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Nebraska has developed a unique statewide accountability system under AQuESTT and ESSA that presents information in two ways. AQuESTT classification combines performance on several indicators to provide schools and districts with an overall descriptive classification of Excellent, Great, Good, or Needs Improvement. School and district snapshots display school performance on each accountability indicator and provide data on other measures not used in classification.

School and District Classification

Classification illustrates the overall performance of a school.

- Classification provides an easily understandable way to illustrate the overall and subgroup performance of a school.
- Behind the simplicity of the classification is an objective, data-driven system.
- All stakeholders, including parents, can use school and district classification, in addition to performance on each indicator, to understand how well each school is serving its students.
- The purpose of a classification system is not to encapsulate everything that makes a school great, but rather hold schools accountable for their core mission.

Classification provides transparency and engagement.

- School and district classification holds all schools to the same high expectations and clearly communicates results.
- Using clear and transparent classification ensures that everyone understands how a school is performing and draws them into the accountability conversation. Once engaged and interacting with the Nebraska Education Profile website, stakeholders will find additional information about the school that is understandable and relevant to foster student learning.
- Disaggregated data compares all student groups with the expectation that all groups will achieve at the same rates as their peers.

Classification can provide inspiration and encouragement.

- Classification brings a consistent focus on learning because stakeholders, including administrators, educators, and parents, all understand the system.
- Classification lets schools and communities know exactly how they can improve.

School and District Snapshots

Snapshots provide detailed information about the performance of a school.

- Snapshots provide an overall picture as well as more detailed information about specific areas of achievement, making it easier to pinpoint where schools are doing well, and where there is room for improvement.
- Parents and stakeholders can use data about a school's performance on each indicator to understand how well each school is serving its students.
- Having information that is detailed, but clearly understandable, draws parents and stakeholders into the accountability conversation, and will provide them with the basic information they need to ask more pointed questions.
- Snapshots are available to the public and can be found on the Nebraska Education Profile (NEP) at <http://nep.education.ne.gov>.

