

Data to Track Student Performance

Too often student performance is narrowly defined as academic achievement, but it means much more. Not only is academic achievement critical, so are job skills and preparation; citizenship; arts appreciation; and, the development of character and values.

There are lots of different types of data you can use to track student performance:

- ❑ Graduation rates
- ❑ Standardized test scores (state and national)
- ❑ Scores on locally developed assessments
- ❑ Achievement of students with special needs (e.g., Gifted, At-Risk, Disabled)
- ❑ Ability tests
- ❑ Graduates enrolled in college or other higher education
- ❑ Employment rates of graduates
- ❑ Salary level of graduates' jobs
- ❑ Participation in community service
- ❑ Participation in extra-curricular activities
- ❑ Awards and recognition received by students and staff
- ❑ Participation in advanced courses
- ❑ Scholarships received by graduates
- ❑ Discipline reports
- ❑ Graduate satisfaction surveys
- ❑ Teen pregnancy rates

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