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System for School Success

2018-2019 School Report



Palmer Middle School, Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Grades Served: 6-8 | October 1, 2018 Enrollment: 566 | Title I School: Yes

School Designation: Universal Support

Overall School Index Value: 36.99

System for School Success Overview

Alaska's education accountability system, System for School Success, includes each student group individually, creating a holistic vision of a school through two lenses: the performance of all students and that of their student group populations.

The Compass

A Guide to Alaska's Public Schools

Alaska recently launched **The Compass**, a website designed to help parents access important data about public schools in Alaska. The Compass features a wealth of meaningful information on schools and districts so that parents and guardians can participate in decisions to improve their student's learning.

education.alaska.gov/compass

Academic Achievement

	English Language Arts Percentage of students that were proficient on the state summative assessment.	Mathematics Percentage of students that were proficient on the state summative assessment.
Grades 3-6	36.26%	0%
Grades 7-9	37.85%	20.92%

Academic Growth

	English Language Arts Percentage of students who improved from one year to the next on the state summative assessment.	Mathematics Percentage of students who improved from one year to the next on the state summative assessment.
Grades 4-6	45.86%	30.77%
Grades 7-9	44.94%	40.08%

School Quality/Success

	Chronic Absenteeism Percentage of students who missed less than 10% of the days enrolled at the school.	Grade 3 ELA Percentage of Grade 3 students that were proficient on the state summative assessment in ELA.
Grades K-6	51.56%	n/a
Grades 7-12	61.1%	n/a

English Learner Progress

	English Learner Progress Percentage of English Learners that met or exceeded their growth target on the ACCESS for ELLs assessment.
Grades K-6	n/a
Grades 7-12	25%*

Graduation Rates

	Graduation Rate The rate of students that graduated from high school within four or five years of enrolling as ninth graders.
Four-Year	n/a
Five-Year	n/a

Student Group Performance

	Student Group Performance Subgroups of students with index values that fall below 13.54.
Student Groups	

* - in order to calculate, up to three years of data was aggregated (combined).

n/a - there were less than 10 students represented (even with aggregation); therefore, it is not applicable.

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How is my school measured?

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
ELA and Math Proficiency				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
ELA and Math Growth					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Graduation													✓
English Learner Progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chronic Absenteeism	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grade 3 ELA Proficiency				✓									



Measures Combine into Index Score

Each indicator noted in the table to the left is given a score for the school. These scores are combined based on the grade span of the school.

In addition to looking at the whole school, each student group in a school is measured in the areas listed in the table to the left. These scores are combined and the student group is given a score.

How is my school designated for support?

Each year an overall school index value is calculated for each school and a school designation is assigned. There are three school designations for Alaska's schools:

- **Comprehensive Support**
 - **Lowest 5%** - If the overall school index value of a school falls in the lowest 5% of Title I schools, that school receives a designation of Comprehensive Support (Lowest 5%).
 - **Graduation Rate** - If a secondary school has a graduation rate of less than 66.66%, that school receives a designation of Comprehensive Support (Graduation Rate).
- **Targeted Support** - If a school has any student groups with index values under the Comprehensive Support (lowest 5%) threshold, that school receives a designation of Targeted Support.
- **Universal Support** - All other schools are considered Universal Support schools.

Which student groups are measured?

- African American
- Alaska Native/American Indian
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Two or More Races
- Students with Disabilities
- English Learners
- Economically Disadvantaged

What are some questions I could ask my school?

- Where can I find more information about how my school is performing?
- What supports are being provided to my school based on its designation?
- What opportunities are available for me to be involved in my student's education?

