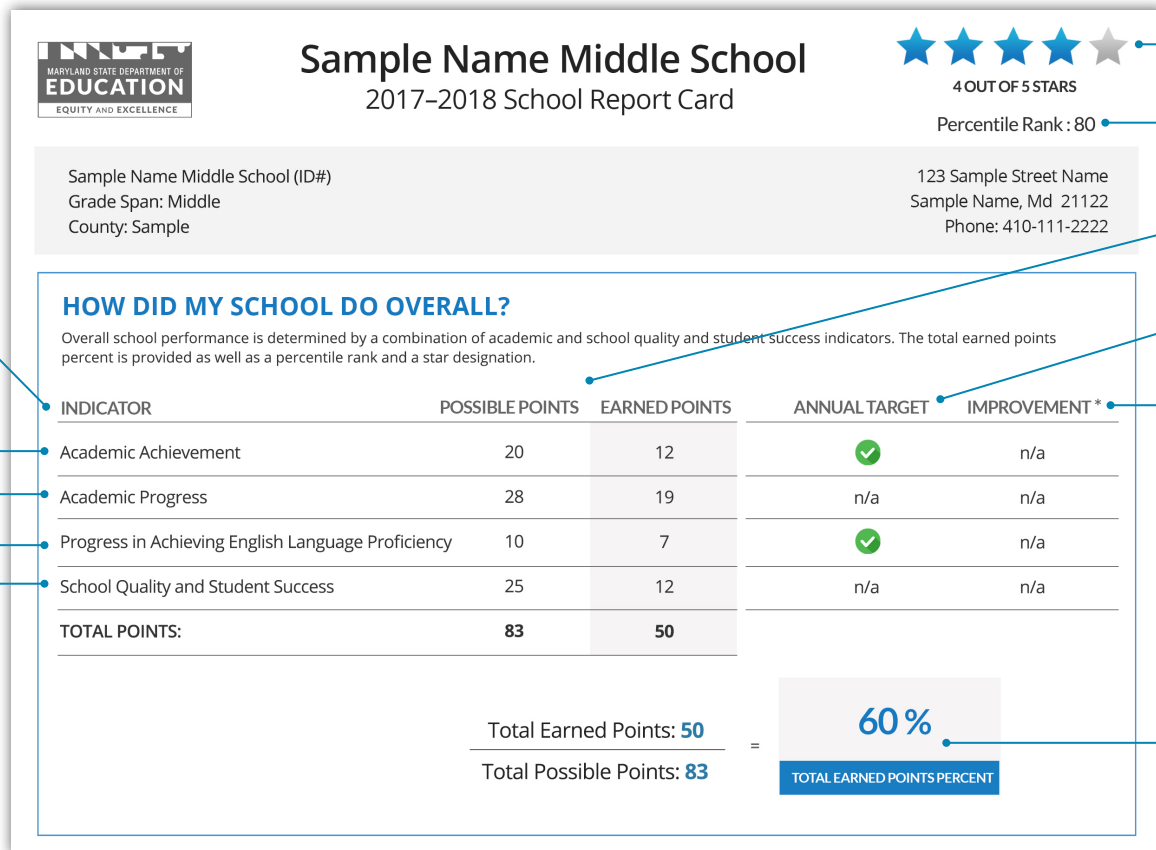


Understanding Your School Report Card

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT CARD



1 Indicators
The individual academic and school quality and student success factors used to assess schools in Maryland's accountability plan.

1a Academic Achievement
A combination of the percent of students scoring "proficient" or higher on state standardized tests in math and English Language Arts, and the average Performance Level of students on state standardized tests.

1b Academic Progress
A description of how each student's performance has grown compared to previous years on State standardized tests in English Language Arts and math. This indicator also includes the percent of eighth grade students earning credit in core coursework. (In upcoming years, this indicator will also include student performance on State science and social studies tests.)

1c Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency
The percentage of a school's English language learner population that is on track toward achieving proficiency in the English language.

1d School Quality and Student Success
The share of students at the school who (1) are not chronically absent, and (2) in eighth grade enrolled in fine arts, physical education, health, and computational learning. In upcoming years, this indicator will also include a school climate survey.

2 Star Rating
A convenient way of expressing a school's "final score" on the Maryland accountability system, along with a school's total earned points percent and percentile rank.

3 Percentile Rank
A description of a school's performance in comparison to other Maryland schools. For example, a middle school in the 80th percentile means the school performed equal to or higher than 80 percent of other Maryland middle schools on the indicators in the school accountability system. The percentile rank is one way of reporting a school's "final score" on the Maryland accountability system, along with a school's total earned points percent and awarded stars.

4 Possible Points and Earned Points
Each component of the accountability system has a certain number of possible points, which is the maximum number of points a school can earn for each measure and indicator. The performance of each school is translated into earned points. Some schools may not have possible points for every measure or indicator.

5 Annual Target
A description of whether the school met or made progress this year toward its long-term goals. A check mark means the school has met its annual target for the all student category; an "x" means it did not. Only some indicators have long-term goals and annual targets.

6 Improvement
A description of whether a school has improved compared to the previous year for each indicator. A check mark indicates the school has improved for the all student category; an "x" means it did not. This component of the accountability system will be available in upcoming years.

7 Total Earned Points Percent
Each school's total earned points, divided by the total possible points. The total earned points percent is one way of reporting a school's "final score" on the Maryland accountability system, along with a school's percentile rank and stars.