Kentucky’s new accountability system has students at its center – ensuring that they are well-rounded, transition ready and prepared with the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful after high school graduation.

Beginning with data from the 2018-2019 school year, Kentucky’s accountability system will provide an overall rating for each school, district and the state ranging from 1 (the lowest) to 5 (the highest) stars. The star rating, along with other important education data, is available on Kentucky’s new School Report Card (kyschoolreportcard.com).

What’s included in the 5-star system for elementary and middle schools?

School performance is based on a variety of measures called indicators. The indicators used for elementary and middle schools include:

- **Proficiency**
  - Student performance on reading and mathematics tests.

- **Growth**
  - Growth is based on a comparison of student scores from one year to the next in reading and mathematics. This indicator also includes the progress of English learners on an English language proficiency exam that includes speaking, listening, reading and writing in English.

- **Separate Academic Indicator**
  - Student performance on science, social studies and writing tests.

What else can affect a school or district’s star rating?

Star ratings may be changed if a school has a significant achievement gap.

Achievement gap means the difference between how well one student group compares to another student group. These comparisons can include economically disadvantaged as compared to non-economically disadvantaged, African American as compared to white, students with disabilities as compared to students without disabilities, and English learners as compared to non-English learners.

If there is a significant gap, a 4- or 5- star school/district/state will be decreased by one star.

How often does the star rating change?

Schools, districts and the state will receive a new star rating every fall when the accountability data is released.
Go to the Kentucky School Report Card: kyschoolreportcard.com. Begin typing in the name of your child’s school, then select the right school from the options you are given in the drop-down box.

The main landing page will give you a broad overview of your child’s school. More detailed information can be found in the boxes running down the right-hand side of the screen if you are using a computer, or on top of the charts if you are using a phone.