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What *No Child Left Behind* Says About School and District Report Cards

Parents have a right to know about their children's progress in school each year. Report cards are used to show what a child does well and where improvement is needed. Under *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)*, schools districts must now distribute a report on how every school and the district as a whole are performing. Parents and school staff can use these new school and district report cards as tools to improve outcomes for every child.



No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires public schools to be accountable.

1. Each fall, school districts must send out a report card showing how each school and the district has performed.
2. Reports must clearly explain results in these areas:
 - Reading and math achievement from statewide assessments. Subgroup results must include: race, ethnicity, gender, English language proficiency, migrant status, disability status and low income status. Science assessments must be in place by the school year 2007-2008.
 - Graduation rates
 - Percentage of teachers who are highly qualified
3. Schools should hold parent meetings to explain the reports and to help parents understand their children's individual test results.

What you can do:

1. **Make sure you receive a report.** If you don't receive a report, talk to your principal or PTA/PTO leader.
2. **Review the report.** If you do not understand everything in the report, ask for explanations.
3. **Ask the principal to schedule a meeting to explain the results.** This meeting would also be a good time for the principal and other staff to show parents how to interpret their child's individual test results.
4. **Ask about the Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS).** Every school in New Mexico must have an EPSS plan. Look for ways it addresses the information from the school and district report cards.

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