



How to Prepare for Public Release 2019

Kentucky is currently in the process of releasing 2018-2019 [accountability](#) data.

The accountability system has students at its center—ensuring that they are well-rounded, transition ready, and prepared with the knowledge, skills, and essential dispositions to successfully pursue the pathway of their choice after graduating from high school. The indicators of the multi-dimensional system work together to support several important concepts that promote a valuable educational experience for all Kentucky’s students. The goals of the system include:

- Promote higher levels of student learning and achievement;
- Reduce achievement gaps and ensure equity;
- Build a culture of high expectations and continuous improvement; and
- Communicate a clear and honest understanding of the strengths and opportunities for improvement in Kentucky’s schools and districts.

The system uses multiple academic and school quality measures, not a single test or indicator.

The new accountability model is made up of six indicators, including:

- Proficiency
- Separate Academic
- Growth
- Graduation
- Transition Readiness
- Quality of School Climate and Safety (2019-2020)

Schools and districts will be assigned an overall rating of 1-5 stars based on these indicators. Achievement Gap is no longer identified as an indicator in the accountability system. However, if significant achievement gaps are found in schools and local education agencies (LEA) earning a 4 or 5 star rating, the star rating will be reduced by 1 star.

To assist districts with public reporting this year, the Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability (OSAA) has updated public release resources. To begin this process, education leaders should be prepared for the public release. The following steps may assist with preparation.

Step 1: Get to Know the Components

To assist with communication of the school and district performance, education leaders may benefit by reviewing the components that are currently available. The following training materials and other data release resources will assist with understanding of the different pieces.

Recorded Trainings

Proficiency

Separate Academic

Growth (elementary and middle school only)

Transition Readiness (high school only)

Graduation (high school only)

Quality of School Climate and Safety (2019-2020 accountability)

Achievement Gap (no longer an indicator, may impact the star rating for schools who are 4 and 5 only)

Website

Assessment and Accountability Resources – This includes forms, cut scores for K-PREP, Alternate K-PREP student performance levels, guides, and other documents to assist in data release.

Step 2: Access the Data

The chart below includes information helpful for accessing the systems where data is located. School and district leaders will need PearsonAccess^{next} for K-PREP individual student scores, the Student Data Review and Rosters (SDRR) application for completing the data review process after public reporting, and the secure web application for reviewing secure documents (i.e., individual school/district spreadsheets with summary data information).

System Name	What is the purpose of this system?	What is the link to access this system?	Who is the contact for creating the username and password?	Who is the contact for questions on how to use this system?	Where is documentation available for using this system?
Pearson-Access ^{next}	Used for ordering K-PREP testing materials and accessing student score reports.	PearsonAccess^{next}	KDE at 502-564-4394 or Pearson Customer Support at 888-437-1430	Pearson Customer Support at 888-437-1430	https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/PAsup/PearsonAccess+Next+Online+User+Guide

Student Data Review and Rosters (SDRR)	Used for maintaining rosters, collecting student accountability information, and completing the data review process.	SDRR	District Web Applications Administrator Point of Contact (WAAPOC)	KDE Office of Assessment and Accountability at 502-564-4394	I Need Help Button, videos and screencasts can be found in SDRR .
KDE Secure Web Application	Used to upload and download electronic files that contain secure or confidential information between KDE and districts.	Secure Web Application	KETS Service Desk at 502-564-2002	KETS Service Desk at 502-564-2002	https://applications.education.ky.gov/login

Step 3: Utilize Available Resources (coming soon)

To support education leaders during this 2018-2019 data release, the Division of Assessment and Accountability Support (DAAS) has created some additional public release resources. The purpose of these resources is to support education leaders to communicate to parents, community members and various shareholders school and district performance. Two available resources for the upcoming data release include:

- 2018-2019 Data Release PowerPoint Template – A customizable PowerPoint template for presentations to Boards of Education, School Based Decision Making (SBDM) Councils or public meetings. Instructions are included in the template for education leaders to customize the presentation. School leaders may add school or district level data to the presentation. Additional slides may be added or slides may be deleted.
- Accountability Comparison 2017-2018 to 2018-2019– Includes details on each of the reported components and changes in accountability due to regulation.
- Beginning with 2018-2019 results the accountability system will provide an overall rating for each school, district and the state. These At a Glance documents help to explain the accountability model.
 - 5-Star System for [Districts and the State](#)

- 5-Star System for [Elementary and Middle Schools](#)
- 5-Star System for [High Schools](#)
- [Achievement Gaps](#)