

TEMPLATE

Written Notification of School Accountability Report

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Now more than ever, it is important for schools to be transparent to its stakeholders. The world is in an unprecedented pandemic, and much has changed in our schools and education in general due to COVID-19. Included in this change is the way that we notify you of school accountability.

Transparency to the Public

North Dakota is committed to informing communities about how well its schools are doing. North Dakota's future success depends on tapping into the potential of all students, so they graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills, and disposition to be successful.

State education departments are required to annually create an accountability report for every public school in the state. The School Accountability Report outlines how schools are performing on the accountability elements North Dakota selected within its ESSA plan. Due to the waiver of the North Dakota State Assessment and accountability process in the spring of 2020 by the U.S. Department of Education, no School Accountability Reports are being created in the 2020-2021 school year.

As a reminder, North Dakota has a public dashboard designed to help communities across the state access important data regarding K-12 districts and schools, including COVID-19 Response. [Insights](#) features easy-to-read reports on multiple measures of school success, including test scores, graduation rates, English Learner progress, student engagement results, and state accountability. To find out information about our school, visit the dashboard at [Insights.nd.gov](#), select "Find My School", and search alphabetically.

Even though no School Accountability Reports are being issued, there is updated data from the 2019-2020 school year for our school in the following areas:

- Student Engagement Survey
- English Learner Progress
- GED Completer Rate
- Graduation Rate

Please note, data made available to the public masks or hides data for groups with 10 or fewer students to protect confidential information about individual students. Therefore, if data is not available to less than 10 students, it will say "no data available".

Family Engagement

We have robust plans for working to continuously improve educational programs at our school, even in the midst of a pandemic. We would like you and your child(ren) to continue to be active participants in our educational system. Please help support our high expectations for student achievement by participating in school initiatives, offering input and support in our endeavors to raise student achievement, and volunteering at school. Meeting our school's goals will take a united effort, and I look forward to working with families to ensure success for each student.

Continuous Improvement

All schools engage in continuous improvement for general support; therefore, our school has completed a continuous improvement plan through Cognia.

As part of the overall school improvement plan, a strategy map is generated for each school. Our strategy map, outlining our key school improvement initiatives, is also available on the Insights Dashboard.

[Name of School] [is/is not] a participating Title I school, with a student membership count of [include count].

School Support (If Applicable)

The pandemic has had an impact on school support status. Any school that was identified in the 2019-2020 school year, is in the same status for the 2020-2021 school year. We are continuing the improvement efforts that began when we were first identified.

Therefore, our school was again selected for Comprehensive Support due to *[include reason that led to such identification]*. (If applicable)

Therefore, our school was again selected for Targeted Support due to *[include reason that led to such identification]*. (If applicable)

If you have any questions regarding the information in the memorandum, please contact (name, title, phone, email)

Sincerely,

Building Principal