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Dothan City Schools' 2025-2026 School Report Card Released

DOTHAN, Ala. – The Alabama State Department of Education released the annual state report cards, which provide a comprehensive overview of performance metrics for all schools within the district and state, on Thursday, November 12, 2026. This report evaluates key areas such as academic achievement, student growth, and chronic absenteeism, offering valuable insights into Dothan City Schools' progress and challenges for the 2025-2026 school year.

The data reflect the collective efforts of educators, students, and families across all fifteen schools to foster academic excellence and ensure student success. Dothan City Schools received an 84 "B." The current score is a 4-point increase from the previous school year's report card.

In Academic Achievement, which measures proficiency levels, six of 15 DCS schools increased their proficiency rates.

Under Academic Growth, all but three DCS schools achieved at or above a "C" rating, with seven schools earning an "A", two schools earning a "B," and three schools earning a "C." Three schools received "D" grades.

In the Chronic Absenteeism category, one of the key indicators measured on the state report card, seven of fifteen DCS schools demonstrated improvement or remained level in their chronic absenteeism rate based on last year's data. The improvements highlight the district's ongoing efforts to engage students and families in promoting regular school attendance.

College and Career Readiness (CCR) Indicators and Graduation Rates on the Alabama state report card are based on data from the previous school year, highlighting the performance of students who graduated or met readiness benchmarks during the 2024-2025 school year. This year's DCS report card reflects a CCR rate of 84.34%, a more than 10% increase from the previous year. The district's graduation rate also increased to 96.23%, up from 94.80% the previous year. During the 2025-2026 school year, Dothan City Schools introduced targeted initiatives and programs to strengthen College and Career Readiness and improve graduation rates. These initiatives remain ongoing and the district anticipates seeing further improvements reflected in its 2026-2027 state report card.

"We are encouraged by the progress reflected in this year's state report cards, particularly the district's four-point increase," said Dothan City Schools Superintendent Dr. Garrick Askew. "This year's gains are a glimpse into what lies ahead for Dothan City Schools, as we continue to strengthen our academic programs. Our teachers, staff, and principals are to be commended for their service each day, this is the first fruit of their labor. At the same time, we are not satisfied with our current status as we can and will achieve more. We remain laser focused on addressing areas of need, and continuing to raise academic achievement across the district. Our priority remains providing every student with a high-quality education to position them for success in life."

The guide for Dothan City Schools academic direction is its 2026-2030 Strategic Plan, which the Dothan City Board of Education approved and formally adopted on February 17, 2026. The plan was developed through community surveys, focus groups, and community collaboration and reflects the voices of our students, families, staff, and community stakeholders across DCS. The plan establishes clear goals and priorities for the district's future, including academic excellence and College and Career Readiness. Alongside these priorities, the district remains committed to using student performance data to identify areas of need, inform instructional decisions, and guide efforts to improve academic achievement across all schools.

We encourage parents and community members to explore DCS's Strategic Plan 2026-2030 and the Alabama State Report Card, which provides multi-year, detailed information about our

schools and allows you to compare our schools to others throughout the state using a wide range of measures. This information can be found at:

- https://www.dothan.k12.al.us/our-district/strategic-plan-2026-2030
- https://statereportcard.alsde.edu/selectschool.aspx
- https://reportcard.alsde.edu/selectschool.aspx

2025-2026 Report Card Scores

District Grade: 84/B

Beverlye Intermediate School	58/F
Carver School for Math, Science and Technology	98/A
Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School	67/D
Dothan 6th Grade Center	64/D
Girard Elementary School	75/C
Heard Elementary School	76/C
Hidden Lake Primary School	58/F
Highlands Elementary School	91/A
Kelly Springs Elementary School	80/B
Selma Street Elementary School	83/B
Morris Slingluff Elementary School	62/D
Dothan City Virtual School	73/C
Dothan Preparatory Academy	76/C
Carver 9th Grade Academy	78/C
Dothan High School	78/C