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School Accountability Implementation Handlbook

Schools in Wyoming may fall within one of four performance levels based on their pattern of performance on three indicators: Achievement, Overall Readiness, and Equity.

## The FOUR performance levels are:

- EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS
- MEETING EXPECTATIONS
- PARTIALLY MEETING EXPECTATIONS
- NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS


## the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA).

Note: In order to have an indicator score, a school must have 10 students with evidence on the indicator. When available up to two years of prior data was included to meet this minimum student count.

|  | School Indicator Performance <br> Only students enrolled at the school for a full academic year were included. <br> Full Academic Year is October 1st through the midpoint of the state assessment window. |  |  |
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| Indicator | Category | Count of Students | Description |
| ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE |  |  |  |
| Equity | Undefined | 3 | Equity is the median student growth percentile (MGP) in reading and math combined for a subgroup of grade eleven students who had low reading and math test scores in the prior year. |
| Achievement | Below Targets | 23 | Achievement is the percent of student test scores proficient or above in grade 11 on ACT subject area tests of mathematics, reading, science, and English/writing. |
| Growth | Meeting Targets | 23 | Growth is a median student growth percentile (MGP) in reading and math combined for all students during grades ten and eleven as measured on subject area tests of the Explore, Plan, and ACT. |
| OVERALL READINESS |  |  |  |
| Graduation Rate | Meeting Targets | 12 | Graduation rate is a measure of the extended rate (i.e.,four year on-time cohort plus five, six and seven year graduates). |
| Additional Readiness | Meeting Targets | 10 | Additional ReadinessHathaway index based on unweighted GPA, highest ACT composite score, and the success curriculum level reported on the transcript(weight $=40 \%$ ). Tested readiness is an index based on composite scores on the Explore, Plan, and ACT (weight $=30 \%$ ). Percent of grade 9 students earning $1 / 4$ th of the credits needed for graduation (weight $=30 \%$ ). |
| Participation Rate | Met |  | The participation rate requirement is $95 \%$. The participation rate threshold is $90 \%$. When a school's participation rate is below the requirement but at or above the threshold, the school is docked one performance level. When a school's participation rate is below the threshold the school is considered not scorable and is assigned to the not meeting expectation performance level. |


| Indicator Catergories | Performance Categories and Associated Scores |  |  |
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|  | BelowTargets | Meeting Targets | Exceeding Targets |
|  | ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE |  |  |
| Equity | $<47$ | >=47 and < 60 | > $=60$ |
| Achievement | < 32 | >= 32 and < 45 | $>=45$ |
| Growth | $<47$ | >= 47 and < 60 | > 60 |
|  | OVERALL READINESS |  |  |
| Graduation Rate Indicator* | $<80$ | >= 80 and < 90 | >= 90 |
| Additional Readiness Indicator** | <68 | >= 68 and < 79 | >= 79 |
|  | * Cut scores for schools vary based on the sub-indicators available. |  |  |

## 2015 Performance Level Descriptors for High Schools

## Exceeding Expectations

This category is reserved for schools considered models of performance. These schools demonstrated high achievement and exceeded target on at least one other performance indicator - equity or readiness - while meeting target on the other indicator.

## Meeting Expectations

Schools in this category demonstrated performance that met or exceeded target on multiple performance indicators. These schools typically had acceptable or better levels of achievement, student readiness, and/or in promoting equity for students with below-proficient achievement.

## Partially Meeting Expectations

Schools in this category demonstrated either unacceptable levels of achievement or were below target on improving the achievement of below-proficient students and on graduation rate and tested readiness. Many schools in this category showed acceptable performance in promoting equity based on growth for low achieving students and/or met target for student readiness.

## Not Meeting Expectations

Schools in this category had unacceptable performance on all indicators. For schools in this category, improvement is an urgent priority. These schools have low levels of achievement, fall short of targets on graduation and tested readiness, and have large achievement gaps that show little or no improvement.

