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SUPPORT & ACCOUNTABILITY

DESIGNATIONS / REPORT CARD / IL-EMPOWER



The 5Ws

Our vision of Illinois is a state of whole, healthy children nested in whole, healthy systems supporting communities wherein all people are socially and economically secure. Bringing this vision into reality requires all of us—the state, districts, schools, educators, families, and communities—working together. Illinois' system of support and accountability helps us identify which schools need the greatest assistance to meet our shared goals, as we strive to provide our students an equitable and adequately funded education. The system launches statewide with the 2018 Illinois Report Card.

Who	All public schools Support and accountability now extends to the school level. Every school's Report Card will include a summative designation—a descriptor of how well the school is meeting the needs of all students.
What	Snapshot of student growth and success & an opportunity to tell your school's story The Report Card shows students' growth at a moment in time. No single data point or designation can define a school's whole story. The Report Card creates the opportunity to share about the successes behind the numbers.
Why	Identify schools for additional support & provide transparency for families and communities Common, statewide measures of quality and clear, honest designations empower families and communities to advocate for the resources and supports students need. The IL-EMPOWER process helps the lowest-performing schools improve through self-inquiry and partnerships.
When	October 31, 2018 The transformed support and accountability system launches statewide with the 2018 Illinois Report Card. Illinois also has a new and fairer school funding formula.
Where	IllinoisReportCard.com The 2018 Illinois Report Card will display new features and data points, such as a summary dashboard for every school and each district's distance to adequate funding.



