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# How transparent are states on college and career readiness?

Achieve released a new set of reports evaluating states on their transparency in reporting on eight different indicators of college and career readiness. For each of the indicators, Achieve asked whether states reported data on that indicator, whether that data was broken down by student subgroups, whether the data was released in a timely manner, and whether the data was reported in a way that counted all students - resulting in score for every state out of 32 possible points. See how your state stacks up in the full set of reports [here](#).

Indicator	Does Massachusetts report data for this indicator? (1)	Does Massachusetts report data by subgroup? (2)	Does Massachusetts release data in a timely manner? (3)	Does Massachusetts report data that counts all students? (4)	Score
College and Career Ready Assessment Score (1)	No	No	No	No	0/4
On Track to Graduate (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4/4
Year-Over-Undergraduate Rate (3)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4/4
College and Career Ready Measure of Ready Completion (4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4/4
Leading College-Career Skills in High School (5)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	3/4
Postsecondary Readiness (6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4/4
Postsecondary Readiness (7)	Yes	Yes	No	No	2/4
Postsecondary Readiness (8)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4/4
<b>Totals (25/32)</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>6/8</b>	<b>5/8</b>	

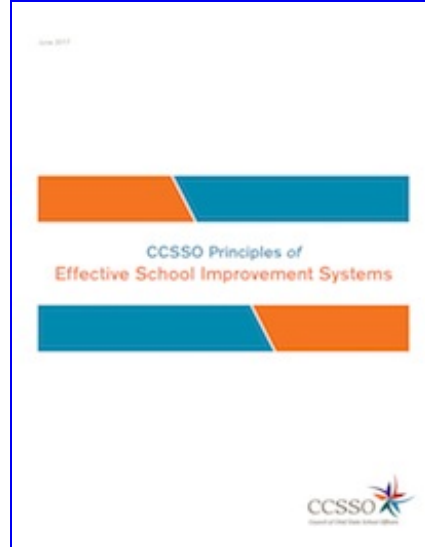
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## Principles of Effective School Improvement

The Council of Chief State School Officers released [a set of principles](#) to inform how states design effective systems to improve low-performing schools and those with the greatest achievement gaps. The 10 principles, which are from states and for states, are derived from current research

and evidence as well as the input of state leaders, key stakeholders and other experts.



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## *ESSA Resources to Make Data Work for Students*

The Data Quality Campaign has put together [a set of resources](#) to support states' efforts to build upon their education data foundations through the creation of ESSA plans. DQC has organized resources for states to use in building better report cards, combating achievement and opportunity gaps, and improving their graduation rates based on quality data.



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## *ESSA Equity Dashboards*

The Alliance for Excellent Education created [a series of ESSA Equity Dashboards](#) that provide a quick reference guide of strengths and shortcomings of each state's ESSA plan. Dashboards are currently available for Colorado, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Louisiana, and New Mexico, and

dashboards for additional states will be released in mid-July.



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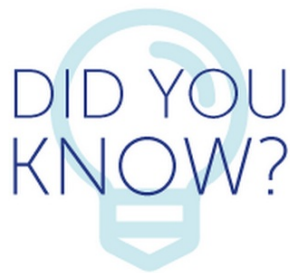
## Policy Snapshot: Competency-Based Education

Education Commission of the States published [a new policy snapshot](#) that defines competency-based education and provides an overview of current and previous legislation in states.



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On Achieve's [new Transparency Reports](#), the average score was just

16.8

out of 32 possible points.

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