Statewide Accountability System

Budget Language

$450,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $450,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the superintendent of public instruction to develop and implement a statewide accountability system to address absenteeism and to improve student graduation rates. The system must use data to engage schools and districts in identifying successful strategies and systems that are based on federal and state accountability measures. Funding may also support the effort to provide assistance about successful strategies and systems to districts and schools that are underperforming in the targeted student subgroups.

Proviso Purpose

The purpose of the proviso is to create and maintain a data system supported by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). This system helps the state meet its reporting requirements and improve schools with a focus on equity. All funds were used for this purpose and fell under two main areas:

1. Implement a statewide accountability reporting system (Washington State Report Card) and other tools to report data on absenteeism, graduation rates, and other measures.
2. Use data and funds from this proviso to help schools and districts use successful strategies to support student success, especially for students who face the most challenges to equitable educational opportunities.

Services Provided

The following activities were carried out in FY 2026 to implement a statewide accountability system.

OSPI maintains the Washington State Report Card, which shows outcome measures for schools, districts, and student groups. OSPI also makes specials reports and dashboards available using Tableau for staff and school districts to use. These services are done through the following activities:

1. Continue to keep the Tableau server running smoothly, which lets districts securely access Tableau workbooks and visualizations. This helps with the statewide accountability system and the Washington State Report Card. It also provides a central place to report all OSPI's school and district performance measures. Tableau licenses and maintenance are updated every year. The licensing ordered included:
    a) Renewal of Desktop Professional licenses for OSPI program and technical staff and one year maintenance.
    b) Purchase licensing for two Advanced Management Server-Core.
2. Updated documentation on the process to move data for disparate databases across the agency into the Accountability Reporting Server

(Tableau). Documentation is critical to ensuring consistent calculation of measures as well as repeatable processes over time.

3. Worked with experts in the agency to make sure the data and visualizations were correct and useful.
4. Helped with data analysis at the agency and program level to support teamwork.
5. Managed data governance to improve data quality and performance.
6. Updated the Washington State Report Card several times in 2026, adding new measures and features.
7. Provided schools and districts access to data visualizations and student-level data to support successful strategies for improvement. The measures include absenteeism, graduation rates, math, and ELA proficiency, English learner progress, 9th grade on-track, and dual credit participation. The measures are broken down by race/ethnicity, income, disability, foster care, military family, and English learner status. This ensures visibility of student group performance.

Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

All schools and districts have access to Report Card and district-facing accountability data.

Beneficiaries in the 2025–26 School Year

Number of School Districts: All

Number of Schools: All

Number of Students: All

Number of Educators: Not directly

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No.

State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2026	$450,000	$419,394
2025	$450,000	$315,326
2024	$450,000	$442,588
2023	$450,000	$377,082
2022	$450,000	$444,466

Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2026	All
2025	All
2024	All
2023	All
2022	All

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

N/A

Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

Implement a statewide accountability system: Tableau is the technology tool beneath the Washington State Report Card as well as numerous district-facing data displays, OSPI continues to look for the most efficient ways to provide comprehensive and versatile data for schools and districts as well as public-facing data.

Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

Maintaining Tableau requires substantial resources; OSPI has purchased the basic level of support from Tableau which raises the level of concern when there are complex technical issues. We put mitigations in place to ensure the server is updated and can be recovered in the event of an emergency.

Future Opportunities

OSPI is committed to continuously evaluating and enhancing our technology landscape to provide the most cost-effective solutions for data reporting. We recognize that the Report Card is a vital tool in meeting legislative reporting requirements and presenting comprehensive information about Washington's education system. To this end, OSPI will actively explore and adopt methods and tools that bolster reliability, accessibility, and overall data integrity, ensuring that we maintain high standards of accuracy and usability.

Other Relevant Information

N/A

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2026 Fiscal Year.

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