



# THE RUNDOWN

September 21, 2020

Welcome to the Report Card Rundown -- A monthly data newsletter that outlines all of the Report Card information schools and districts need to know, including data system openings and closings, deadline reminders, and key information regarding changes and updates to the 2020 Report Card.

## Need to Know

- **ISBE's Illinois Report Card page contains multiple resources, including:**

- o Access to the Illinois Interactive Report Card ([www.IllinoisReportCard.com](http://www.IllinoisReportCard.com))
- o Report Card Data Library
  - 2020 Glossary of Terms
  - 2020 Report Card Public Dataset (available Oct. 30)
- o Report Card Metrics
  - Public Business Rules for 2020 Report Card Metrics
- o Presentations and Webinars
- o District Communications
- o All Issues of the 2020 Report Card Rundown



IL Interactive Report Card



Report Card Data Library



Report Card Metrics

- **All 2020 Illinois Report Card data is under embargo and subject to change until Oct. 30**

ISBE will communicate in early October an exact time that the embargo will be lifted on Oct. 30. Districts may share their 2020 Illinois Report Card data only with individuals whom they determine to have legitimate educational interests with the express understanding that the data are not to be shared publicly until after the official statewide release on Oct. 30. Publicly available discussions, presentations, and reports based upon embargoed data may not occur during the embargo period.



- **Summative Designations**

Due to the cancellation of assessments for the 2019-20 school year, Summative Designations will not be calculated for 2020. **Districts' Summative Designation from School Year 2019 will be assigned for School Year 2020.** Official letters with this information will be issued in early October. Additionally, based on feedback from the field, ISBE has changed the titles of two summative designations. *Underperforming* will now be referred to as *Targeted Support*; and *Lowest Performing* will now be referred to as *Comprehensive Support*. This change is reflected in the 2019 Report Card and will be displayed in the same manner in the 2020 Report Card.

- **Report Card Data Qualifiers**

ISBE will add "data qualifiers" to the 2020 Report Card. Due to the suspension of in-person instruction during the 2019-20 school year resulting from COVID-19, normal data collection from districts has been affected. In some cases, no data has been (or will be) collected for the 2019-20 school year (e.g. Assessment data). In other cases, the data collection may have been affected. And in several cases, the data collection has been completely unaffected as collection efforts concluded prior to March (e.g. ACCESS, enrollment). ISBE developed data qualifiers to visually indicate a potential anomaly in order to communicate what data may have been affected.

Data qualifiers will indicate one of three statuses for metrics affected by the suspension of in-person instruction:

1. **Not Calculated:** Due to the suspension of in-person instruction during the 2019-20 school year, the data for this metric is unavailable for use in the School Year 2020 Report Card.
2. **Calculated with Concerns:** Users of this report should note that this data may have been affected by the suspension of in-person instruction during the 2019-20 school year. It was collected in accordance with ISBE data policy and validated

through normal procedures, but the state environment and policy changes resulting from the suspension of in-person instruction may have affected the results. Please use caution when interpreting results and trends.

3. **Statewide Threshold:** Users of this report should note this data may have been affected by the suspension of in-person instruction during the 2019-20 school year. HOWEVER, based on the data collected and comparisons to historical data, the data collected for this collection cycle does not, in aggregate, exhibit any more variation than is normally observed from year to year.



Qualified metrics will be indicated with this icon and text displaying the applicable label.

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## Deadline Reminders

- **Data Review and Verification Tool (DRVT)**

- o **Superintendent Signoff (data certification) deadline – 5 p.m. on Sept. 18**  
Districts that certified their results by 5 p.m. on Sept. 18 will get early access to the Report Card Educator preview on Oct. 1. All other districts will get access on Oct. 15. Once available, Report Card Educator Previews can be accessed via [MyIRC](#).
  - **Early Access: Report Card Educator Preview – Noon on Oct. 1**
  - **Standard Access: Report Card Educator Preview – Oct. 15**
- o **DRVT window closes via My IRC – Sept. 30**
  - NOTE: From Sept. 16 to Sept. 30, data displayed within the DRVT will not change, but districts will still have the ability to view their data as we prepare “early access” to the 2020 Report Card Educator Preview.



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## Dive Deeper

- **Upcoming Webinars**

- o **2020 Report Card Overview – Sept. 28 & 29**  
ISBE Report Card staff is holding two webinar sessions to provide a final 2020 Report Card Overview. Please register for one of the sessions below. Both sessions will contain the same information, and both will be recorded. ISBE staff will review all new and different elements on the 2020 Report Card, including data affected by the suspension of in-person instruction. Additionally, staff will assist with any questions regarding abnormal-looking data and any other questions you may have. Staff will also provide information on unchanged Summative Designations for 2020. The webinar will be recorded and posted for those unable to attend in person.

- Sept. 28, 1:30-3 p.m. – [Register now!](#)
- Sept. 29, 3:30-5 p.m. – [Register now!](#)

- **In Case You Missed It...**

- o **2020 Report Card Webinars and Presentations**  
View all 2020 Report Card webinars and presentations on the [Illinois Report Card page](#) under “Presentations & Webinars”.



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