



School Support Services

School Ratings and Grades

What do they mean and do they matter?

Online school ratings don't necessarily indicate which schools are better than others. There are better ways to find out what you need to know.

LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WEBSITE

WEB Rating

COMMUNITY Rating

State Performance Grade	C	n/a
Greatschools	5/10	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
Zillow	5/10	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
Schooldigger	739th/1414	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆
Niche	B-	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

- There are discrepancies between website and community ratings.
- Each website looks at different things, and some even include food and sports.
- Anyone can submit community ratings, which may affect scoring.
- The State Performance Grade is the only *official* grade for schools. It's the US Department of Education evaluation tool.

DON'T MAKE A **SNAP** JUDGMENT



School grades are affected by demographics, teacher licenses, and the performance of all students in the school.

- Talk to other parents who know the schools first-hand.
- Visit the school.
- Contact your School Liaison Officer.

OTHER RESOURCES

Even websites like GreatSchool.com offers this advice that is often missed.

<https://youtu.be/yhRHnXZGG3M>

Highly rated schools translate into higher housing values. Studies confirm this and even put a dollar figure on it: an average premium of \$50 a square foot in areas of higher rated schools.

The ability for a student to succeed in any school is different for every family. Look for what a school offers, similar to shopping for a college.

Contact your installation School Liaison Officers for K-12 school questions, resources, and support.

