

An Introduction to the Future Ready PA Index

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What is the Future Ready PA Index?

The Future Ready PA Index is the new school measurement tool for communities to evaluate how schools are doing in preparing students for college, career, and community after graduation.

Why is Pennsylvania adopting the Future Ready PA Index?

Pennsylvanians know that students, and the schools that serve them, are more than just standardized test scores, and wanted a tool for evaluating schools that doesn't rely solely on standardized test results.

In 2015, the state Department of Education started engaging with communities around the state to learn what was important to them and to develop a new measure. As a result, in 2018 Pennsylvania reduced PSSA testing time by 20 percent, and established a new meaningful set of indicators.



PA Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera visits with GASD in 2016.

Indicators

The screenshot shows the 'Future Ready PA Index' website for a 'Sample Area School'. The page is divided into three main sections, each with a distinct icon and a list of indicators with progress status:

- State Assessment Measures** (Pennsylvania state icon):
 - Percent Proficient/Advanced in Mathematics/Algebra I: All Student Group Meets 2030 Statewide Goal (indicated by a downward arrow and a green circle).
 - Percent Proficient/Advanced in English Language Arts/Literature: Did Not Meet 2030 Statewide Goal/Improvement Targets (indicated by a red circle and an upward arrow).
 - Academic Growth Expectations in Mathematics/Algebra I: Meets the Standard Demonstrating Growth (indicated by a green circle).
 - Academic Growth Expectations in ELA/Literature: Did Not Meet the Standard Demonstrating Growth (indicated by a red circle).
- On-Track Measures** (Line graph icon):
 - English Language Proficiency: Meets Interim Improvement Target (indicated by a green circle and an upward arrow).
 - Regular Attendance: Meets Performance Standard (indicated by a green circle and an upward arrow).
- College and Career Measures** (Stack of books icon):
 - Career Standards Benchmark: Meets Performance Standard (indicated by a green circle and an upward arrow).
 - Four-year Cohort Graduation Rate: Meets Interim Improvement Target (indicated by a green circle and an upward arrow).

Each section includes a 'View All' button at the bottom. The footer contains the Pennsylvania Department of Education logo, copyright information (2017), and navigation links for Research, Glossary of Terms, FAQ, Contact Us, and Data Files.

State Assessment Measures

- PSSA & Keystone Proficiency
- Annual Growth
- Percent Advanced on PSSA/Keystones

On-Track Measures

- English Language Proficiency
- Regular Attendance
- Grade 3 Reading/Grade 7 Mathematics

College and Career Measures

- Graduation Rate
- Career Standards Benchmark
- Industry-Based Learning
- Percent Advanced on Industry Competency
- Rigorous Courses of Study
- Post-Secondary Transition to School, Military, or Work

Why a dashboard?

The Future Ready PA Index provides an opportunity for communities – not the state – to determine school success based on local priorities and values.

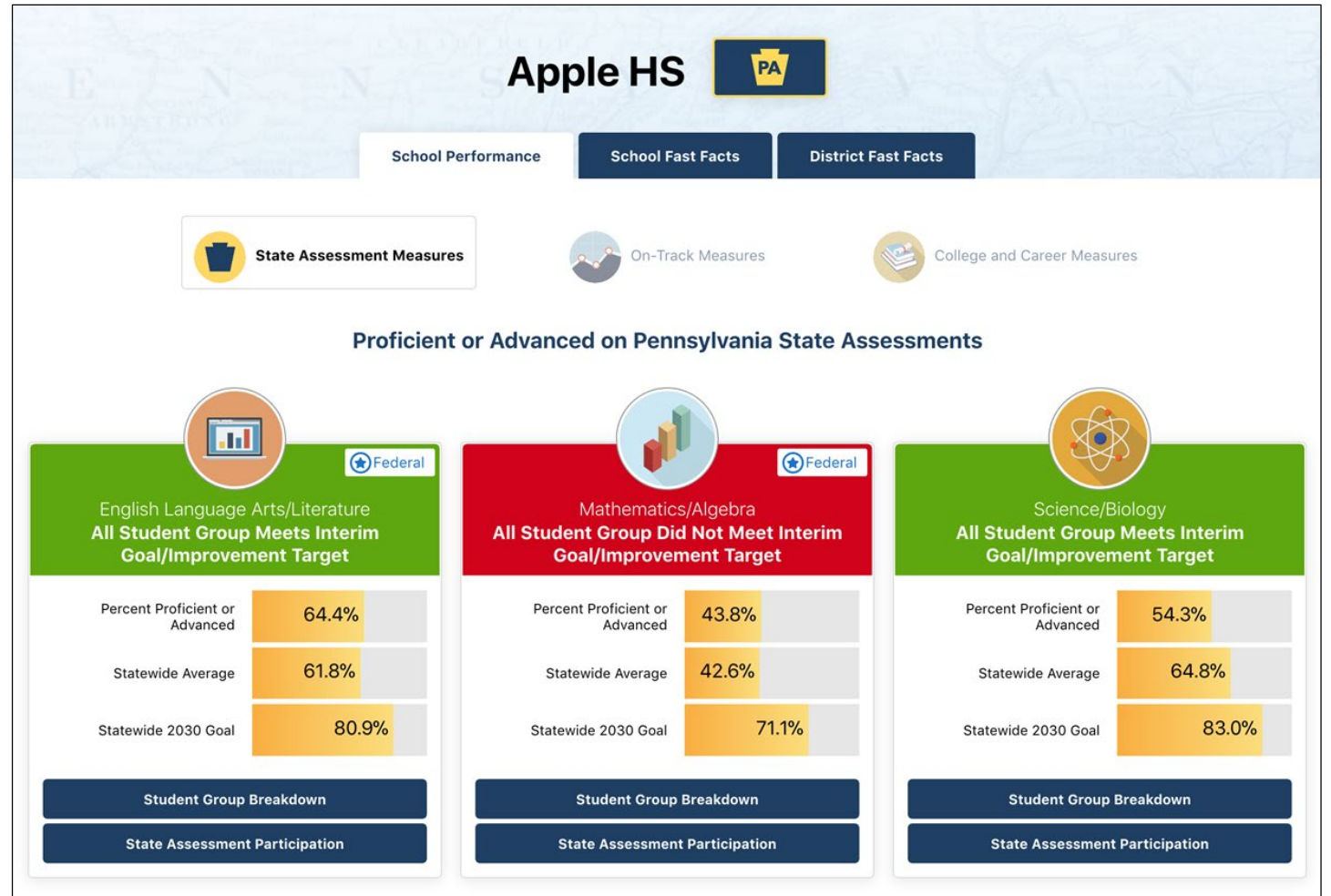
The dashboard provides a comprehensive snapshot that reduces the dependence on standardized test score, and gives educators an opportunity to focus on the curriculum that is important to their students and their communities.

Why a dashboard?

Measures displayed on the dashboard are practical, and easy to read and understand.

The dashboard treats the accountability system as a tool for continuous improvement.

Overall school performance is apparent, and areas of strength or in need of improvement are evident.



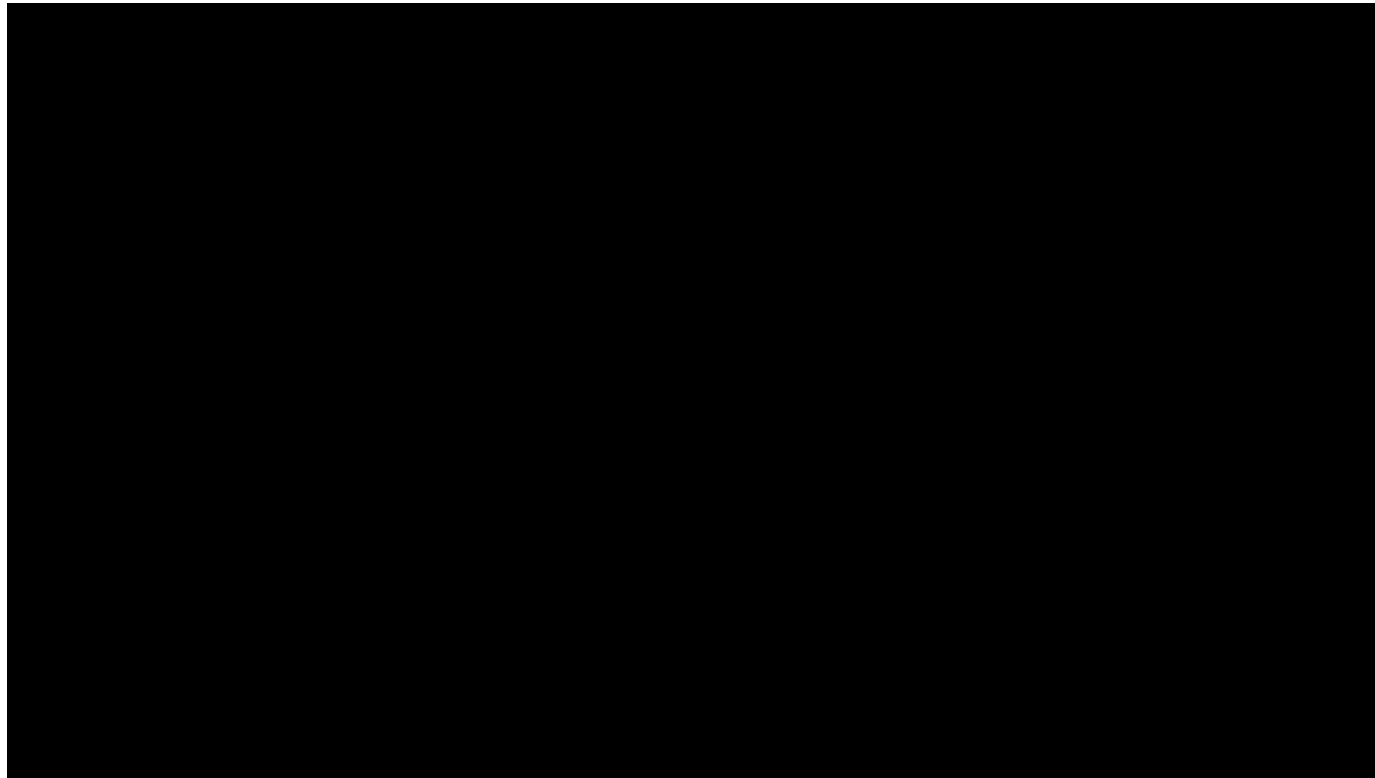
Why is the Future Ready PA Index valuable to educators?

The Future Ready PA Index recognizes that students – and the schools that serve them – are more than just standardized test scores.

The Future Ready PA Index allows educators to determine successes and identify areas for improvement in their schools and programs.

Further, the Future Ready PA Index's easy-to-navigate, advanced search function allows an educator to find schools with similar demographics and collaborate to determine what is working for students in the commonwealth's classrooms.

Watch a video that will help you learn how to navigate the Future Ready PA Index



<https://youtu.be/rMBFM3wN5hU>

Visit the Future Ready PA Index website to learn more our GASD schools.

www.futurereadyypa.org