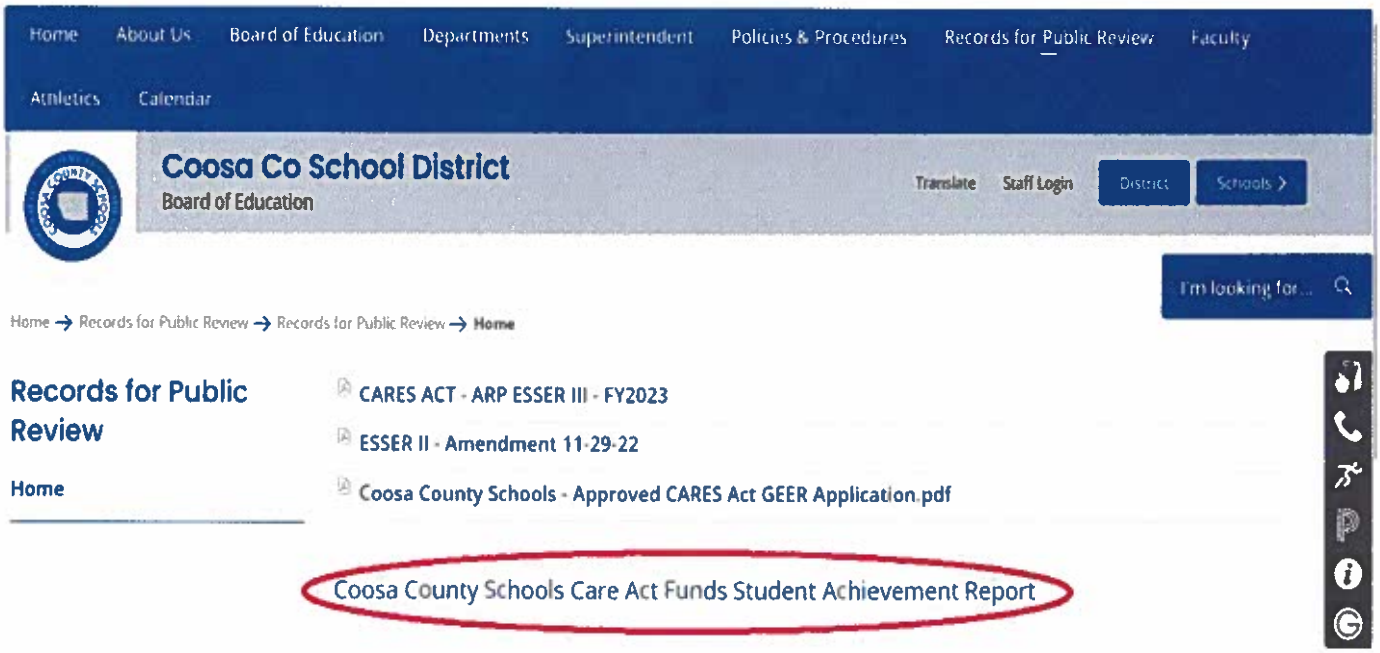
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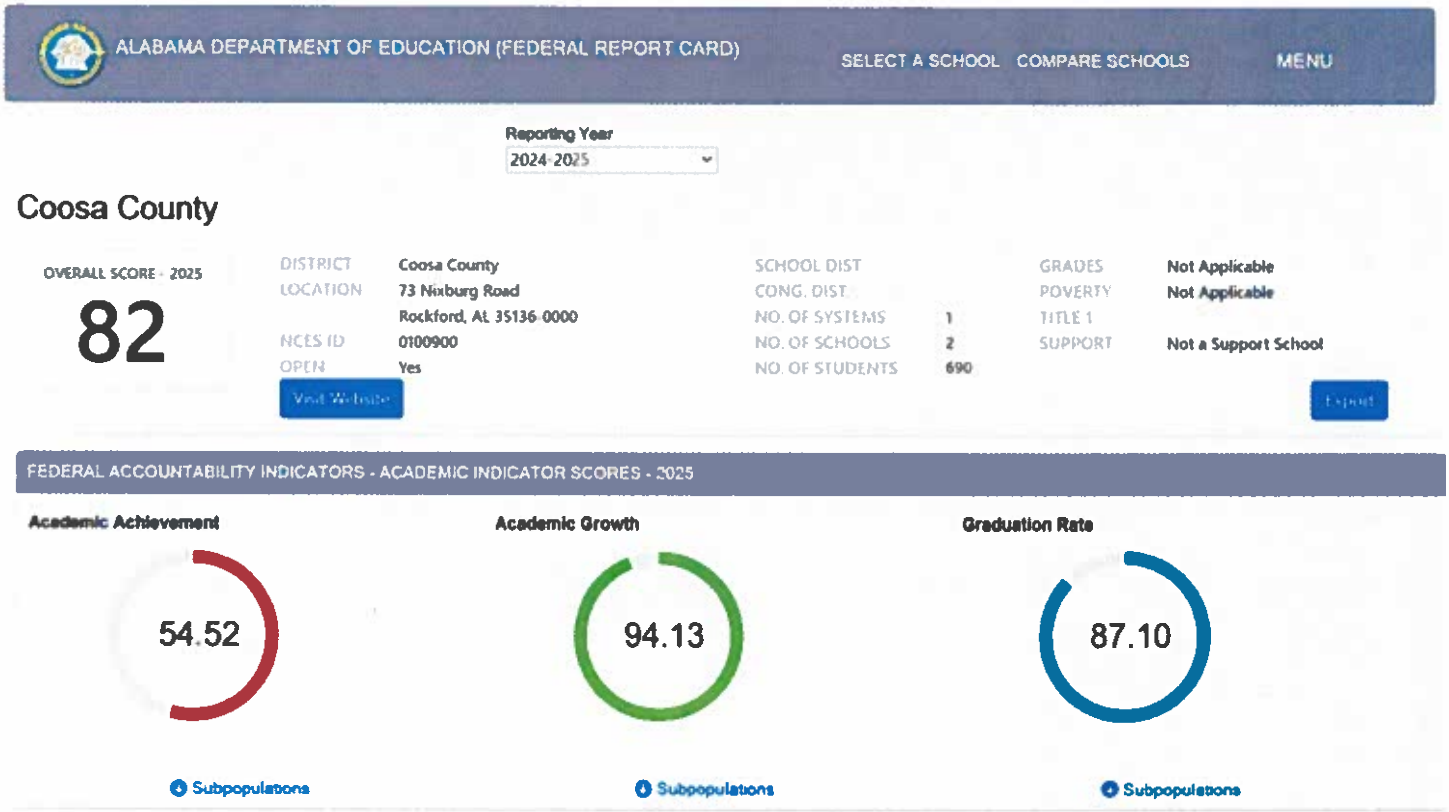
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

The Student Achievement Report is available at the ALSDE website (www.alabamaachieves.org) under Reports and Data, School Performance, Proficiency, 2024-2025 ELA Assessment, 2024-2025 Math Assessment, 2024-2025 Science Assessment. Additionally, a link is provided in our Coosa County Board of Education District website under Records for Public Review.



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Coosa County Schools Leads Region in School Improvement on Alabama School Report Card



Students, staff, parents, and the community at large were excited to learn when the Alabama school report grades were released that not only had Coosa County Schools bumped our grade up to a B, for the first time since the inception of the school report card system, but that we led the region in the percentage of increase in improvement.

The main components of the report card grade include academic achievement, up 3.4%; academic growth, up 2.3% at the elementary school; graduation rate, up 24.6%, college and career readiness, up 9.7%; chronic absenteeism, down 50%; and progress in English language proficiency, up 7.6%.

There are multiple factors and programs which have been implemented over the course of the last couple years that have resulted in the improvements in our school system and we are thankful to see the fruits of our labor.

For one, in 2021 Coosa County Schools received a $1.6 million Literacy grant, which provides programs and books to increase literacy skills. The grant is also an integral part of the summer enrichment camps provided for our students at no cost to our families. Data has shown our students are making tremendous improvement at the conclusion of the summer enrichment camps.

In addition, a partnership with SAFE provides after school enrichment programs for our elementary students at no cost to parents. The same partnership provides a pay to learn after school program for high school students centered around ACT prep and WorkKeys prep.

In the area of college of career readiness, positive factors include the reopening of the Coosa County Science and Technology Center in 2022 as well as our high school students being afforded increased opportunities for dual enrollment at Central Alabama Community College, again, at no cost to parents.

In the area of our graduation rate, we understand that every student has different needs, so we have expanded opportunities for virtual education for those students who need to work for financial reasons or who are unable to physically attend school for extenuating circumstances. The virtual option enables students to earn their high school diploma rather than drop out.

Our biggest improvement came in the area of chronic absenteeism. At school we work hard to create an environment where students want to be at school and learn and we have introduced more incentive programs to celebrate student success in areas such as academic excellence, academic improvement, and attendance. Yet attendance is an area where parents really make a difference, stressing to their child the importance of being at school, ensuring their students are attending school every day, making appointments after school hours, etc. Attendance naturally has a ripple effect, the more students are at school, the more learning will take place.

Some things are hard to quantify though, but we know collectively they make a difference. Coosa County Schools has a support staff who are positive and loving, from the bus drivers, lunchroom workers, custodians, secretaries, and bookkeepers. The majority of our teachers and paraprofessionals have also been working together as a team for five years, with a large number of our staff being veteran teachers with 20 plus years experience. We also have the same administrative team who have been working together as a team for five years with a cohesive vision for our students. Lastly, we have the support of our local school board, our community, the Alabama State Department of Education, and our Senator Clyde Chambliss and our Representative Ben Robbins at the State House helping to provide us with what we need to provide a quality education for our students.

Our work is not done though, and we will continue to strive for even higher outcomes for our students. All the late nights and weekends our educators spend to help our students are finally paying off. As one teacher remarked, which embodies the spirit of our educators in Coosa County, "It just makes me want to work harder."