ILLINOIS REPORT CARD
Release Notes 2019

Each year, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Interactive Report Cards Office at Northern Illinois University work together to implement important updates based on legislative and policy changes, feedback from users, additional data, and ongoing technological improvements. A summary of these updates is listed below.

Website updates

GENERAL WEBSITE UPDATES
- Walk-through tutorial videos have been updated.
- Site-wide color scheme has been changed.
- Minor changes have been made to the layout of the school and district snapshot pages.

SCHOOL PROFILE AND DATA DISPLAYS
- School Snapshot
  - "Growth IAR" tile has been added for elementary schools and middle schools.
  - An additional FY2019 School Finances tile has been added that demonstrates the per-pupil expenditure level in the district.
- Academic Progress
  - The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) data is now included for elementary schools and middle schools/junior high schools.
  - Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment results have been moved to the "Retired Tests" section of the Illinois Report Card website.
  - Dynamic Learning Maps – Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA) data now includes Science results for the 2019 assessment.
  - Early College Coursework now includes data for ninth grade students.
  - Data in this section that already displayed disaggregation by subgroups now includes the following additional sub-groups (for the 2019 assessment year):
    - Students with disabilities
    - Students who are categorized as Migrant
    - Students from Military families
    - Students who are categorized as Youth in Care
  - For high schools, Graduation Rate – View by Demographics now includes the ability to disaggregate by the following addition subgroups:
    - Students with disabilities
    - Students who are categorized as Migrant
    - Students from Military families
    - Students who are categorized as Youth in Care
    - Students who are categorized as Homeless under the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Act
- School Environment
  - Site-Based Expenditure Report data has been included for individual schools. Site-based expenditures have been added as a display tile and titled, "FY2019 School Finances".
  - "School Climate Survey" replaces "5 Essentials Survey" as a page in this section. The display changes dynamically based on which of the 3 approved climate surveys a local school has implemented.
  - Within District Finances, Fiscal Year has been identified specifically for different data sources.
- Students
  - Where applicable, "Students with Disabilities" has been added as an additional display subgroup.

DISTRICT PROFILE AND DATA DISPLAYS
- District Snapshot
  - Site-based expenditures have been added as a display tile.
  - "School Climate Survey" replaces "5 Essentials Survey" as a display tile label.
- Academic Progress
  - The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) data is now included for elementary school and middle school/junior high school districts,
  - Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment results have been moved to the "Retired Tests" section of the Illinois Report Card website.
  - Dynamic Learning Maps – Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA) data now includes subject-specific data.
  - Early College Coursework now includes data for ninth grade students.
  - Data in this section that already displayed disaggregation by subgroups now includes the following additional subgroups:
    - Students with disabilities
    - Students who are categorized as Migrant
    - Students from Military families
    - Students who are categorized as Youth in Care
- District Environment
  - Site-Based Expenditure Report data has been included for schools within the district.
  - "School Climate Survey" replaces "5 Essentials Survey" as a page in this section. The display changes dynamically based on which of the 3 approved climate surveys a district has implemented.

STATE PROFILE AND DATA DISPLAYS
- Academic Progress
  - National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) data is now available at the State-level display only.
- Teachers
  - Teacher Experience has been updated to include data regarding Novice Teachers and those classified as teaching with Emergency Teacher Credentials at the State-level displays only.

At-A-Glance PDF updates

- Illinois Science Assessment proficiency data has been added.
- Updated "Students with Disabilities" data is now displayed, including both students with Individual Education Plans and students with 504 Plans.