

# Rhode Island Education

Supporting every Rhode Island student and preparing them with the **opportunities and skills** they need to be successful in a 21st century economy.

**Every Student.  
Every Voice.**

## Establishing Strong Foundations

- National leader in early education, with all-day kindergarten and expanded pre-K
- Investing annually in leadership development for educators
- Investing in dual language programs and support for English learners
- Promoting strong, supportive school cultures through social and emotional learning and SurveyWorks

## Building Career Pathways

- Free PSAT and SAT for all students
- Largest year-over-year increase in Advanced Placement participation in the nation
- 150% growth since 2015 in college enrollment during high school
- 155+ career education programs, aligned to the high-wage, high-growth jobs of tomorrow

**For every student's passion,  
we have a pathway.**



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# Spring 2018 RICAS Parent/Guardian Report



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
SASID: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

The 2017-2018 school year marked the first administration of the Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS), the assessment used in Massachusetts. We know that test scores are only one measure of student performance, but they do provide important information. The RICAS provides a measure of our progress in Rhode Island and a direct comparison with students who took the MCAS in Massachusetts.

This report shows whether your child met grade-level expectations in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics, and is on track for success in the next grade. For each subject, the report shows your child's score (between 440 and 560) and achievement level (Exceeding Expectations, Meeting Expectations, Partially Meeting Expectations, or Not Meeting Expectations).

As you explore this report, please note that Rhode Island learning standards and expectations remained the same compared to last year, but the RICAS test is more challenging than prior Rhode Island assessments. You may see changes from how your child performed in the past, reflecting both your child's learning since last year and the increased difficulty of the test.

To help you understand your child's progress since last year, separate from the change in the test, we also provided a "growth score." The growth score shows how your child performed on this year's test in comparison to other Rhode Island students who took the same test in a previous year and had a similar score. We hope this information is helpful, and can empower your family to make informed decisions on behalf of your student.

For more information on how to understand the results in this report, visit our website at [www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Results](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Results).

## Your Child's Overall Results

### English Language Arts

Achievement Level

Score

(Score range: 440-560)

Growth Percentile

Details on page 2

### Mathematics

Achievement Level

Score

(Score range: 440-560)

Growth Percentile

Details on page 3

What do I do next?

If your child's scores fall in the Not Meeting Expectations or Partially Meeting Expectations categories for ELA or mathematics, it is critical that you attend family-teacher conferences and discuss any concerns you may have. At home, talk to your child about his or her day at school to reinforce the material being learned. Children whose families stress the value of education are more likely to find it important as well. If your child is Meeting Expectations or Exceeding Expectations, consider having a conversation with your child's teacher to ensure your child remains challenged and engaged.

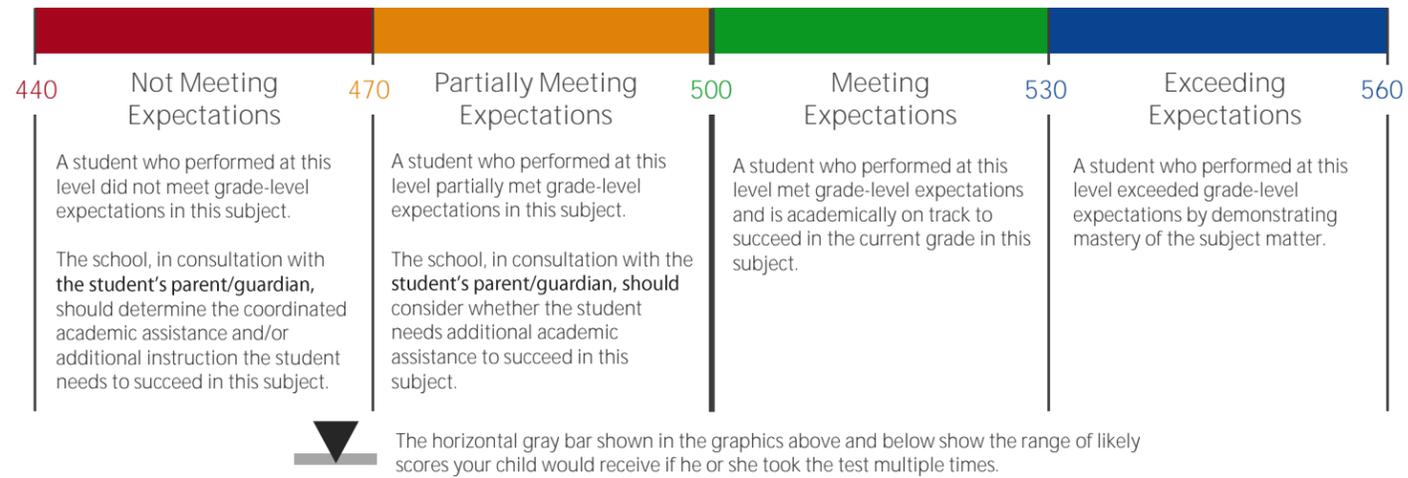
Learn more about your child's education, and how Rhode Island is working to improve our schools, at [www.RIDE.ri.gov/ESSA](http://www.RIDE.ri.gov/ESSA).

### How can I support my child's education?

- School attendance matters. Make it a priority to get your child to school on time, every day.
- Establish daily reading routines in your home, and encourage your child to read for fun.
- Stay connected to your child's school. Get involved with a parent group, schedule regular family-teacher conferences, and get to know your school community.
- Share your voice! Help improve your child's school by participating, every year, in SurveyWorks, Rhode Island's annual school culture and climate survey.
- Start a conversation. Ask questions. Talk to your child about what they're learning, and show an interest in the subjects that excite them.

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Your Child's Score:



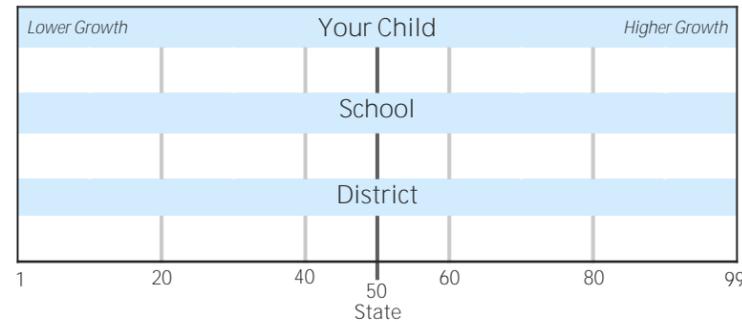
Achievement

How your child performed compared to students in their school, district, and state.

Year	Your Child's Score	Average Score		
		School	District	State
2018				

2018 Student Growth Percentiles

Your child's score this year is the same as or better than \_\_\_ percent of Rhode Island students who had a similar score to your child on the PARCC assessment in a previous year(s).



How your child performed in each reporting category and on each individual test question

Reporting Category	Points Earned by Your Child	Total Possible Points	Average Number of Points Earned By Students Meeting Expectations at the State Level Who Scored Close to 500
Reading			
Writing			
Language			

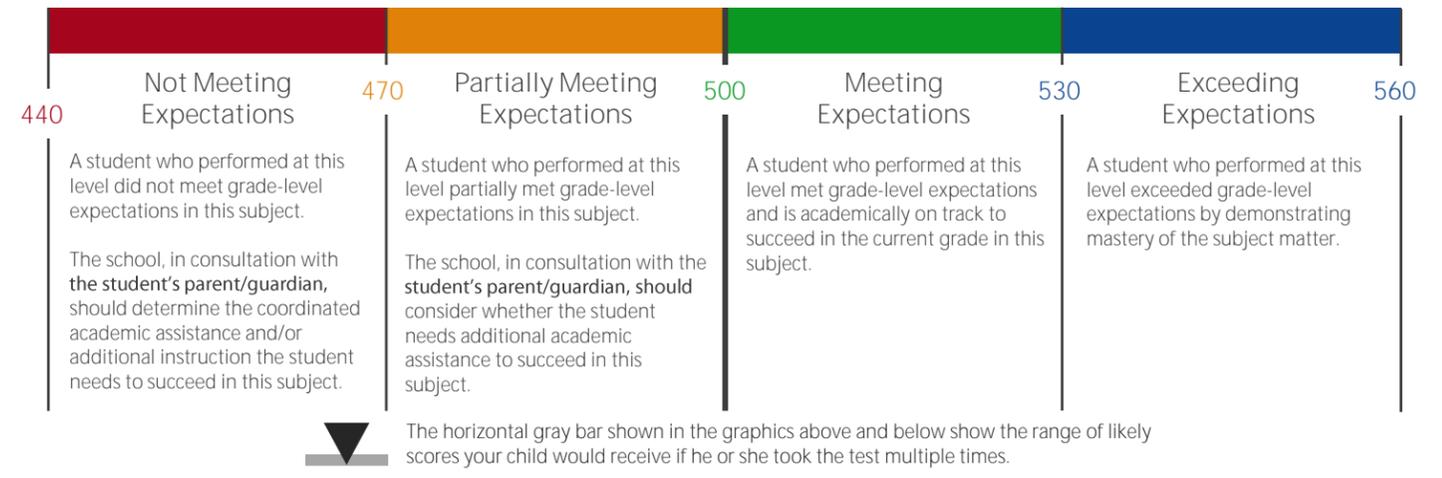
Individual Test Questions

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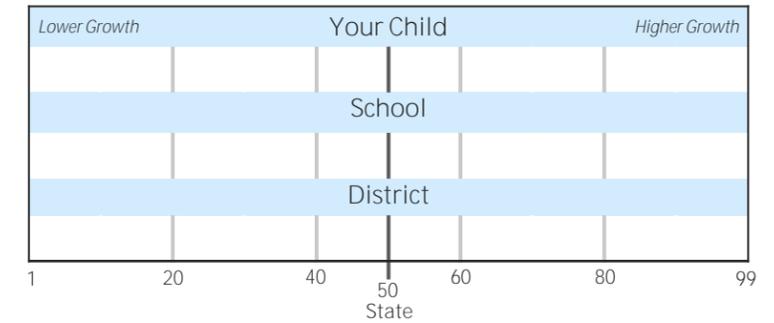
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