

## More Students Are Attending 4 & 5 STAR Rated Schools

**In SY18-19 almost 8,500 more audited students attended either a 4 or 5 STAR school compared to SY17-18**

Compared to SY17-18, 20 more schools in SY18-19 were rated as either a 4 or 5 STAR school based on the DC School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) Framework. This translates into nearly 8,500 more public school students attending a 4 or 5 STAR rated school across all eight wards.

### What is the STAR Framework?

The STAR Framework is part of the Office of the State Superintendent's (OSSE) DC School Report Card, along with over 150 other data elements. The School Report Card is federally required as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and gives families in DC a holistic, transparent, and equitable view of all public schools in the District, both DCPS and public charter.

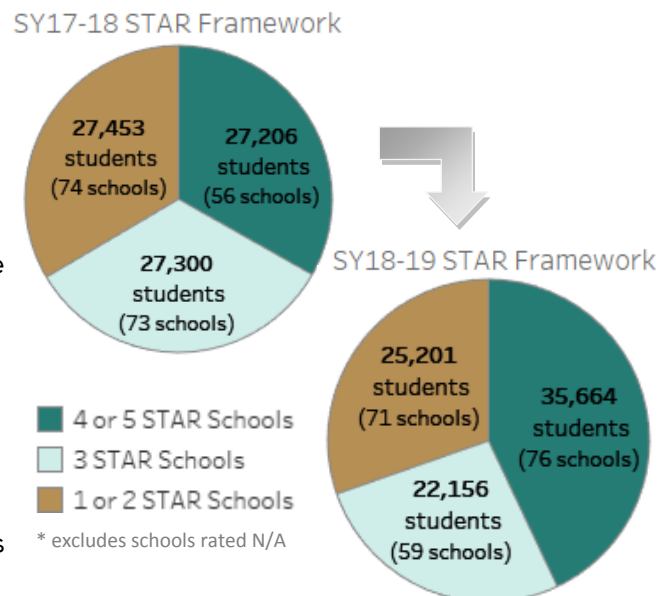
The STAR Framework is designed to provide schools with multiple pathways to demonstrate their performance and success. The framework includes a list of over 30 metrics, including attendance and graduation rates, test scores, and assessment growth measures. Each school is

given an overall star rating, with one star being the lowest and five being the highest.

### Citywide Trends in STAR Ratings

SY18-19 (2019 STAR) was the second year of STAR Framework ratings, allowing for the first look at year over year trends. In SY18-19, there were 76 schools rated as either 4 or 5 STAR, an increase of 20 schools compared to the 56 schools in the year prior. Most of the increase was due to more DCPS schools rated as 4 or 5 STAR,

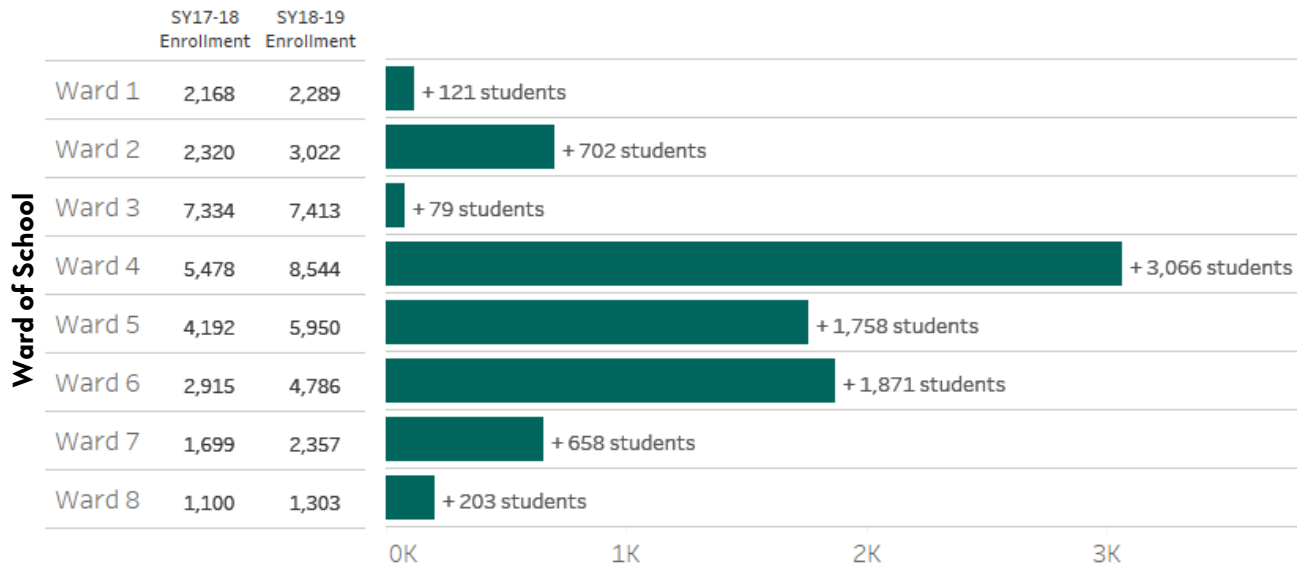
### Enrollment and Count of Schools by STAR Rating, SY17-18 and SY18-19



Source: OSSE, DC School Report Card, 2018 and 2019

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## Change in Enrollment of 4 & 5 STAR Rated Schools by Ward of School, SY17-18 to SY18-19



Sources: OSSE, DC School Report Card, 2018 and 2019; OSSE Audited Enrollment, SY17-18 and SY18-19

increasing by 16 schools, while four additional public charter schools were rated as such.

In total across all 8 wards, there were 8,458 more audited students attending a 4 or 5 STAR rated school in SY18-19, a 31% increase over SY17-18.

### STAR Enrollment by Ward of School

Not only are there more schools with higher STAR ratings, but more public school students are attending the highest rated schools. Schools in every ward saw more students attending a 4 or 5 STAR rated school in SY18-19 compared to the previous year.

Ward 4 saw the biggest increase, with 3,066 more students in 4+ STAR rated

schools (an increase of 56%), a result of six more schools rated as 4 or 5 STAR in Ward 4.

The next largest increase was seen in Ward 6, with 1,871 more students attending a 4 or 5 STAR rated school (64% increase). Between SY17-18 and SY18-19, five more schools were rated as 4 or 5 STAR.

Ward 5 had the third largest increase in students attending a 4 or 5 STAR rated school. 1,758 more students attended 4 and 5 STAR rated schools due to four additional schools being rated as such.

**For more information on the STAR Framework and the DME's methodology visit:** [The DC School Report Card](#) and [EdScape](#)

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