

# Michigan's PARENT DASHBOARD for School Transparency

Michigan has updated the way it provides transparency about its public schools! The online Parent Dashboard—which received more than 1,000,000 views in its first year—shows the performance of every public school in Michigan, including public school academies, also known as charter schools.

Dashboard updates released January 2019 offer families and others an even more complete picture of how their child's school is serving students. Families also can use the Dashboard to compare a school's performance with the average performance of other similar Michigan schools.

State Board of Education members commissioned the Parent Dashboard because they believe that all Michigan residents have a right to easily discover how well public education is serving their children.

## The easy-to-use Parent Dashboard:

- was designed with parents to show school information they say is important, and enhanced by ongoing parent feedback
- provides one easy location where parents and caregivers can view **building-level** information and data
- can be accessed on any computer or mobile device
- offers a more balanced picture of school quality, since it contains information about more than just test scores

## Information in the Parent Dashboard:

- includes more than 20 different factors—or measures—that parents say are important to them
- comes from data that already are collected from schools or submitted voluntarily by schools
- can be viewed for a whole school, or viewers can dig deeper into see performance for certain groups of students
- can inform decisions and encourage richer conversations about school progress—with students, with other parents, with school leaders, and within communities
- now features “School Services and Offerings” section that describes a school's unique “Points of Pride” (NEW in 2019!)

Check out the new Parent Dashboard for School Transparency at [www.MISchoolData.org/ParentDashboard](http://www.MISchoolData.org/ParentDashboard)

Your ideas can make the Parent Dashboard even better! Send feedback to [MDE-ParentDashboard@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-ParentDashboard@michigan.gov).

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Michigan Parent Dashboard for School Transparency. The header includes the MI School Data logo and navigation tabs for Parent Dashboard, Early Childhood, Special Education, K-12th Grade, Postsecondary, and Other & Data Files. The main content area features a search bar for schools by name, district, or county, and a map of Michigan for finding schools by location. A sidebar on the left contains introductory text about the dashboard's purpose and a link to a survey. The footer includes social media icons and contact information for Michigan Department of Education.