

State Educator Preparation Provider Accountability Act

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Why do states need Educator Preparation Provider Report Cards?

The State Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) Accountability Act creates state EPP Report Cards with aligned accountability. Like a Consumer Reports review, EPP Report Cards hold EPPs accountable for their practices and effectiveness. This type of public transparency is critical for ensuring teachers receive the training and tools they need to have a positive impact on student outcomes. States can ensure EPP quality by issuing report cards that hold providers accountable for properly preparing teachers with the necessary skills.

How do report cards hold EPPs accountable?

The information in EPP Report Cards should help stakeholders understand the quality of each program based on concrete measures such as curriculum and completion requirements; graduate readiness and licensure exam pass rates; employment and retention data; graduates' impact in the classroom; and satisfaction of graduates and employers. With the right information, states can assess whether programs successfully prepare candidates or whether interventions and support are needed.

Unlike traditional accreditation reviews, which often occur in multi-year cycles and may emphasize compliance over outcomes, report cards provide annual, data-driven insights into EPP effectiveness.

What actions can states take based on the EPP Report Cards?

Interventions may include audit of or changes to curriculum, additional oversight of programs or initiating a full program re-approval process that could later result in probationary approval or program closure.

What are other uses for EPP Report Cards?

Potential uses depend on the stakeholder:

- Policymakers can refer to report cards to understand whether graduates meet licensing standards, improve student outcomes and remain in the profession. They can use this information when allocating funding and determining requirements for teacher licensure.
- Local education agencies can use report cards when choosing EPP collaborators for designing registered apprenticeships; identifying which EPPs are more likely to produce candidates worth hiring; and working with EPPs to provide effective professional development (PD) for faculty.
- Prospective teachers can leverage report cards when deciding which EPP to enroll in.

What information should be included in an EPP Report Card?

The strongest report cards capture critical information about EPP performance, including, but not limited to, entry selection criteria, first and best-attempt pass rates on licensure exams, job placement rates and graduate classroom impact.

