

South Kingstown Balanced Report Card Definitions

Report Card Terms

Objective	The district goal in the Accountability System to which the report card item is related
Data Source	Where the data on the report card comes from, for example SALT Survey or state assessment
Measurement	The specific data included in the report card
03-04, 04-05, etc.	The year in which the data was generated
Rank	The goal is to rank first (1) or second (2) in each category. The ranking is among the cohort communities chosen to be demographically similar to South Kingstown. The cohort communities, in addition to SK, are Chariho, Lincoln, North Kingstown, and Portsmouth. Beginning in 2008-2009 we no longer have rankings for indicators generated by SALT surveys as statewide administration was eliminated. South Kingstown still administers the survey independently, so our own data is available. The target for expenditures as a percent of the approved budget is <i>up to 100%</i> , or <i>100% or less</i> .
NECAP	New England Common Assessment Program, the state test
NSRE	New Standard Reference Examination, the state test through 2003-04 in grades 3 through 8 and 2006-07 in grade 11
Percent Proficient (reported beginning in 2007-2008)	The percent of students scoring as proficient on the state assessments (NECAP). Students scoring either a 3 or a 4 are considered proficient. Students scoring a 1 or 2 are not considered proficient.
Distinguished	On the NECAP a score of 4 is considered as “distinguished.” The number reported is the percent of students who score a 4 across all grades and subtests.
Proficiency Index (reported through 2006-2007)	An index computed by the department of education based on the scores of students on state assessments. Students meeting state standards are awarded 100 points; those nearly meeting standards 75 points, students well below standards are awarded either 25 or 50 points dependent on achievement level, and 0 points for no evidence of achievement. The RIDE technical bulletin on index development can be found at the following website - http://www.ride.ri.gov/assessment/DOCS/Accountability/2007.20.4_AccountabilityTechBulletin.pdf

SALT Survey	A survey administered annually to students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Complete SALT survey information is available at the following website- http://www.infoworks.ride.uri.edu/2007/default.asp
Graduation Rate	The percentage of ninth graders who receive a diploma in four years as computed by RIDE
Honors class enrollment per student	Total enrollment in honors classes divided by school enrollment