

New Report Card

2012-2013 School Ratings Cutoffs

The new school report card rating system assigns level to schools and subgroups for achievement, growth and graduation. The 2012-2013 cutoffs for these levels are listed below. The Academic Achievement and Graduation Cutoffs change each year, while the growth cutoffs remain constant from year to year.

Academic Achievement

Academic achievement is based on the percentage of students meeting or exceeding on statewide assessments in reading and mathematics in 2011-12 and 2012-13 combined. Levels are set using the “all students” subgroup for each school, as follows:

- **Level 5:** indicates the school was in the top 10% of all schools in the state.
- **Level 4:** met the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) for the subject, but not in the top 10% of schools.
- **Level 3:** did not meet the AMO, but not in the bottom 15% of schools.
- **Level 2:** in the bottom 15% of schools, but not the bottom 5% of schools.
- **Level 1:** in the bottom 5% of all schools in the state.

These cutoffs can change each year. The 2012-13 cutoffs are shown in the table below.

2012-13 Academic Achievement Level Cutoffs

Level	Elementary and Middle Schools		High Schools	
	Reading	Mathematics	Reading	Mathematics
Level 5	87.2 and above	82.3 and above	93.2 and above	81.5 and above
Level 4	69.0 to 87.1	66.0 to 82.2	82.0 to 93.1	67.0 to 81.4
Level 3	58.8 to 68.9	49.2 to 65.9	66.6 to 81.9	42.1 to 66.9
Level 2	49.6 to 58.7	39.3 to 49.1	56.2 to 66.5	25.3 to 42.0
Level 1	Less than 49.6	Less than 39.3	Less than 56.2	Less than 25.3

Academic Growth

Growth is based on an evaluation of the year-to-year growth in reading and mathematics for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years. Students with two or more consecutive test scores have their growth evaluated and reported as a percentile. In addition each student in grades 4 to 8 is provided with a growth target for the coming year.

School accountability is based on the median growth and median growth targets at the school. If the median growth is as high, or higher, than the median growth target, the school has made “On Track” growth. On-Track growth does not apply to high schools. Growth levels cutoffs are fixed and do not change from year to year. They are shown in the table at the top of the next page.

Growth Cutoffs, using Median Growth Percentile

Level	On Track Growth		
	Yes	No	NA
Level 5	60.0 and above	70.0 and above	65.0 and above
Level 4	45.0 to 59.5	55.0 to 69.5	50.0 to 64.5
Level 3	35.0 to 44.5	45.0 to 54.5	40.0 to 49.5
Level 2	30.0 to 34.5	40.0 to 44.5	35.0 to 39.5
Level 1	Less than 30.0	Less than 40.0	Less than 35.0

Graduation

Graduation is based on the percentage of first-time freshman who earn a regular high school diploma within four or five years of entering high school. Levels are set using the “all students” subgroup for each school, as follows:

- **Level 5:** indicated the school was in the top 10% of all schools in the state.
- **Level 4:** in the top 50% of schools, but no in the top 10%.
- **Level 3:** met the Annual Measurable Objective for graduation, but not in the top 50%.
- **Level 2:** did not meet the AMO, but had a graduation rate of at least 60%.
- **Level 1:** graduation rate was below 60%.

Separate cutoffs are determined for the four and five year graduation rates , and these cutoffs can change each year. The 2012-13 cutoffs are shown in the table below.

2012-13 Graduation Cutoffs

Level	Four-year Graduation Rate	Five-year Graduation Rate
Level 5	87.5 and above	90.1 and above
Level 4	74.0 to 87.4	78.1 to 90.0
Level 3	67.0 to 73.9	72.0 to 78.0
Level 2	60.0 to 66.9	60.0 to 71.9
Level 1	Less than 60.0	Less than 60.0