

Parcoursup — France's National University-Admissions Algorithm and Its Decade-Long Transparency Battle

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2018, France's Parcoursup has used local and national ranking algorithms to allocate applicants to higher-education places nationwide. Courts forced partial disclosure of the criteria used, but the Cour des comptes found the code '99% closed' even after the rulings.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	1/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	0/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-31

[Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche](#) — accessed 2026-07-31

[Banque des Territoires: La transparence des algorithmes de Parcoursup à l'épreuve du Conseil d'État](#) — accessed 2026-07-31

[Official 2021 annual report to Parliament on Parcoursup \(Ministry\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-31

[Cairn.info: Have the APB and Parcoursup platforms promoted equal opportunity?](#) — accessed 2026-07-31

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