

Idaho State Department of Education

User Guide for Idaho Similar Schools Tools: 2019, 2022

Before you begin

Click the "full-screen" icon at the bottom of your page, for optimum viewing.

Step 1. Pick a reference school

BASIN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL (0875) ▾

Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools

Enrollment
Yes ▾

Economically Disadvantaged
Yes ▾

English Learners
Yes ▾

Students with Disabilities
Yes ▾

Step 3. Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)

Grade Range
Similar Grade Range ▾

School Type
All ▾

Schedule Type (4 or 5 day)
All ▾

Distance in miles
0 550

Similar Schools Comparison Tool - 2022

	Enrollment	Percent Economically Disadvantaged	Percent English Learners	Percent Students with Disabilities
BASIN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL (0875)	29	<21%	<21%	<21%

Similar Schools Based on User Selections

BUTTE COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (0059)	193	<15%	<4%	<16%
CASCADE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (0190)	78	<8%	<8%	6%
CHALLIS JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (0089)	150	<24%	<4%	<14%
FALLS CITY ACADEMY (1272)	79	<42%	<18%	<31%
IDAHO FINE ARTS ACADEMY (1375)	204	4%	<3%	6%

Select Student Group

All Students ▾

Select Measure

Participation in College and Career Readiness Courses ▾

Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?

No ▾

Participation in College and Career Readiness Courses, All Students

School	Participation	n size
FALLS CITY ACADEMY (1272)	57.9%	
IDAHO FINE ARTS ACADEMY (1375)	>73%	n size
BASIN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL (0875)		n size
BUTTE COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (0059)		n size
CASCADE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (0190)		n size
CHALLIS JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (0089)		n size

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User Guide for Idaho Similar Schools Tool

Step 1 – Select a school

Start by selecting the school of interest

Similar Schools Comparison Tool - 2019

Step 1. Pick a reference school

<Select a school>

Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools

Enrollment: Yes

Economically Disadvantaged: Yes

English Learners: Yes

Students with Disabilities: Yes

Step 3. Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)

Grade Range: Similar Grade Range

Distance in miles: null / 550

Similar Schools Based on User Selections

Select Student Group: All Students

Select Measure: ELA Proficiency

Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?: No

ELA Proficiency, All Students

Schools with under 20 students not included due to data limitations and privacy considerations. Data for matching may be perturbed when including small population sizes.

By default, the site will then populate with data for the school you selected and the five most similar schools, with similarity is based on:

- Enrollment
- Percent of students who are economically disadvantaged
- Percent of students who are English Learners
- Percent of students who are students with disabilities

Step 2 – Select matching characteristics

If you want to turn off any of these characteristics for matching, use the Yes/No drop downs under “Step 2.”

Similar Schools Comparison Tool - 2019

Step 1. Pick a reference school
<Select a school>

Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools

Enrollment: Yes
Economically Disadvantaged: Yes
English Learners: Yes
Students with Disabilities: Yes

Similar Schools Based on User Selections

Select Student Group: All Students
Select Measure: ELA Proficiency
Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?: No

ELA Proficiency, All Students

Step 3. Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)
Grade Range: Similar Grade Range
Distance in miles: null to 550

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A red arrow points to the 'Enrollment' dropdown menu in the Step 2 sidebar.

Step 3 – Restrict by grades served and distance

You can also restrict the potential schools by grade range and distance in miles. By default, the tool returns schools with a similar grade range across the entire state.

Similar Schools Comparison Tool - 2019

Step 1. Pick a reference school
<Select a school>

Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools

Enrollment: Yes
Economically Disadvantaged: Yes
English Learners: Yes
Students with Disabilities: Yes

Similar Schools Based on User Selections

Select Student Group: All Students
Select Measure: ELA Proficiency
Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?: No

ELA Proficiency, All Students

Step 3. Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)
Grade Range: Similar Grade Range
Distance in miles: null to 550

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A red arrow points to the 'Grade Range' dropdown menu in the Step 3 sidebar.

Step 4 – Review the data

After you have set the criteria you want to use in finding similar schools, you can look at the list of schools and their characteristics. Please note, the tool returns the five most similar schools based on the characteristics selected, and some schools are unique enough that even the most similar school may not be all that similar. Use these data to review the matches.

Step 1. Pick a reference school
A B MCDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0756)

Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools

Enrollment: Yes

Economically Disadvantaged: Yes

English Learners: Yes

Students with Disabilities: Yes

Step 3. Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)

Grade Range: Similar Grade Range

Distance in miles: 550

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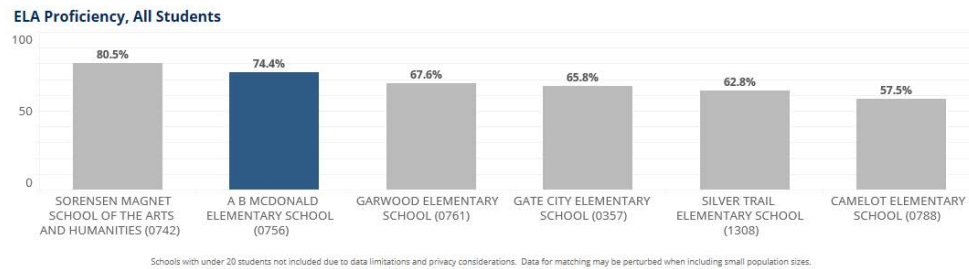
Similar Schools Comparison Tool - 2019

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A B MCDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0756)	365	26%	2%	11%
Similar Schools Based on User Selections				
CAMELOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0788)	442	22%	<2%	13%
GARWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0761)	384	32%	n size	10%
GATE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0357)	474	23%	<2%	10%
SILVER TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (1308)	459	25%	1%	11%
SORENSEN MAGNET SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES (074..)	313	22%	<2%	10%

Select Student Group: All Students

Select Measure: ELA Proficiency

Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?: No



Below the list of matches, you will see the performance data for the school you selected and the similar schools. The school you selected will be in blue.

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A B MCDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0756)

Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools

Enrollment: Yes

Economically Disadvantaged: Yes

English Learners: Yes

Students with Disabilities: Yes

Step 3. Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)

Grade Range: Similar Grade Range

Distance in miles: 550

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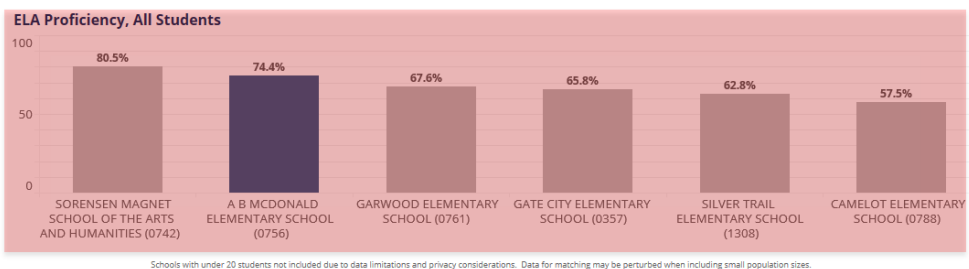
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Select Student Group: All Students

Select Measure: ELA Proficiency

Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?: No



Step 5 – Review other measures

By default, the tool returns performance on *ELA proficiency* among all students. You can change both the student group and the measure of interest.

Step 1. Pick a reference school

A B MCDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (...)

Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools

Enrollment: Yes

Economically Disadvantaged: Yes

English Learners: Yes

Students with Disabilities: Yes

Step 3. Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)

Grade Range: Similar Grade Range

Distance in miles: 0 to 550

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Select Student Group

All Students

Select Measure

ELA Proficiency

Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?

No

ELA Proficiency, All Students

School	ELA Proficiency
SORENSEN MAGNET SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES (0742)	80.5%
A B MCDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0756)	74.4%
GARWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0761)	67.6%
GATE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0357)	65.8%
SILVER TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (1308)	62.8%
CAMELOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0788)	57.5%

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Step 6 (optional) – Restrict data

You can also restrict the matches to schools performing better than the reference school on the selected measure. If you do this, be sure to check your match characteristics again because new schools will likely be in your list.

Step 1. Pick a reference school

A B MCDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0756)

Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools

Enrollment: Yes

Economically Disadvantaged: Yes

English Learners: Yes

Students with Disabilities: Yes

Step 3. Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)

Grade Range: Similar Grade Range

Distance in miles: 550

Similar Schools Comparison Tool - 2019

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Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?

No

ELA Proficiency, All Students

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Users can use the same steps for navigating the similar districts tool.

If you have questions on using the tool, contact us at assessments@sde.idaho.gov