

SCHOOL QUALITY BEYOND TEST SCORES

About MCIEA

The Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment (MCIEA) is a partnership of MA public school districts and their local teacher unions, joined together to create a fair and effective accountability system that is guided by a [set of principles](#) and offers a more dynamic picture of student learning and school quality than a single standardized test. MCIEA seeks to increase achievement for all students, close prevailing achievement gaps among subgroups, and prepare a diversity of students for college, career, and life.

About School Quality Measures

MCIEA's School Quality Measures (SQM) framework aims to describe the full measure of what makes a good school, using five major categories: Teachers and Leadership, School Culture, Resources, Academic Learning, and Community and Wellbeing. In developing these categories, MCIEA sought input from stakeholders in each consortium district to build a school quality framework that reflects what the public wants to know about their schools. We then created and/or modified survey instruments to address key aspects of each major category. Importantly, the SQM framework and related measures were designed to identify strengths for future school growth, not as a tool for comparing schools against each other.

Strengthening teacher practice.



MCIEA's school quality framework provides educators with a wider array of information about school quality. In so doing, it generates meaningful data about student progress that can be used to reliably inform teaching and learning in the classroom.

Restoring the broader purpose of education.



By measuring school quality in a fair and comprehensive way, MCIEA reaffirms the full mission of public education. MCIEA believes it is possible to track school quality without relying on a narrow set of indicators and in a way that reflects the unique character of each school community.

Engaging the community in defining quality in our schools.



Students, families, educators, and community members identified what is most important to know about their students and schools. This feedback informed the MCIEA school quality framework and public dashboard—a visual tool to clearly communicate data on a set of multiple indicators.

SCHOOL QUALITY MEASURES FRAMEWORK



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