# **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	Similar Schools C	Comparison	Tool - 2022				
BASIN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL (0875) 🔻				Enrollment Percen Dis	t Economically advantaged	Percent English Learners	Percent Students with Disabilities
	BASIN ALTERNATIV	E HIGH SCHO	OL (0875)	29	<21%	<21%	<21%
Step 2. Select characteristics for finding similar schools	Similar Schools Pased on User S	alactions					
Enrollment	Siliniai Schools Based on Oser S	elections					
Yes 🔹	BUTTE COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH	H SCHOOL (0059)		193	<15%	<4%	<16%
	CASCADE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	. (0190)		78	<8%	<8%	6%
Economically Disadvantaged	CHALLIS JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	(0089)		150	<24%	<4%	<14%
Yes 🔹	FALLS CITY ACADEMY (1272)			79	<42%	<18%	<31%
English Lossnora	IDAHO FINE ARTS ACADEMY (	1375)		204	4%	<3%	6%
Students with Disabilities Yes •	Select Student Group	Select Meas	ure College and Career Readiness Courses	•			Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure? No
Step 3. Restrict the schools by haracteristics (optional)	Participation in College and Ca	areer Readiness Cour	rses, All Students				
Grade Range Similar Grade Range 🔹	90 80 70						
chool Type	60 57.9%						
All 🔹	50 40						
chedule Type (4 or 5 day) All 🔹	30 20 10	>73%	n size	n size	1	n size	n size
Distance in miles	FALLS CITY ACADEMY (1272)	IDAHO FINE ARTS ACADEMY (1375)	BASIN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL (0875)	BUTTE COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (0059)	CASCAD SCH	DE JR/SR HIGH OOL (0190)	CHALLIS JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (0089)
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## Step 1 – Select a school

Start by selecting the school of interest

Step 1. Pick a reference school	Similar Schools Comparison Tool - 2019	
<select a="" school=""></select>		
<b>Step 2.</b> Select characteristics for finding similar schools	Similar Schools Based on User Selections	
Enrollment Yes 💌		
Economically Disadvantaged Yes		
English Learners Yes		
Students with Disabilities Yes	Select Student Group     Select Measure       All Students	Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?
<b>Step 3.</b> Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)	ELA Proficiency, All Students	
Grade Range		
Distance in miles null 550		
IDAHO State Department of Education	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."

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Economically Disadvantaged Yes		
English Learners Yes *		
Students with Disabilities Yes	Select Student Group         Select Measure           All Students           ELA Proficiency	Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?
<b>Step 3.</b> Restrict the schools by characteristics (optional)	ELA Proficiency, All Students	
Grade Range Similar Grade Range		
Distance in miles null 550		
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#### 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.

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Enrollment Yes *		
Economically Disadvantaged Yes		
English Learners Yes		
Students with Disabilities Yes	Select Student Group Select Measure	Restrict to schools with higher performance on this measure?
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Grade Range		
Distance in miles		
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### 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.

DONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ( *				Enrollment	Percent Economically Disadvantaged	Percent English Learners	Percent Students with Disabilities
<u> </u>	A B MCDONALD EL (0756)	EMENTARY SCH	OOL	365	26%	2%	11%
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	CAMELOT ELEMENTARY SCH	OOL (0788)		442	22%	<2%	13%
nent 🔹	GARWOOD ELEMENTARY SCI	HOOL (0761)		384	32%	n size	10%
	GATE CITY ELEMENTARY SCH	IOOL (0357)		474	23%	<2%	10%
nically Disadvantaged	SILVER TRAIL ELEMENTARY S	CHOOL (1308)		459	25%	1%	11%
	SORENSEN MAGNET SCHOO	L OF THE ARTS AND HU	VANITIES (074	313	22%	<2%	10%
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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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### 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.



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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.

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#### Similar Schools Comparison Tool - 2019

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

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