

NYS Transparency Reporting

Board of Education Presentation

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Our guiding principles

Our vision

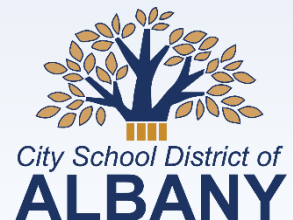
The City School District of Albany will be a district of excellence with caring relationships and engaging learning experiences that provide equitable opportunities for all students to reach their potential.

Our mission

We will work in partnership with our diverse community to engage every learner in a robust educational program designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for success.

Our goals

- Increase student achievement
- Enhance the delivery of quality instruction
- Build our leadership capacity and increase accountability
- Empower families to support the success of their children
- Partner with our diverse community



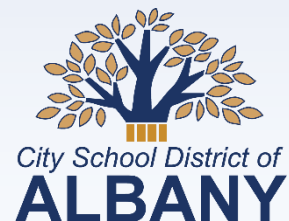
NYS School Transparency Reporting

1. Education Law §3614 passed by the Legislature in 2018
2. Requires school districts to “*annually* submit to the Commissioner of Education and Director of the Budget a detailed statement of the total funding allocation for each school in the district for the upcoming school budget year”
3. Format developed by Director of the Budget in consultation with the Commissioner of Education



NYS School Transparency

1. In addition to the district-wide basis already reported to NYSED each year, this seeks to capture school district methodology and/or rationale for school level funding decisions.
2. Captures centralized non-instructional district cost exclusions:
 - Inter-fund Transfers/Debt Service
 - School Lunch
 - Adult Ed
 - Transportation
 - Out of district tuition (charter, private placement, preK, BOCES), Section 4408, Services provided to Non-public schools (health services, Instructional Materials Aid)
3. Gathers school-level student and staff information, allocations for various programs
4. Pulls State, Local and Federal funding – includes grants in the per pupil calculations



Report Sections

1. District Level Information – Contact, total budgeted spending, projected spending on centralized costs (costs that cannot be meaningfully allocated)
2. District Schools
3. Basic School-level Information – enrollment, demographics
4. Basic School-level Allocations – Captured by object and purpose – personnel, contractual services, instructional support items
5. PreK and Community Schools Programming –school level; PreK enrollment, community schools funding by building and purpose
6. Locally Implemented Funding Formula – CASD does not have
7. Narrative Description – Explain process/rationale for school-level funding determinations
8. Superintendent Certification



Reporting Process

1. In 2019, deadline for submission August 30th
2. In 2019 all districts with four or more schools, based on the 2016-17 School Report Card database, are required to report (306 districts)
3. Once reporting is completed and submitted, NYSED and DOB have 45 days to review
4. If additional information is requested in writing, district has 30 days from date of written request to respond
5. If the district does not satisfactorily respond, the comptroller and/or CFO of city/town may be authorized to complete & submit within 60 days

Reporting Process

1. If no determination is made within 45 days, district's submission automatically deemed approved
2. Possible penalty for not completing or completing fully – temporary withholding of the district's state aid increase for this fiscal year
3. Upon submission, the district is required to publish its New York State School Funding Transparency Forms in Full, in Excel, on district website for at least one full year
4. Districts' final approved data will also be published on the Open Budget website

Questions

