

Differences in Reporting for the Nevada Report card and Nevada's Accountability System (the NSPF)

Introduction

The Nevada Report Card reflects Nevada statutory reporting requirements and ESSA reporting requirements. ESSA requires states to count students differently across the state's Accountability System (the NSPF) and the State Report Card.

For NSPF (or star ratings), data must include only students who have been enrolled in school for at least half of the school year, and assessments data exclude recently arrived ELs. In contrast, the Nevada Report Card includes all students, including those enrolled for less than half the school year and recently arrived ELs. As a result, comparisons between NSPF and Report Card may not be directly aligned due to the differences in student inclusion criteria.

Additionally, NDE reports data to the USED via the *EDFacts* reporting system. These data are publicly released by the USED; and follow federal reporting rules that may differ from both NSPF and Nevada Report Card requirements. Some of the key differences between these three reporting systems are outlined below.

Chronic Absenteeism

In Nevada, chronic absenteeism is calculated in two distinct ways to meet both state and federal requirements and chronic absenteeism rates are reported on three different platforms. One calculation is used for the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) and the other is for the Nevada Report Card:

1. The NSPF Calculation and Reporting

The NSPF calculation is used for school ratings and follows a combination of specific Nevada Revised Statutes (SB249 and AB264) and federal rules:

- Students who have been enrolled for at least half the school year are included in the NSPF chronic absenteeism calculations.
- Medical excused absences (via MDP code per SB249 of the 81st Legislative Session) and up to five absences for religious holidays (via REL code of the AB264) are excluded and do not count against a school's chronic absenteeism rate.
- Output is a school level chronic absenteeism rate.
- NSPF reports also include a District rate that only includes students enrolled in the district for at least half the school year. As of the 2025-26 school year, this rate excludes both medical (MDP) and religious (REL) absences in alignment with the school rates. This rate is also used within the Nevada District Performance Framework (NDPF).

2. The Nevada Report Card Calculation and Reporting

The Nevada Report Card follows federal EDFacts rules for district and state reporting:

- Both medical (MDP) and religious (REL) absences are included in the school, district, and state chronic absenteeism calculations.

- All K-12 students who were enrolled for ≥ 10 days are included. School and District rates are based on the days absent calculated for federal reporting (MDP and REL codes are included in these calculations).
- Output is a school, district, and state level chronic absenteeism rate.

3. The EDFacts Chronic Absenteeism Calculation and Reporting

- EDFacts calculation was the same as the Nevada Report Card until 2024-25, when an additional EDFacts requirement for was introduced: using the Validation Day enrollment for the denominator in the calculation.

The following table summarizes the differences between the three chronic absenteeism rates that currently appear:

Level	NSPF, Nevada Report Card, <i>EDFacts</i>	Student Population	Days Enrolled	Federal or State Definition of Chronic Absenteeism
District Rate	Nevada Report Card	K-12	≥ 10	Federal (includes MDP and REL codes); Numerator and Denominator come from the aggregated district Chronic Absenteeism file.
District Rate	NSPF	K-12	$\geq$ half the instructional days within a district	State (excludes MDP codes and the first 5 REL coded days); Numerator and Denominator come from the aggregated district Chronic Absenteeism file.
School Rate	Nevada Report Card	K-12	≥ 10	Federal (includes MDP and REL codes); Numerator and Denominator come from the Chronic Absenteeism file.
School Rate	NSPF	K-12	$\geq$ half the school's instructional days	State (excludes MDP codes and the first 5 REL coded days); Numerator and Denominator come from the Chronic Absenteeism file.
State Rate	Nevada Report Card	K-12	≥ 10	Federal (includes MDP and REL codes); Numerator and Denominator come from the aggregated state Chronic Absenteeism file.

Level	NSPF, Nevada Report Card, <i>EDFacts</i>	Student Population	Days Enrolled	Federal or State Definition of Chronic Absenteeism
State, District, and School	<i>EDFacts</i>	K-12	≥ 10	Federal (includes MDP and REL codes); Numerator comes from Chronic Absenteeism file, Denominator is Validation Day enrollment.

Important Note on Historical Comparisons:

A "business rule" change was introduced for the 2023-24 school year regarding how student records are counted at the district and state level.

- Prior to 2023-24: Students enrolled at multiple schools were often duplicated in the data.
- 2023-24 to Present: The state now uses an unduplicated rate, combining records so each student is only counted once at the district and state levels.

Caution: Because the unduplicated method results in lower overall rates, comparisons between 2023-24 data and prior years should be made with caution.

Assessment Results

Assessment Proficiency results as they appear on the Nevada Report Card may or may not match NSPF business rules depending on the page being viewed. When looking at data that is broken down by Elementary, Middle, and High School levels, the data follows NSPF business rules (school level results follow the 95% participation rules outlined in the NSPF manual). This includes the ELA and Math Proficiency results found on the "At a Glance" pages.

ELA Proficiency



46.4%
Elementary

44.4%
Middle

47.2%
High

Math Proficiency



41.1%
Elementary

29.4%
Middle

21.1%
High

When looking at the "At a Glance" page for the entire state, assessment results follow NSPF business rules except for YIS and YID (all students are included) and 95% participation rules.

When drilling into the data sets via the interactive "Data Interaction" pages found following the "Assessment Results" pages, the assessment results do **NOT** follow NSPF business rules.

EDFacts reporting also requires different participation rules compared to those found in the NSPF. As a result, there are separate participation rules used/reported to the USED via *EDFacts*.

These differences are summarized in the following table:

NSPF, Report Card, or EDFacts Assessment Results	Year in School (YIS)/ Year in District (YID)	New in Country (NIC)/NIC_Y2	95% Participation Rules	Rules for a “Participant” in Participation/”% Tested” Calculations
Nevada Report Card; Data Interaction Pages	Includes all students	Includes all students	Percentages do not factor in 95% participation rules	Participants are students who received a proficiency level; participation for ELA and Math is determined separately
Nevada Report Card; At a Glance Pages (District / School level Math / ELA results)	Follows YIS/YID rules per NSPF handbook	Follows NIC/NIC_Y2 rules per NSPF handbook	School Level Results follow 95% participation rules per NSPF handbook	Not Applicable
Nevada Report Card; At a Glance Pages (State level Math / ELA results)	Includes all students	Follows NIC/NIC_Y2 rules per NSPF handbook	Percentages do not factor in 95% participation rules	Not Applicable
NSPF	Follows YIS/YID rules per NSPF handbook	Follows NIC/NIC_Y2 rules per NSPF handbook	Follows 95% participation rules per NSPF handbook	Follows rules per NSPF Handbook
EDFacts Assessment Participation	Does not include YIS/YID	Excludes NIC students	Percentages do not factor in 95% participation rules	Participants are students who received a proficiency level; participation for ELA and Math is determined separately

One of the main differences between assessment results in the NSPF and the Nevada Report Card appears for the High School Science exam. The HS Science proficiency data on the Nevada Report Card does **NOT** bank prior year 9th grade results in the same way as the NSPF.

NSPF or Nevada Report Card	HS Science results
Nevada Report Card; Data Interaction Pages	Results include all 9 th and 10 th grade HS Science exam takers in the reported year

NSPF or Nevada Report Card	HS Science results
NSPF / EDFacts	Results include prior year 9 th grade HS Science exam takers, current year 10 th grade HS Science exam takers, and current year 11 th grade NAA Science exam takers.

COVID Reporting for Report Card and the NSPF

Due to the COVID Pandemic, the publication of the NSPF and the Nevada Report Card was disrupted.

Year	NSPF or Nevada Report Card	Data Provided?	Notes
2019-2020	Nevada Report Card	Partial	<u>Lagged data sets, data collected prior to Covid-19 interruptions, and adjusted data sets were released. Release of some data sets was waived per USED Covid Waivers.</u>
2019-2020	NSPF	No	NSPF was waived per USED Covid Waivers.
2020-2021	Nevada Report Card	Yes	Data was released but some data sets were substantially affected
2020-2021	NSPF	No	NSPF was waived per USED Covid Waivers.
2021-2022	Report Card	Yes	N/A
2021-2022	NSPF	Yes	NSPF was released with some variations/modified data sets; no Star Ratings per USED Covid Waivers

Contact

For more information on the NSPF, the Nevada Report Card, and the business rules that are used for the reports, please contact the NDE Accountability Office at ADAMinfo@doe.nv.gov.