

2025 Report Card: Student Perspective on U.S. Schools

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	2023 Average Grade	2024 Average Grade	2025 Average Grade	2025 % A's Awarded
Your school overall	B-	B-	B	31%
INDIVIDUAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE				
Using technology in new and exciting ways to help you learn	B-	B-	B-	29%
Teaching you in ways that adapt to your unique learning needs	C+	C+	B-	23%
Making you excited about learning	C+	C+	B-	19%
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE				
Helping you succeed in main subjects like math and reading	**	B	B	38%
Quality of relationships with your teachers	**	B-	B	36%
The quality of teaching	B-	B-	B	30%
Preparing you to succeed in school next year*	**	**	B	38%
POSTGRADUATION PREPARATION				
Teaching you skills that are relevant to your future	**	C+	B-	26%
Helping you figure out what type of career you would like to have	**	C+	B-	22%
Preparing you for education after high school	**	B-	B-	33%

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**Indicates no data collected on the item in the indicated year.

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	A Excellent	B Good	C Satisfactory	D Poor	F Fail	Average Grade
Your school overall	31%	40%	21%	5%	3%	B
INDIVIDUAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE						
Using technology in new and exciting ways to help you learn	29%	35%	23%	8%	5%	B-
Teaching you in ways that adapt to your unique learning needs	23%	34%	25%	12%	5%	B-
Making you excited about learning	19%	37%	27%	11%	5%	B-
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE						
Helping you succeed in main subjects like math and reading	38%	33%	20%	6%	3%	B
Quality of relationships with your teachers	36%	35%	20%	6%	3%	B
The quality of teaching	30%	39%	23%	6%	2%	B
Preparing you to succeed in school next year*	38%	35%	19%	6%	2%	B
POSTGRADUATION PREPARATION						
Teaching you skills that are relevant to your future	26%	33%	27%	9%	5%	B-
Helping you figure out what type of career you would like to have	22%	33%	28%	10%	7%	B-
Preparing you for education after high school	33%	33%	23%	7%	4%	B-

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Gallup and Walton Family Foundation have partnered for a multiyear study to understand American youth experiences and perspectives on education, learning and personal growth.

This data comes from the third annual survey, with the full 2025 findings to be released in the coming months. The study will further explore how young people aged 13 to 28 feel about themselves, their schools and their future possibilities. Results for this report card are based on a Gallup Panel™ web survey conducted May 16-27, 2025, with a sample of 1,551 13- to 18-year-olds living in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The Gallup Panel is a probability-based panel of U.S. adults who are randomly selected using address-based sampling methodology. Gallup also recruits using random-digit-dial phone interviews that cover landlines and cellphones. Children were reached through adult members of the Gallup Panel who indicated they had at least one child 18 or younger living in their household.

Respondents included 13- to 18-year-old students currently enrolled in grades six through 12 at a public, charter or private school. For this sample of respondents, the margin of sampling error is ± 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All reported margins of sampling error include computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.