



The Pennsylvania Department of Education recently released Collegium's School Performance Profile ([SPP](#)) for the 2015-2016 school year.

As a reminder, SPP scores from 2013-2014 included scores from the old PSSA test. That test is no longer relevant. In 2014-2015, the PSSA was updated to a much more challenging assessment and PSSA scores dropped significantly across PA. SPP scores for 2014-2015 did **not** incorporate related PSSA results and - as such - 2014-2015 SPP scores were artificially inflated. Newly released SPP scores for 2015-2016 now include PSSA data based on the more challenging PSSA. Collegium considers the 2015-2016 SPP score and related PSSA data to be our new baseline.

Although PSSA scores were not factored into last year's SPP score, they were reported publicly and were the basis of Collegium's decisions to purchase new curricular programs for math and reading. As anticipated, our SPP score validates our decision to update curricular programs and emphasize professional development to effectively utilize new 2016-2017 classroom resources. For 2016-2017, we are also using the newly purchased [Linkit!](#) data assessment platform to better develop student-specific goals for individualized instruction and test preparation. Learn more about our enhanced curriculum by reviewing our [August 2016 Curriculum Update](#).

While our SPP report gives us important information about how we can continue to improve, other data aggregates such as our [2016 Niche.com grade](#) (an A), show CCS is also excelling in many areas. The Niche.com data set includes state standardized testing results, but also takes into account other factors such as parent and student survey results, financial practices, and information gathered through bi-annual civil rights data collections.

According to Niche.com, CCS is rated #66 in *2016 Best School Districts in Pennsylvania* and is now the 4th most diverse school in PA ([Niche.com](#)). While some are quick to identify student diversity as an academic challenge for schools, we view our nearly unmatched diversity as being a vital piece of what makes Collegium so valuable, and we remain committed to equitably educating our broad range of students.