	73/C
Dothan High School	73/C

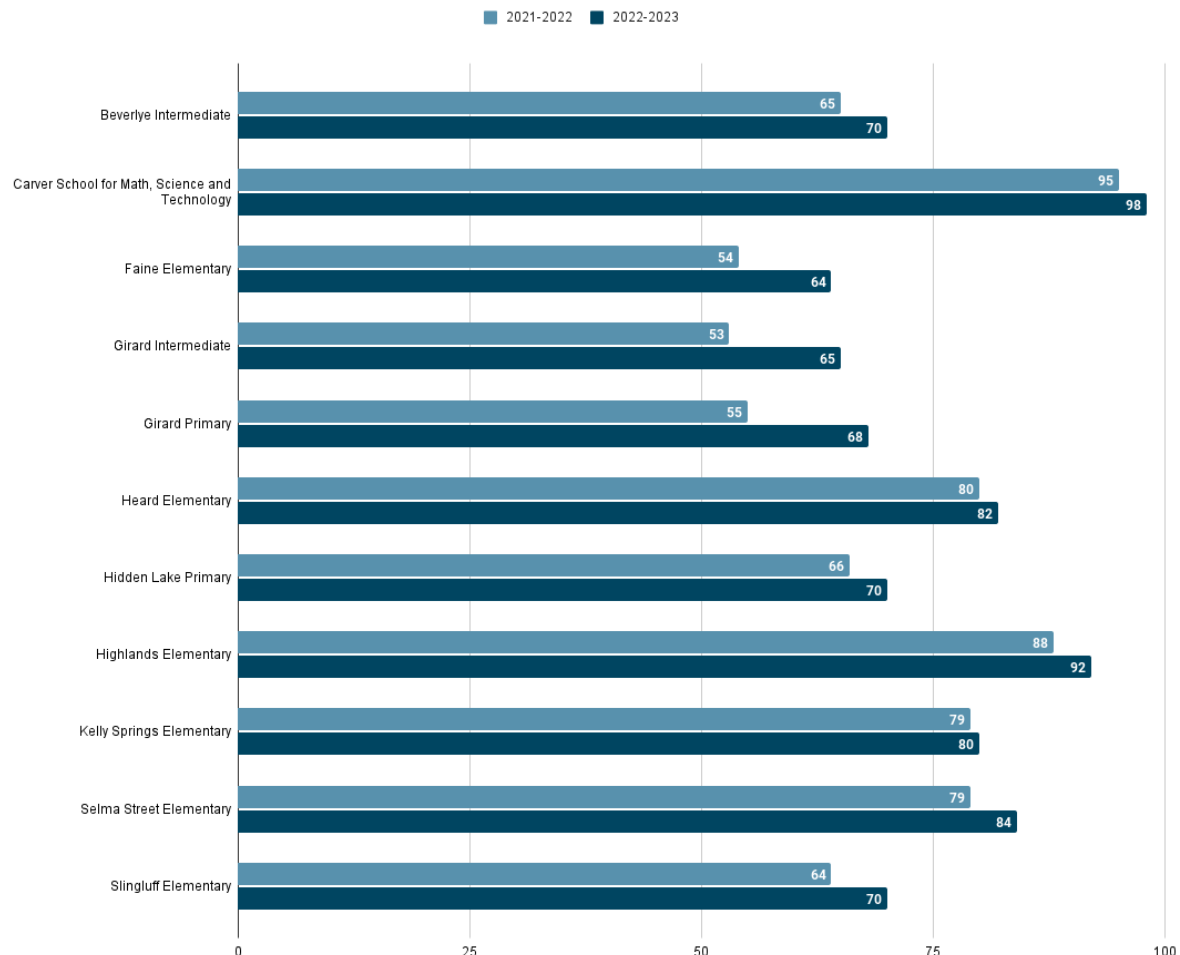
* denotes letter grade change

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



At the elementary level, over two years, all elementary schools showed a significant increase in their scores. Compared to two schools in 2022, this year five schools received 100% in the category of growth. Out of 11 elementary schools, 9 schools improved a letter grade. Carver School for Math, Science, and Technology moved up three points, maintaining their A score, and Heard Elementary School continues to increase with an additional two points, maintaining their B grade. Beverlye Intermediate increased by five points from a 65 to a 70, Hidden Lake Primary gained four additional points from a 66 to 70, and Slingluff Elementary climbed by six points from a 64 to a 70; each of these schools improved a letter grade to a C. Both Kelly Springs Elementary and Selma Street Elementary improved their letter grade from a C to an B and Highlands Elementary School attained an A grade with a 4 point increase.

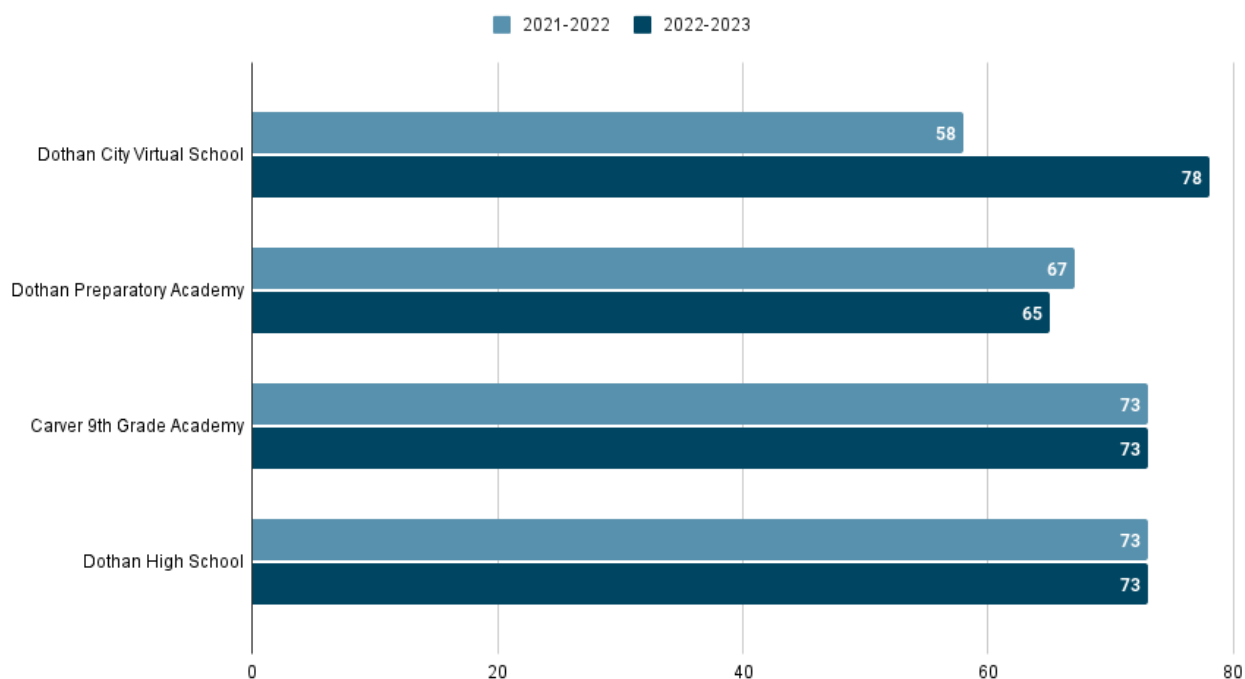
For the three elementary schools that were graded an F in 2021-2022, all schools improved a letter grade to a D, showcasing each school's ability for improvement. Faine Elementary moved up 10 points and received accolades from Governor Ivey for their 18% growth in math. Girard Intermediate gained 12 points and Girard Primary attained an additional 13 points.



SECONDARY SCHOOLS



At the secondary level, all schools but one school maintained their previous letter grade with Dothan City Virtual School moving up two letter grades from an F to a C with a 20 point increase. Within Dothan High, we saw an increase in CCR score from 61 to 73. However, due to a continued increase in chronic absenteeism, Dothan High's overall letter grade remained the same. While DPA didn't show gains in the overall report card grade, they did show improvement in math proficiency and math growth.



We commend all DCS administrators, principals, teachers and staff for their work on continuous improvement for our community and most importantly our students.

Our report card grades are important for several reasons. Although it is important to understand a letter grade is a snapshot of how a school is performing, it does show specific areas in which we are doing well, as well as areas in which we need to improve. Although we are proud of the achievements of many of our schools, we are encouraged that more improvement is to come.

We also hope you will view this report as a way to assist and become more involved in Dothan City Schools. Use the report card information to support and improve our schools. Help us raise the grades together for all schools and the system by taking a community approach to the mission of educating children. Together we can strive for excellence in all areas of education.

Additional data and details about the factors used to determine grades are available on the Alabama State Department of Education's website, www.alsde.edu.