



# WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires districts to annually distribute school report cards to the families of all students enrolled in each of the district's schools. Just as your child's report card shows how they are performing in different subjects, the school and district report cards are designed to show families how schools are performing in several critical areas. Westport's profiles may be accessed by visiting [reportcards.doe.mass.edu](http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu).

The individual school report cards include multiple measures of a school's performance beyond MCAS scores. In 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) redesigned the report cards, representing a new approach to examining a school's performance by providing information on student achievement, teacher qualifications, student learning opportunities, and more. The availability and transparency of this information allows all stakeholders to make informed decisions, and as a district, this performance data will be used to inform on-going improvement efforts.

In addition, if your child attends either Alice A. Macomber School or Westport Elementary School, schools that receive federal Title I funds for supplementary services, you also have the right to request the information below regarding the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers.

- Whether your child's teacher is licensed in the grade levels and subject areas they teach
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under an emergency license or waiver
- The college degree and major of your child's teacher
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications

Please be advised that DESE will be providing printable versions of the report cards this spring. If you have questions regarding the school and district report cards, would like to receive a hard copy when available, or would like to request information regarding the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher, please do not hesitate to contact me for further assistance.

Sincerely,

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