

Schools Identified for Intervention

DEFINITION

Schools identified for intervention is the percentage of Rhode Island public schools that are identified as in need of “Comprehensive Support and Improvement” by the Rhode Island Department of Education.

SIGNIFICANCE

Research on school improvement efforts shows that schools can be improved through comprehensive, whole-school reforms. Critical elements of successful school improvement efforts include targeting resources to support the lowest performing schools, giving building leaders more autonomy around spending and hiring, using data-based decision making, developing ways to spread best practices, and engaging the whole community in improvement efforts.¹

The U.S. Department of Education approved Rhode Island’s new accountability system under the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* in 2018.² The system is structured to promote collective responsibility for continuous improvement at all levels of education through measurements that differentiate school performance; a school classification system; and state, district, and school report cards.³

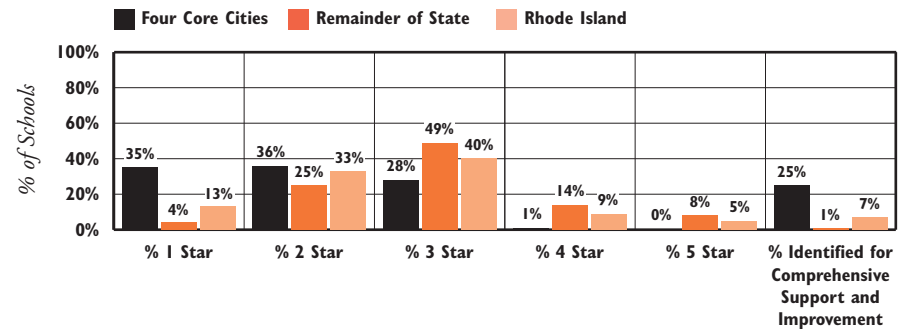
The accountability system uses a five-star rating system to summarize

overall school performance determined by a broad range of performance indicators.⁴ These indicators include achievement in English language arts and math, student growth, graduation rate, English language proficiency, percentage of students exceeding expectations, student and teacher chronic absenteeism, and suspensions.⁵ In 2019, Rhode Island accountability ratings included new indicators including high school graduates’ proficiency in English language arts and math and the percentage of graduating high school students who have earned college credits or industry credentials.⁶

Schools with five-star ratings have strong performance in all the indicators and no low-performing student subgroups. Schools with one-star ratings are low performing schools in multiple indicators.⁷ The lowest performing 5% of all schools receiving Title I funds, high schools that do not graduate at least two-thirds of their students, and schools with the lowest scores on academic indicators are identified as in need of comprehensive support and improvement.⁸ These schools will receive additional support and oversight from the state. Schools identified as in need of Additional Targeted Support and Improvement have one or more student subgroups performing at the lowest levels in the state.⁹



Rhode Island School Performance Classifications, 2021-2022 School Year



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, School, and District Report Cards, 2021-2022 school year.

- ◆ The U.S. Department of Education waived Rhode Island’s accountability system for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result there were no new star ratings for either of these school years.¹⁰
- ◆ In the 2021-2022 school year, 7% of schools in Rhode Island were identified as in need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement, and 17 of these 21 schools were located in the four core cities.¹¹
- ◆ An additional 162 schools were identified as needing Additional Targeted Support and Improvement. Of these 162 schools, 118 had one or more student subgroups who performed at the lowest levels in the state.¹² Of these schools, 88% were identified because of the need for improvement for students with disabilities.¹³



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) School Accountability Plans

- ◆ ESSA requires states to include a measure of “school quality or student success,” such as student engagement, chronic absence, school climate and safety, access to advanced coursework, or college and career readiness in their new accountability systems.^{14,15}
- ◆ Strong ESSA accountability frameworks have an easy-to-understand rating system, incorporate student growth as well as proficiency, include academic measures inclusive of more than reading and math, incorporate the performance of student subgroups, include measures of college and career readiness, and include a measure of year-over-year growth.^{16,17}

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Schools Identified for Intervention, 2021-2022 School Year

SCHOOL DISTRICT	TOTAL # OF SCHOOLS	# OF 5-STAR RATED SCHOOLS	# OF 4-STAR RATED SCHOOLS	# OF 3-STAR RATED SCHOOLS	# OF 2-STAR RATED SCHOOLS	# OF 1-STAR RATED SCHOOLS	# IDENTIFIED FOR ADDITIONAL TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT	% IDENTIFIED FOR ADDITIONAL TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT	# IDENTIFIED FOR COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT	% IDENTIFIED FOR COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT
Barrington	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%
Bristol Warren	6	0	3	3	0	0	4	67%	0	0%
Burrillville	4	0	0	3	1	0	2	50%	0	0%
Central Falls	5	0	0	1	0	4	5	100%	2	40%
Chariho	7	0	2	4	0	1	3	43%	1	14%
Coventry	7	1	0	6	0	0	5	71%	0	0%
Cranston	22	0	0	10	11	1	12	55%	0	0%
Cumberland	8	1	3	2	2	0	1	13%	0	0%
East Greenwich	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	25%	0	0%
East Providence	10	0	0	6	2	2	7	70%	0	0%
Exeter-West Greenwich	3	0	1	2	0	0	1	33%	0	0%
Foster	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0%	0	0%
Foster-Glocester	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0%	0	0%
Glocester	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	50%	0	0%
Jamestown	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	50%	0	0%
Johnston	6	0	0	3	3	0	4	67%	0	0%
Lincoln	6	1	1	3	1	0	2	33%	0	0%
Little Compton	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0%	0	0%
Middletown	5	0	0	4	1	0	2	40%	0	0%
Narragansett	3	0	1	2	0	0	1	33%	0	0%
New Shoreham	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Newport	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	100%	0	0%
North Kingstown	8	1	3	2	2	0	4	50%	0	0%
North Providence	8	0	0	1	6	1	4	50%	0	0%
North Smithfield	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	67%	0	0%
Pawtucket	16	0	0	9	5	2	12	75%	1	6%
Portsmouth	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0%	0	0%
Providence	39	0	1	7	14	17	33	85%	13	33%
Scituate	5	1	0	4	0	0	0	0%	0	0%
Smithfield	5	0	3	1	1	0	3	60%	0	0%
South Kingstown	7	1	1	4	1	0	1	14%	0	0%
Tiverton	5	0	1	3	1	0	1	20%	0	0%
Warwick	17	0	1	9	6	1	12	71%	0	0%
West Warwick	5	0	0	1	3	1	4	80%	0	0%
Westerly	5	0	0	4	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Woonsocket	9	0	0	2	6	1	9	100%	1	11%
<i>Charter Schools</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>State-Operated Schools</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>UCAP</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>Four Core Cities</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Remainder of State</i>	<i>181</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1%</i>
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>289</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>7%</i>

Source of Data for Table/Methodology

Data are from the Rhode Island Department of Education, 2021-2022 school year.

Core cities are Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence, and Woonsocket.

Charter schools that are classified include Achievement First Rhode Island, Beacon Charter High School for the Arts, Blackstone Academy Charter, Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy, Charette Charter School, The Compass School, Paul Cuffee Charter School, Founders Academy, The Greene School, Highlander Charter School, The Hope Academy, International Charter School, Kingston Hill Academy, The Learning Community Charter School, Nuestro Mundo Public Charter School, Providence Preparatory Charter, RISE Prep Mayoral Academy, Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College Charter School, Segue Institute for Learning, Sheila C. "Skip" Nowell Leadership Academy, SouthSide Elementary Charter School, Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts, and Village Green Virtual Charter School.

State-operated schools that are classified include the William M. Davies Jr. Career & Technical High School, DCYF, Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center, and the Rhode Island School for the Deaf.

UCAP is the Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program.

Early Learning Centers, Pre-K programs and preschools are not rated and therefore not included in this table.

See the Methodology Section for more information.

References

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