
Districts Identified as Exemplary

The Background:

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-1-602 and Tennessee's accountability system as approved in its Every Student Succeeds Act plan, the Tennessee Department of Education is charged with presenting to the State Board of Education a listing of districts identified as Exemplary. Exemplary districts are presented by the Department annually.

Exemplary Criteria

Districts must demonstrate minimum improvement in terms of both performance for subgroups of students and the performance of all students. Districts demonstrating minimum improvement earn between zero and four points for each subgroup and indicator for which they are eligible.

Overall indicator scores average the number of points districts receive for the corresponding value-added performance with the higher number of points between their AMO targets and their absolute performance. These indicator scores are averaged to calculate an overall All Students score. This process is repeated for all eligible subgroups.

Districts with a final weighted average score greater than or equal to three will receive a determination of Exemplary.

The following indicators are included in district accountability:

- Grades 3–5 success rate
- Grades 6–8 success rate
- Grades 9–12 success rate
- Grades K–12 chronically out of school
- Grades K–12 English language proficiency assessment (ELPA)
- Graduation rate

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.