A Principal's Guide
to Georgia's College and Career Ready Performance Index

Georgia's Annual School, District, and State Accountability System

What is CCRPI?

The College and Career Ready Performance Index – CCRPI – is Georgia's tool for annually measuring how well its schools, districts, and the state are helping students achieve their goals. It provides a comprehensive road map to help educators, parents, and community members promote and improve college and career readiness for all students. The purpose of CCRPI is to provide an objective measure of the extent to which schools, districts, and the state are succeeding in providing high-quality opportunities and outcomes for students.

Why did CCRPI change for the 2018 school year?

With the reauthorization of the main federal law governing public education as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2015, Georgia had the opportunity to reflect on several years of CCRPI implementation and revise the CCRPI to expand upon its successes and address its shortcomings. The redesigned CCRPI, first implemented for the 2017-2018 school year, supports Georgia's mission of offering a holistic education to each and every child in the state and its vision of ***Educating Georgia's Future*** by graduating students who are ready to learn, ready to live, and ready to lead.

How is the redesigned CCRPI different from the previous CCRPI?

The redesigned CCRPI is simpler and streamlined. There are five components - Content Mastery, Progress, Closing Gaps, Readiness and Graduation Rate (high schools only). The number of indicators within each component has been reduced. In addition to the total CCRPI score reported on a 100-point scale, each indicator and each component are reported on a 100-point scale. Additionally, weights for components and indicators have changed.

The new CCRPI reporting system, both in the secure MyGaDOE portal and on the public GaDOE site, is easier to navigate and provides more context and comparative information.

For specifics regarding the changes to the CCRPI, please review the resources on the accountability webpage: *http://accountability.gadoe.org*

Is it appropriate to compare my school's 2017 CCRPI score to my school's 2018 CCRPI score? Does that provide an apples-to-apples comparison?

Due to the changes in CCRPI components and indicators, as well as the weighting of components, an apples-to-apples comparison of CCRPI scores from year to year cannot be made. However, there are several data points (such as performance on state assessments) that remain the same and can be used for comparison and to track trends.

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How can I use CCRPI at my school?

CCRPI should serve as an improvement and communication tool by providing information on your school's progress to share with your community as you set goals and work together towards improved student opportunities and outcomes. CCRPI should provide support for the school community to think deeply about improvements and plan for and implement data-driven decisions that will result in long-term, sustainable improvements.

What are my responsibilities?

As a school principal, your responsibilities regarding CCRPI fall into four categories. First, you should understand CCRPI and remain informed of CCRPI activities. You can accomplish this by utilizing the many resources on the GaDOE accountability webpage and monitoring it for updates. It is a good idea to bookmark the accountability webpage for your convenience. You should also monitor emails regarding CCRPI from the Assessment and Accountability Division of the GaDOE in a timely fashion, as these communications often contain time sensitive information and deadlines. Know your district's processes and protocols regarding CCRPI, and know who to contact at your district office regarding accountability and CCRPI. Use the Updated Accountability Specialist List on the Accountability webpage to find the contact information for your GaDOE accountability specialist as well.

The second responsibility is to ensure that accurate records are kept at the school level. In general, you should review data for your school before official submission to the GaDOE in accordance with your district timeline and policies/procedures. Please remember that the data submitted for your school are the data used for CCRPI calculations.

The third principal responsibility is the collection of data and documentation for CCRPI applications. Assessment Matching, Summer Graduates, Non-Participation, and Cohort Withdrawal Update are district applications; however, principals are often called upon by district staff to provide data and documentation for these applications.

Principals are notified via email by the Deputy Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability as CCRPI data become available in the portal. Your fourth responsibility is to review the data using student data files in the portal in a timely and thorough fashion. Remember that the information contained within the CCRPI data download files is governed by FERPA regulations and should be protected as you would any other confidential student information. Calculation guides are available so that you can replicate the calculations. If you have questions, contact your district or your GaDOE accountability specialist.

How do I get access to school and student level data for my school's CCRPI?

Check with the appropriate district contact to see if you have CCRPI portal access. Generally, the security officer for your district enters a request for CCRPI access in the MyGaDOE portal; the GADOE accountability team then contacts your Superintendent for approval of this request. Upon approval, your application is processed and you receive access.

Please be aware that given the sensitive nature of student-level data available in the portal, the following apply to CCRPI portal access: a school level email address must be provided when requesting CCRPI portal access; there can only be one principal account linked to a school; and the principal is the only individual at the school level who will have access to this student-level data. Remember that the information contained within the CCRPI data download files is governed by FERPA regulations and should be protected as you would any other confidential student information.

In order to view the CCRPI data for your school, log in to the MyGaDOE portal, hover over CCRPI, and click on the CCRPI Reports Link.

What is the general timeframe of CCRPI activities?

The general timeframe for CCRPI activities is defined below. Please note that some of these activities are principal activities and some are district activities. Check with your district contact for CCRPI regarding your district's processes and protocol.

- The Live Portal Data feature, available in the MyGaDOE portal in the spring, is your chance to check your school's data entered in Student Record and Student Class before the information is certified and sent to GADOE. This is the time to review data and make corrections, as there is no CCRPI correction window.
- The Assessment Matching/Non-Participation Application is a spring/summer district activity. Principals should keep documentation regarding any students who do not participate in assessments.
- The Summer Graduate application, available in late summer, is a district activity, but high school principals may be called upon to provide data to the district.
- The Cohort Withdrawal Update Application, available in the summer, is a district activity, but high school principals may be called upon to provide data to the district.
- Embargoed CCRPI data are generally made available in the portal for your review shortly before the public release.

What should I do if I have a question?

You have several options if you have questions regarding CCRPI. Your first resources are the accountability webpage and the CCRPI Resources for Educators webpage. There you will find calculation guides for each level (elementary, middle, and high) and other documents, as well as webinars, videos, and quick links.

If you have further questions, contact the person designated as the contact for accountability/CCRPI in your district. Additionally, you can email or call your GaDOE accountability specialist. Contact information can be found on the Updated Accountability Specialist List on the accountability webpage.

How can I learn about the calculations?

You have several options to learn more about the calculations for CCRPI. There are webinars, calculation guides for each level, and a calculator available on the accountability and CCRPI Resources for Educators webpages.

What should I do if I believe there is a calculation error in my CCRPI?

First, review the available resources posted on the accountability webpage and the CCRPI Resources for Educators webpage related to your issue. Then, follow your district protocol and contact either the district or your accountability specialist at the GaDOE.

Where does GaDOE get the data for my school's CCRPI? (What are the data sources?)

The 2018 CCRPI Data Element Quick Reference Guide is a complete spreadsheet of all sources of data by indicator and is found at on the CCRPI Resources for Educators webpage.

The sources of data include the following:

- Assessment files
- FTE
- Student Class
- Student Record
- TCSG and USG data files

In addition, CCRPI Applications in the portal previously mentioned (Assessment Matching/No-Participation, Cohort Withdrawal Update, and Summer Graduates) are utilized.

Remember that these data sources reflect the data entered at the school level; thus, ensuring accurate data is crucial. As stated earlier, you should use the Live Portal Data feature in the MyGaDOE portal in the spring to check your school's data and make any necessary corrections. Learn more about Student

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Record and Student Class and your district's student information system by contacting your district Student Information System team.

Additional information is available on the Data Collections website. There you will find links to the Data Collections webinars and guidance for Student Record.

What is the difference between the portal CCRPI reports and the public CCRPI reports?

Public reports at gadoe.org/CCRPI are available to anyone and contain no student level data. Portal reports contain data downloads with student level data and are therefore governed by FERPA rules; only principals (and appropriate district staff) have access to portal reports for that reason.

What can I do to improve my CCRPI score?

It is always the best practice to do what is best for students. Focusing on improving your instructional program will have the biggest impact on CCRPI, as it will lead to increased achievement. Increased achievement will increase Content Mastery, as well as other key indicators and components such as literacy (Lexiles), Progress, and Closing Gaps. Providing students with opportunities to learn will increase other CCRPI indicators such as Beyond the Core, pathway completion, college readiness, completion of advanced coursework, and graduation rates. Review CCRPI to understand your school's performance and identify areas to target for improved performance. Then identify resources available at district and state levels to help target support for your areas of need.

What are the school climate and financial efficiency star ratings?

School Climate and Financial Efficiency Star Ratings are displayed on the CCRPI reports as informational components but carry no point value for the CCRPI score.

Each school receives a School Climate Star Rating, which is calculated using data from the Georgia Student Health Survey 2.0; Georgia School Personnel Survey; Georgia Parent Survey; student discipline data; and attendance records for students, teachers, staff and administrators. The School Climate Star Rating provides school-level data on the following components: 1) School Climate, 2) Student Discipline, 3) Safe and Substance-Free Learning Environment, and 4) Attendance. To learn more, go to the School Climate webpage.

Each district and school receives a Financial Efficiency Star Rating (FESR). The FESR applies a scale of one-half star to five stars, where a rating of one-half star designates a high spending school or district with a low CCRPI, and a rating of five stars designates a low spending school or district with a high CCRPI. The FESR is designed to provide information on the relationship between per pupil expenditure (PPE) and academic achievement.

To learn more, go to the Financial Efficiency webpage: *https://gosa.georgia.gov/financial-efficiency-star-rating-0*

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