

How Boards Ask for Data: Board Member Responsibilities

1. Determine which sub-populations of students you want data reported on
2. Ask district staff to break-out data in reports and presentations by these subgroups
3. Ensure district staff have the tools and training to produce trend data (has the board made sure money is allocated for staff development and the necessary technology?)
4. Ask staff to produce reports that summarize important trends revealed by the data
5. Ask staff to prepare comparative analysis reports (that is two or more groups of districts, schools, students or some other group that have similar characteristics and can be compared with each other)
6. Make sure that test comparisons are valid! The Board probably needs to receive training on testing to know the answer to these questions