



2016 Massachusetts School Report Card Overview

SPARK ACADEMY (01490085)

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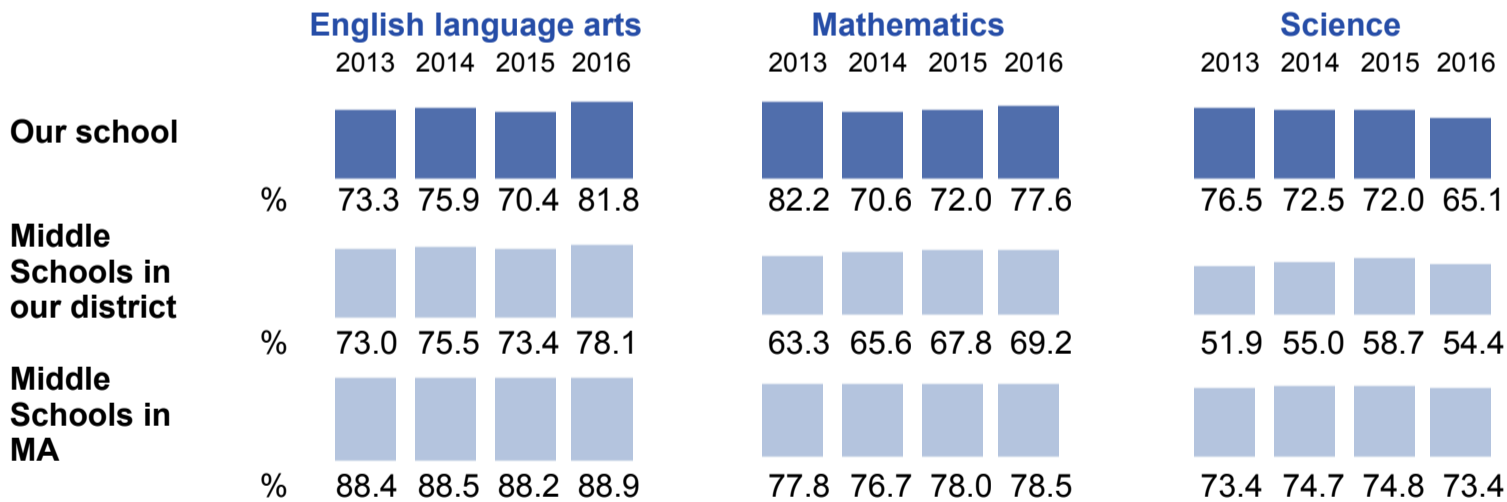
Report cards help parents/guardians and the general public see where schools and districts are succeeding and where there is still work to do. This report card overview answers important questions about our school's performance. For the full report card containing additional data contact the school's principal or visit the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website at <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu>. For more information about report card data, visit our [Profiles Help](#) page.

How is our school doing overall?

Accountability and assistance levels		School percentile										
Our school	Level 1 Meeting gap narrowing goals	School percentiles (1-99) indicate how a school is performing overall compared to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. Our school's percentile is below. 1 25 50 75 99 Lowest performing Highest performing										
Our district	Level 5 Chronically underperforming district											
Most schools are assigned a level from 1-5, with those meeting their proficiency gap-narrowing goals in Level 1 and the lowest performing in Levels 4 and 5. A district is typically assigned a level based on the level of its lowest performing school. Placing schools and districts into levels helps districts know which schools need more support, and helps the state know which districts need the most assistance. More information is available here: http://www.mass.gov/ese/accountability		Overall progress in narrowing gaps Massachusetts aims to reduce proficiency gaps by half between 2011 and 2017.										
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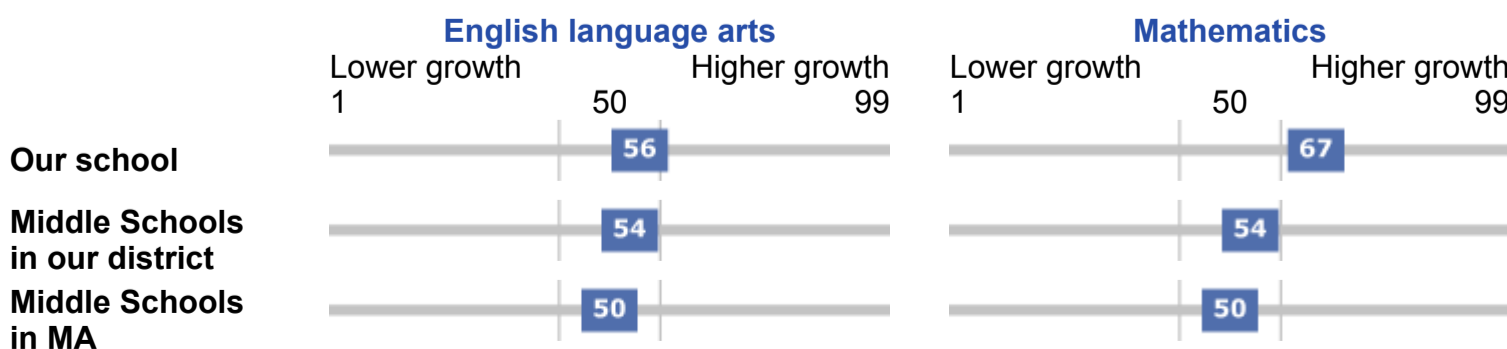
How does our school's achievement over time compare to the district and the state?

The transitional Composite Performance Index (CPI) is a number from 1-100 that represents the extent to which all students are progressing toward proficiency in a given subject. When all students demonstrate proficiency on MCAS and/or PARCC tests, the CPI will be 100. Our school's transitional CPIs for 2013-2016 are below.



How does our school's growth compare to the district and the state?

Transitional Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) measure gains in student achievement from year to year. SGPs between 40 and 60 represent moderate growth. Our school's median SGPs for 2016 are below. (Note: Growth values are truncated.)



How does our school's enrollment compare to the district and the state?

Total enrollment	Our school	Our district	Our state
	430	13,667	953,429

	Our school		Middle Schools in our district		Middle Schools in MA	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Economically disadvantaged students	290	67.4	2,015	62.3	42,711	124.6
Students with disabilities	108	25.1	571	17.7	30,100	17.3
English language learners	96	22.3	772	23.9	9,867	5.7

How do our school's teachers and classrooms compare to the district and the state?

General information	Our school	Middle Schools in our district	Middle Schools in MA
Teachers (#)	34.5	242.7	13,823.9
Core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers (%)	89.6	74.9	96.8
Average class size (#)	16.8	19.9	19.0
Student : teacher ratio	12.5 to 1	13.3 to 1	12.6 to 1

How is our school doing on other important measures?

Attendance	Our school	Middle Schools in our district	Middle Schools in MA
2016 Attendance rate (%)	94.7	95.3	95.6
2016 Average days absent per student (#)	9.1	7.9	7.7
2016 Chronic absenteeism rate (%)	15.4	11.6	9.6

Discipline	Our school	Middle Schools in our district	Middle Schools in MA
2016 In-school suspension rate (%)	8.2	3.9	2.5
2016 Out-of-school suspension rate (%)	8.4	8.9	4.2

High school completion	Our school	Our district	Our state
2014 5-year graduation rate (%)	-	70.8	88.5
2015 4-year graduation rate (%)	-	71.8	87.3
2015 annual dropout rate (%)	-	4.5	1.9
2014 graduates attending institutions of higher education* (%)	-	69.3	76.2
2016 12th graders taking 1+ Advanced Placement courses (%)	-	22.2	40.6
2016 Advanced Placement tests with scores of 3 or higher (%)	-	23.7	66.5
2016 SAT average score - Reading	-	389	509
2016 SAT average score - Writing	-	383	497
2016 SAT average score - Math	-	411	522
2015 MassCore** - Completing a rigorous course of study (%)	-	100.0	72.3

*Postsecondary enrollment data includes any student enrolling in an institution of higher education within 16 months of earning a high school diploma

**MassCore: 4 years of English & math, 3 years of history & lab-based science, 2 years of a foreign language, 1 year of arts & 5 additional "core" courses

What else should you know about our school?

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