



MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Montgomery County Schools Reports Growth in Student Achievement and Graduation Rates, Renews Commitment to Raising Proficiency.

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Montgomery County Schools (MCS) is proud to share encouraging progress in student growth and graduation outcomes, as well as gains in several tested subjects, following the release of the 2024–2025 accountability results from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

While the district’s overall proficiency rate stands at 41.6%, reflecting a slight decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the previous year, MCS remains focused on continuous improvement and recognizes clear opportunities to strengthen academic performance.

Key Highlights:

Four schools in the district improved their composite proficiency scores.

- 3rd Grade Math saw the most significant improvement, rising 15.4 percentage points.
- 6th Grade Reading increased by 6.2 percentage points.
- English II (Grades 9–12) rose by 8.0 percentage points, the highest gain among high school subjects.
- The district’s graduation rate climbed to 94.4%, placing MCS 7th in the state for highest graduation rates.
- 80% of MCS schools met or exceeded growth expectations, surpassing the statewide average of approximately 71%.
- Montgomery Early College was named one of the Best High Schools in the Nation by U.S. News & World Report and exceeded growth expectations, reinforcing its reputation for academic excellence.

Several individual schools also posted notable gains. Star Elementary School increased its composite proficiency by 4.8 percentage points, exceeded growth expectations, and maintained a Performance Grade of C.

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School Performance Grades:

For the 2025–2026 school year, six MCS schools are designated as low-performing. Importantly, five of these schools met growth expectations, demonstrating resilience and potential for turnaround.

A Commitment to Improvement:

Superintendent Dr. Karen Roseboro, who began her leadership in MCS on July 1, 2025, emphasized the district's unwavering commitment to academic excellence.

“There are promising areas in these results; the heavy lifting work is currently beginning,” said Dr. Roseboro. “We have exceptional educators and staff who are ready to roll up their sleeves and work collaboratively to move MCS forward. That’s why our theme this year is ‘Boots on the Ground’ for Excellence, Opportunity, and Unity. Our students are counting on us to improve their outcomes, and we are committed to becoming one of the highest-performing districts in North Carolina and the Nation.

Dr. Roseboro also shared that MCS will continue implementing a district-wide instructional improvement framework focused on:

- Coherent, high-quality instruction
- Data-driven decision-making
- Professional capacity-building
- Student-centered strategies

In October, district leaders will present a comprehensive improvement plan to the Board of Education, outlining targeted actions to support all schools, with a special focus on those designated as low-performing.