

Educational Assessment, Analysis, and Research (EAAR)

# Overview of State and District Assessments

2024-2025



### **Foreword**

The purpose of this presentation is to explain state and district testing as they currently stand (2024-2025 school year). The tests referenced do not represent a comprehensive list but focus on those assessments which are linked to school grades, student progression between grades, and graduation.



### Abbreviated History of Testing in Florida

#### 1970s and 1980s

- Statewide testing began in the 1970s
- 1976: Graduation test authorized; implemented with the class of 1983

#### 1990s

- 1992: Florida Writing
   Assessment Program (4<sup>th</sup> graders); expanded to 8<sup>th</sup> then 10<sup>th</sup> over next two years
- 1998: FCAT (Reading & Mathematics)
- 1999: School Grades (A-F) issued

### 2000s

- 2001: FCAT expanded to grades 3-10
- 2002: School grades expanded to include learning gains
- 2003: Passing FCAT Reading and Mathematics becomes graduation requirement
- 2003: FCAT Science
- 2007: School grades include science performance

#### 2010s

- 2010: School grades (high school) includes acceleration, graduation rates, and college readiness
- 2011: FCAT 2.0
- 2011: End-of-Course Assessments began with Algebra 1
- **2014-2015:** Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)

#### 2020s

- 2020: Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards for ELA and Mathematics adopted
- **2023:** First computer-adaptive assessments aligned to B.E.S.T. administered



### A Word on Testing

### from Statewide Assessments Guide 2024-2025

- The primary purpose of Florida's VPK-12 statewide assessment is to measure students' achievement of Florida's educational standards.
- Assessment supports instruction and student learning.
- Assessments help Florida determine whether we have equipped our students with the knowledge and skills they need to be ready for careers and college-level coursework.
- Florida's statewide assessments also provide the basis for student, school, and district accountability systems. Assessment results are used to determine school and district grades, which give citizens a standard way to determine the quality and progress of Florida's education system
- While assessment plays a key role in Florida's education system, it is important to remember that testing is not an end in itself, but a means to an end.



### **District Assessments**

### Frequent Questions about Testing

## Why are there so many progress monitoring windows (PM1, PM2, PM3)?

- •The first two progress monitoring tests (PM1 and PM2) are used to track student progress toward meeting end of year goals and full grade level standards.
- PM3 is used to show whether students have mastered the standards.

### Why is it necessary for the district/schools to have additional testing beyond state testing?

•State testing gauges student progress toward end of year goals; schools need tools that offer actionable information on a more frequent basis to improve student performance.

## How are schools using the additional testing data?

•Teachers use the reports to determine individual student needs and tailor instruction toward those unique needs.

### How does the additional data help my child?

- •Students in need of substantial support receive much needed interventions
- •Gaps are discovered and closed for students who are on grade level, proficient, or exemplary.

### Is BCPS testing students excessively?

•No. The district is below the **state-mandated 5% threshold** for testing.



### Assessment Result Impact on Students

Earn at least a Level 2 (out of 5) on ELA Reading PM3 to be promoted

If enrolled in a course with a statewide EOC, must take the assessment; results count as 30% of course grade

Algebra 1
EOC: Passing score (Level 3) to graduate high school with a standard diploma

Grade 10 ELA
Assessment:
Passing score
(Level 3) on
PM3 required
to graduate
with a
standard
diploma

Alternate assessments are available for each testing requirement.

Participation is mandated by state law unless otherwise noted by state statute.







### **Common Features of State Assessments**

Every assessment has a blueprint that shows how the test aligns to state standards and determines what will be tested.

End-of-year scores measure mastery of academic standards or grade-level content standards.

Tests required for promotion/graduation have alternate options for meeting the requirement.

Tests are <u>computer-</u>
<u>adaptive—the test</u>
<u>becomes more or less</u>
<u>difficult</u> based on student responses.

Paper-based versions are provided based on the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan.

Computer-based test
(CBT) accommodations
are provided based on the
student's Individual
Education Plan (IEP) or 504
plan.



## Accessing Test Results FOCUS Parent Portal



Getting started on FOCUS is as easy as

A,B,C...

- A. Create a **Parent portal account**<a href="https://www.browardschools.com/focus">https://www.browardschools.com/focus</a>
- B. **Add your child/children** using full name, ID number (06 #) and DOB
- C. **Explore test results** in one place



### **State Assessments At-A-Glance**

This is not a list of every state test a student will encounter in a course or grade level.						
Elementary School	Middle School	High School				
<ul> <li>Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Progress Monitoring (PM) 1, 2, &amp; 3: English Language Arts &amp; Mathematics</li> <li>Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA)—Students With Disabilities</li> <li>Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS) &amp; Alternate ACCESS English Language Learners (ELLs)</li> <li>BEST Writing (Grades 4,5)</li> <li>Science (Grade 5)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)         Progress Monitoring (PM) 1, 2, &amp; 3: English Language Arts &amp; Mathematics     </li> <li>Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA)—Students With Disabilities</li> <li>Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS) English Language Learners (ELLs) &amp; Alternate ACCESS</li> <li>BEST Writing (Grades 6-8)</li> <li>Science (Grade 8)</li> <li>End-of-Course (EOC)         Assessments (Civics, Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology)     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)         Progress Monitoring (PM) 1, 2, &amp; 3: English Language Arts</li> <li>Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA)—Students With Disabilities</li> <li>BEST Writing (Grades 9,10)</li> <li>End-of-Course (EOC)         Assessments (Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, US History)</li> <li>Florida Civic Literacy Exam</li> <li>PSAT (Grade 10), SAT (Grade 11)</li> <li>Advanced Placement, Cambridge AICE, Dual Enrollment, International Baccalaureate</li> </ul>				



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<ul> <li>Letter Names, Letter Sounds, and Concept of Print:         <ul> <li>Diagnose foundational reading gaps</li> </ul> </li> <li>iReady Diagnostics:         <ul> <li>Diagnose, track, and provide an individual</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>iReady Diagnostics:         <ul> <li>Diagnose, track, and provide a pathway for correction of literacy gaps and mathematical gaps; continuation of previous years' growth goals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NWEA Map Growth         Assessment: Measures         literacy growth over time and assists with data-driven decisions to help students access grade-level content     </li> <li>Common Formative</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>pathway for correction of literacy and mathematical gaps</li> <li>Science Assessments:         Provides insight into building a strong foundation for     </li> </ul>	NWEA Map Growth Assessment: Measures literacy growth over time and assists with data-driven decisions to help students access grade-level content	Assessments (CFA)/Quarterly Exams by subject: Monitor progress toward mastery of course standards and drives instructional decisions					
current and future science topics	Common Formative Assessments (CFA)/Quarterly Exams by subject: Monitor progress toward mastery of course standards and drives instructional decisions						



### **Teacher Professional Learning Testing Support**

### Florida Department of Education

Provides State information on testing requirements and security measures and support for all Florida public schools for the F.A.S.T & End of Year Courses



### Broward Schools--Department of Educational Assessment, Analysis, and Research

Provides professional learning to school assessment coordinators regarding test administration and test security for the F.A.S.T & End of Year Courses



Provides professional learning to school-based coaches & teachers on how to properly administer test and to ensure test security for the F.A.S.T & End of Year Courses

### Broward Schools--School-based Coaches & Teacher

Administers State/District assessments to students and provides instruction on how utilize the testing platform for the F.A.S.T & End of Year Courses



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### Teacher Systems to Support Student Mastery of Florida Benchmarks

## Teacher Development & Support

(Teacher Development Support, New Teacher Academy, & Teacher Induction for Effectiveness & Retention)

### Academics-Elementary/Secondary Learning-Instructional

Specialists-provide content area support to schools to understand the Florida B.E.S.T/NGSSS Standards & Content & Coaching Forums

### Academics-Bilingual/ESOL-

Instructional Specialistsprovides\_a variety of professional develop, resources & programs to support teachers with supporting students who speak other languages Academics-Exceptional
Student Educational
Support & Specialized
Instruction-Program
Specialists-provides
support & instruction
programing to facilitating
high quality instruction for
students with disabilities

### Academics-Innovative

Learning-Instructional
Specialists-focuses on
providing support to
teachers/administrators with
implementing personalized
learning environments

### Regional Directors-

Instructional Facilitatorsprovides school-based support within each region to support understand of the Florida B.E.S.T/NGSS standards & high-yield teaching strategies

### Department of Educational Assessment, Analysis &

Research-Data Coach
Specialists-provides
regional/school-based support
with building a data-drive culture
to personalize to student needs

### School-Based Coach Support (Literacy, Math,

Science Social Studies)-Coach teachers on high-yield teaching strategies & curriculum content

### School-Based Professional Learning Communities

(PLCs)-Collaborative conversation regarding instruction focused on curriculum, assessment, reteach/remediation and enrichment for students

### Individualized Learning-

Curriculum hubs, videos, 1:1 teacher support requests



### How are test results monitored?

#### District Monitoring

- **Professional Development Sessions:** Organize district-wide training for administrators and teachers on interpreting data and implementing interventions.
- •Performance Dashboards: Utilize district performance dashboards to track real-time data across schools.
- Peer Review and External Audits: iReady, Performance Matters, etc. comparison data with peer districts or against state or national performance.

#### **School Monitoring**

- Departmental Data Reviews: Regular departmental meetings to analyze subject-specific data and identify trends.
- •Peer or Classroom Observations: Facilitate teacher peer observations to share best practices in data-driven instruction.
- •Response to Intervention (RTI) Meetings: Schedule RTI meetings to review students who need additional support.

### Teacher Monitoring

- Formative Assessments: Use weekly quizzes, exit tickets, and other formative assessments to monitor student understanding in real time.
- •Interim Progress Reports: Issued quarterly to keep students and parents informed.

#### Parent/Student Monitoring

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- •Interim Progress Reports: Issued quarterly to keep students and parents informed.



### **Find Out More**

Use the followi	Use the following links to access documents that will provide more detailed information:					
Understanding scores:	https://flfast.org/content/contentresources/en/Understanding%20Florida%20Statewide%20Assessments%20Reports For%20Families Final 052 24 WT r1g.pdf					
Individual Test Fact Sheets:	https://flfast.org/resource-list/en/fact-sheets					
Sample Test Items K-2	https://flfast.org/resource-list/en/renaissance- star					
Sample Test Items 3-10	https://login4.cambiumtds.com/student_core/ V116/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Florida_PT&a=S tudent					





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## Appendix



### K-2 Early Literacy, Reading, and Mathematics

## Progress Monitoring (PM) State Administration Windows

• PM1: Fall (beginning of

school year)

• PM2: Winter (middle of

school year)

• PM3: Spring (end of school

year)

State Statute: K-2 assessments must be administered in the first 30 instructional days of the school year and within the last 30 days of the school year

Grade	Star Early Literacy	Star Reading	Star Math
Kindergarten	PM1, PM2, PM3		PM1, PM2, PM3
First Grade	PM1, PM2	РМ3	PM1, PM2, PM3
Second Grade		PM1, PM2, PM3	PM1, PM2, PM3

### **Additional Considerations:**

- It is recommended that students only take one subject test per day.
- Students scoring an 852 or higher on Star Early Literacy: "Probable readers," may take Star Reading on the next PM

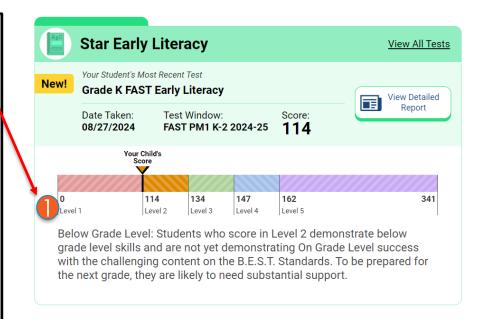


### K-2 Early Literacy, Reading, and Mathematics

### Understanding Results on the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal

- Level: what the scores means on the B.E.S.T. scale using FAST Equivalent scores (Levels 1-5)
  - a) FAST Equivalent Score: Shows where students are now compared to where they should be at the end of the year
  - b) Zero FAST Equivalent Score:

    Does NOT mean the student has not learned anything
  - c) Maximum FAST Equivalent Score: Does NOT mean the student has full mastery

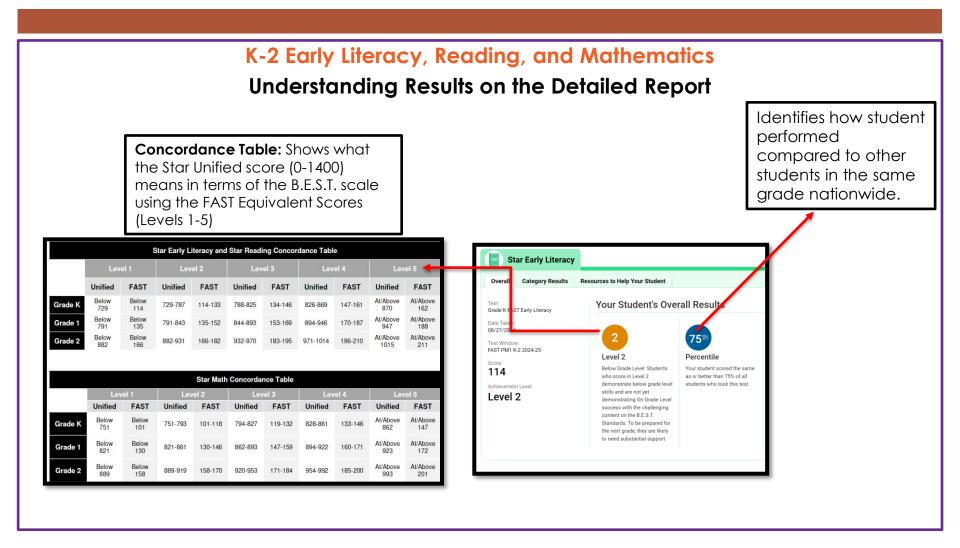






Scale

https://flfast.org/content/contentresources/en/773199-Understanding-FAST-K2-Student-Scores-Parent-QuickGuide\_ENGLISH.pdf https://renaissance.widen.net/s/kvjgdnwszz/fast-k-2-benchmark-reporting https://star-help.renaissance.com/hc/en-us/articles/11326849599515-Star-Unified-





Sources:

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### Grades 3-10 ELA Reading and Grades 3-8 Mathematics

### During Normal School Year Testing

## Progress Monitoring (PM) State Administration Windows

- PM1: Fall (beginning of school year)
- PM2: Winter (middle of school year
- PM3: Spring (end of school year)

### **Summer Testing**

 High schoolers who failed to meet the ELA requirement for graduation during the school year



### Grades 3-10 ELA Reading and Grades 3-8 Mathematics Understanding results

Assessment	Loyal 1	Loyal 2	Level 3	Level 4	Lovel F
Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 3 ELA Reading	140–185	186–200	201–212	213–224	225–260
Grade 4 ELA Reading	154–198	199–212	213–223	224–236	237–270
Grade 5 ELA Reading	160–205	206–221	222–231	232-245	246–279
Grade 6 ELA Reading	161–208	209–224	225–236	237-249	250-284
Grade 7 ELA Reading	165–214	215–231	232–241	242-256	257–292
Grade 8 ELA Reading	169–219	220–237	238–250	251–261	262–300
Grade 9 ELA Reading	174–223	224–241	242-253	254–266	267–303
Grade 10 ELA Reading	179–229	230–246	247–257	258–270	271–308
ELA Reading Retake	179–229	230–246	247–257	258-270	271–308
Grade 3 Mathematics	140–182	183–197	198–208	209–224	225–260
Grade 4 Mathematics	155–199	200–210	211–220	221–237	238–273
Grade 5 Mathematics	158–206	207–221	222–233	234–245	246–285
Grade 6 Mathematics	168–212	213–228	229–238	239–253	254–287
Grade 7 Mathematics	175–222	223–234	235–246	247–257	258–288
Grade 8 Mathematics	183–226	227–243	244–253	254–262	263–291



Level 3 is passing.



### **End-of-Course Assessments**

### B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 and Geometry End-of-Course (EOC)

## Testing Windows

### Progress Monitoring (PM)--State Administration Windows

- Fall (beginning of school year): available to students who need to retake for graduation
- Winter (middle of school year): available to students who need to retake for graduation
- Spring (end of school year):
   available to all (mandatory for students enrolled in course and available to retakers)

### Students' Participation

- Must participate: students enrolled in Algebra1 or Geometry
- Eligible: Students in grade forgiveness programs who wish to retake for course grade improvement; need to retake for graduation; enrolled in credit acceleration program (CAP)

## Summer Testing

 High schoolers who failed to meet the Math requirement for graduation during the school year



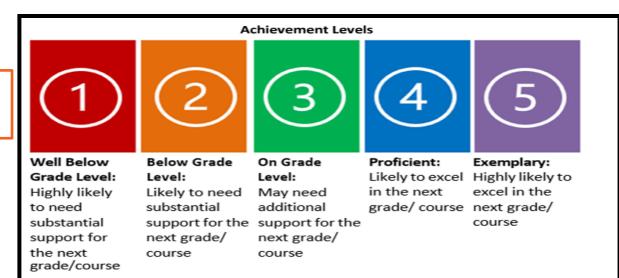
### **End-of-Course Assessments**

### B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 and Geometry End-of-Course (EOC)

### **Understanding Results**

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Algebra 1	325–378	379–399	400–417	418–434	435–475
Geometry	325-384	385-403	404-422	423-431	432-475

Level 3 is passing.





### Statewide Science Assessments

### Grades 5 and 8 Science

### Testing Window

### **State Administration Window**

Spring (end of school year)

Progress monitoring occurs during the school year at district or school level.

## Students' Participation

- Must participate: grades 5 and 8 students
  - Exception: middle grades students may not be tested on both the grade-level Statewide Science Assessment and the Biology 1 end-of-course (EOC) assessment



### **Statewide Science Assessments**

### **Grades 5 and 8 Science**

### **Understanding Results**

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 5 Science	140-184	185–199	<b>200</b> –214	215–224	225–260
Grade 8 Science	140-184	185-202	<b>203</b> –214	215-224	225–260



Level 3 is passing.



### Science and Social Studies End-of-Course Assessments

Civics, Biology 1, and U.S. History EOC

# Testing Window

### **State Administration Window**

Spring (end of school year)

Progress monitoring occurs during the school year at district or school level.

## Students' Participation

- **Must participate**: students enrolled in Biology 1, Civics, or U.S. History
- Eligible: Students in grade forgiveness programs; need a passing score for standard diploma with a Scholar designation; enrolled in a credit acceleration program (CAP), except Civics



### Science and Social Studies End-of-Course Assessments

### Civics, Biology 1, and U.S. History EOC

### **Understanding Results**

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Biology 1	325–368	369–394	<b>395</b> –420	421–430	431–475
Civics	325–375	376–393	<b>394</b> –412	413-427	428–475
U.S. History	325–377	378-396	<b>397</b> –416	417–431	432–475



Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Inadequate: Highly likely to need substantial support for the next grade	Below Satisfactory: Likely to need substantial support for the next grade	On Grade Level: May need additional support for the next grade	Proficient: Likely to excel in the next grade	Mastery: Highly likely to excel in the next grade

Level 3 is passing.



### Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE)

### For High School Students

### Testing Information

- The test is NOT computer-adaptive
- Two administration windows
- Students have two attempts per window and must wait 30 calendar days between attempts
- Passing score: 60% correct

## Students' Participation

- Students enrolled in one of the courses below or those who wish to satisfy the postsecondary graduation requirement
  - 2106310 United States Government
  - 2106320 United States Government Honors
     2106410 University Letters 1 History
  - 2106410 Humane Letters 1 History
  - 2106415 Humane Letters 1 History Honors
  - 2106460 American Political Systems Honors
  - 2106800 Florida's Pre-International Baccalaureate United States Government
  - 2106420 Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics
  - 2106325 CLEP American Government
  - POSX041 American Government 1
  - AMHX010 Introductory Survey to 1877
  - AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877



## Current Accountability Reality of Testing in Florida Schools & Districts' View

Districts and schools receive a grade (A-F)

- Determined by achievement and learning gains
- Ratings for alternative and exceptional student education (ESE) center schools

Schools identified as in need of improvement based on student performance must provide progress monitoring

School Grade	2023-24 Scale Range:
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	Elementary	Middle, High and Combination
Α	62%-100%	64%-100%
В	54%-61%	57%-63%
С	41%-53%	44%-56%
D	32%-40%	34%-43%
F	0%-31%	0%-33%

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Source: https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/20102/urlt/K12SAG.pdf https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18534/urlt/SchoolGradesOverview 24.pdf

Tarin, J. (2024, March 5). Florida Department of Education Accountability Updates. Florida.

### **Elementary Schools**



### **Elementary School Grades Model**

(A maximum of 8 components)

 School grade is based on the percentage of total points earned, and schools are graded based only on the components for which they have sufficient data.

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Achievement		
(0% to 100%)	Learning Gains (0% to 100%)	
Learning Gains (0% to 100%)		
Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)	

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### Middle Schools



### Middle School Grades Model

(A maximum of 9 components)

 School grade is based on the percentage of total points earned, and schools are graded based only on the components for which they have sufficient data.

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Middle School Acceleration
Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Middle School (EOC or industry certification) (0% to 100%)
Learning Gains (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains (0% to 100%)			
Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)			

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### **High Schools**



### **High School Grades Model**

(A maximum of 10 components)

 School grade is based on the percentage of total points earned, and schools are graded based only on the components for which they have sufficient data.

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Graduation Rate	College and Career Acceleration
Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Overall, 4-year Graduation Rate (0% to 100%)	High School (AP, IB, AICE, dual enrollment, industry certification,
Learning Gains (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains (0% to 100%)				clock hour dual enrollment or ASVAB/JROTC) (0% to 100%)
Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)				

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### **Combination Schools**



### **Combination School Grades Model**

(A maximum of 12 components)

 School grade is based on the percentage of total points earned, and schools are graded based only on the components for which they have sufficient data.

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Middle School Acceleration	Graduation Rate	College and Career Acceleration
Achievement (0% to 100%) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Achievement	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Middle School (EOC or industry certification) (0% to 100%)	Overall, 4-year Graduation Rate (0% to 100%)	High School (AP, IB, AICE, dual enrollment, industry certification, clock hour dual enrollment or ASVAB/JROTC) (0% to 100%)
(0% to 100%)  Learning Gains (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains (0% to 100%)					
Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)					

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