

Alabama Unified Report Card: Tuscaloosa County School System

As required by the Alabama Act 2012-402 and the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, the Alabama State Department of Education released the new Alabama Unified Report Card for the state, school systems, and schools. The purpose of this reporting system is to provide parents, community members, and others indicators of how a school or school system is performing. While one letter grade does not define a student, school, or system, it is a starting point for discussion.

The grade received reflects several factors, including academic achievement, academic growth, chronic absenteeism, as well as graduation rates and college and career readiness (for high schools). Of course, one grade does not tell the whole story. We hope the grade will add to our community discussion about how to improve the education for each student and each school – regardless of where it falls on the grading scale.

Overall, the Tuscaloosa County School System received a letter grade of a ‘C’, accumulating a total of 77 points on all indicators. In comparison to the initial report card release last year, our system showed improvement in academic achievement, college and career readiness, and the graduation rate; the percentage for chronic absenteeism remained the same and the English Language Proficiency was an added indicator for the first time this year. Information about each school is presented on the following page and may also be accessed by visiting our school system website at <http://www.tcss.net>.

Dr. Davie, Superintendent of the Tuscaloosa County School System, stated, “The Alabama Unified Report Card provides one source of information about our schools and school system. Our faculty, staff, and administrators will continue to work diligently every day to meet the needs of our diverse student population and to show improvement for each student and school. While the report card provides a snapshot of performance, we applaud the work within our schools to assist students. We appreciate the support and continued efforts by parents and so many in our community who partner with us on behalf of our 18,700 students.”

Areas of Focus Within Our Schools and School System

- Concentrate on content standards so that each is clearly understood by teachers and the learning targets represented within each. It is important that teachers are engaged in collaborative work to analyze student data, content standards, and assure the appropriate level of rigor is in place.
- Use formative data obtained on a periodic basis such that instructional changes may be made as needed. Students who are struggling must be identified early and appropriate interventions applied. Students who are higher achievers need to be challenged and presented with enrichment and extension learning activities.
- Counsel, track, and monitor student progress toward graduation and college and career paths after high school. Barriers need to be identified early and all possible efforts made to assist students in overcoming any obstacle.
- Strengthen efforts with parents to assure that students attend school, on time and all day, every day that is possible. Parents are key partners in this effort!
- Provide high quality professional development to enhance teachers’ abilities in instructional strategies and student engagement.

As we move forward, we look forward to strengthening our partnerships with parents and community as we work together to provide the best education possible for our students.

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Complete information about the State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County School System, or individual school report cards may be accessed by visiting the Alabama State Department website. Use the link below.

<http://www.alsde.edu/dept/erc/Pages/home.aspx>

	OVERALL SCORE	OVERALL GRADE
State of Alabama	80	B
Tuscaloosa County School System	77	C
Big Sandy Elem	81	B
Brookwood Elem	66	D
Brookwood Middle	74	C
Buhl Elem	74	C
Collins-Riverside Middle	69	D
Cottondale Elem	68	D
Crestmont Elem	70	C
Davis-Emerson Middle	69	D
Duncanville Middle	82	B
Echols Middle	82	B
Englewood Elem	80	B
Faucett-Vestavia Elem	85	B
Flatwoods Elem	68	D
Hillcrest Middle	76	C
Holt Elem	59	F
Huntington Place Elem	83	B
Lake View Elem	83	B
Matthews Elem	56	F
Maxwell Elem	74	C
Myrtlewood Elem	74	C
Northport Elem	83	B
Northside Middle	85	B
Sipsey Valley Middle	77	C
Taylorville Primary	80	B
Vance Elem	66	D
Walker Elem	77	C
Westwood Elem	83	B
HIGH SCHOOLS		
Brookwood High	79	C
Hillcrest High	81	B
Holt High	64	D
Northside High	81	B
Sipsey Valley High	78	C
Tuscaloosa County High	79	C