



School Accountability Rules



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Elementary School Grades Model

(A maximum of 7 components)

- The 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%)
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%)	

Middle School Grades Model

(A maximum of 9 components)

- The school grade based on the percentage of total points earned, and schools are graded based only on the components for which they have sufficient data

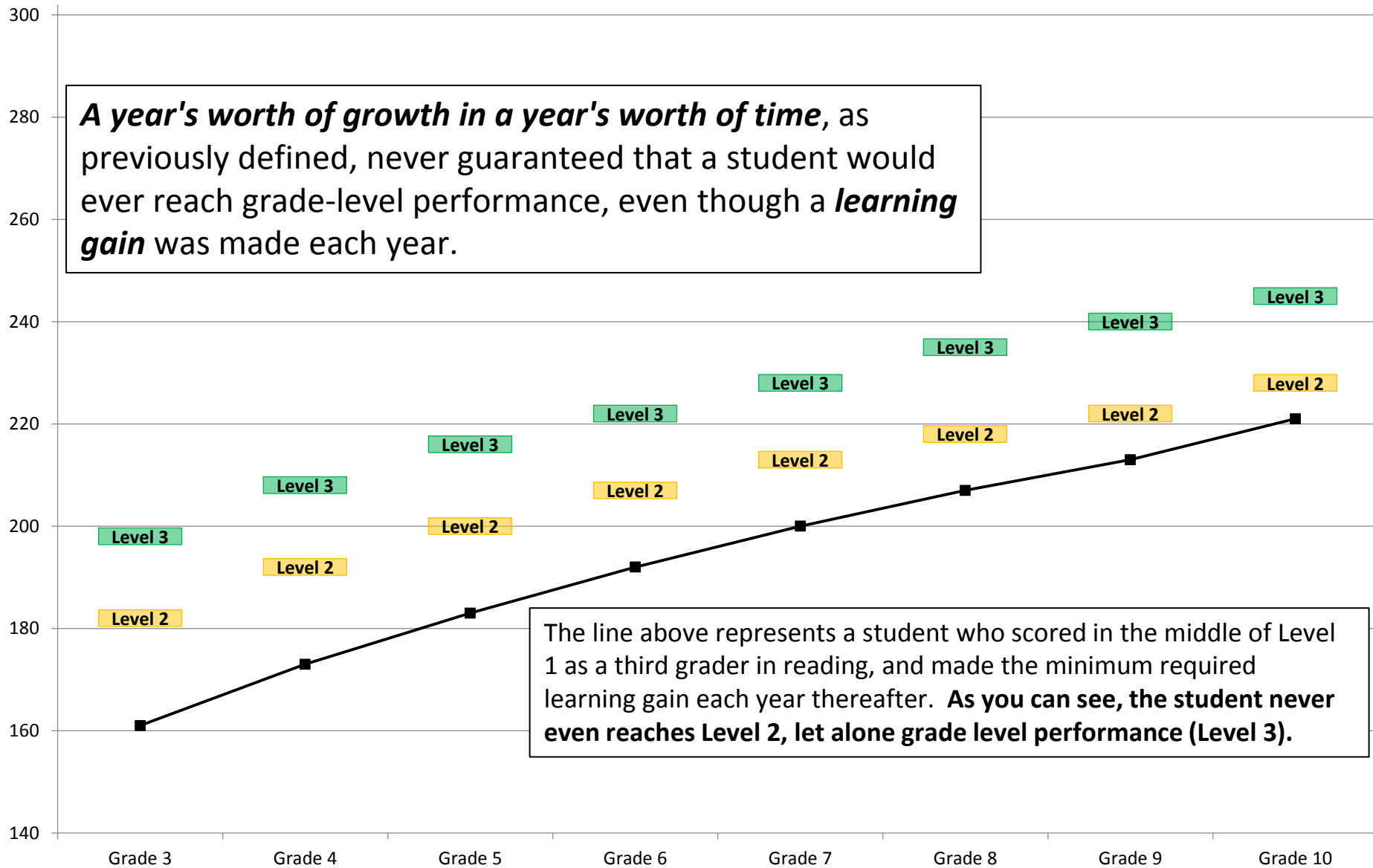
English/ Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies (Civics EOC)	Acceleration Success
Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0%to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Percentage of students who pass H.S. EOCs and industry certifications (0% to 100%)
Learning Gains (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains (0% to 100%)			
Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)	Learning Gains of the Low 25% (0% to 100%)			

High School Grades Model

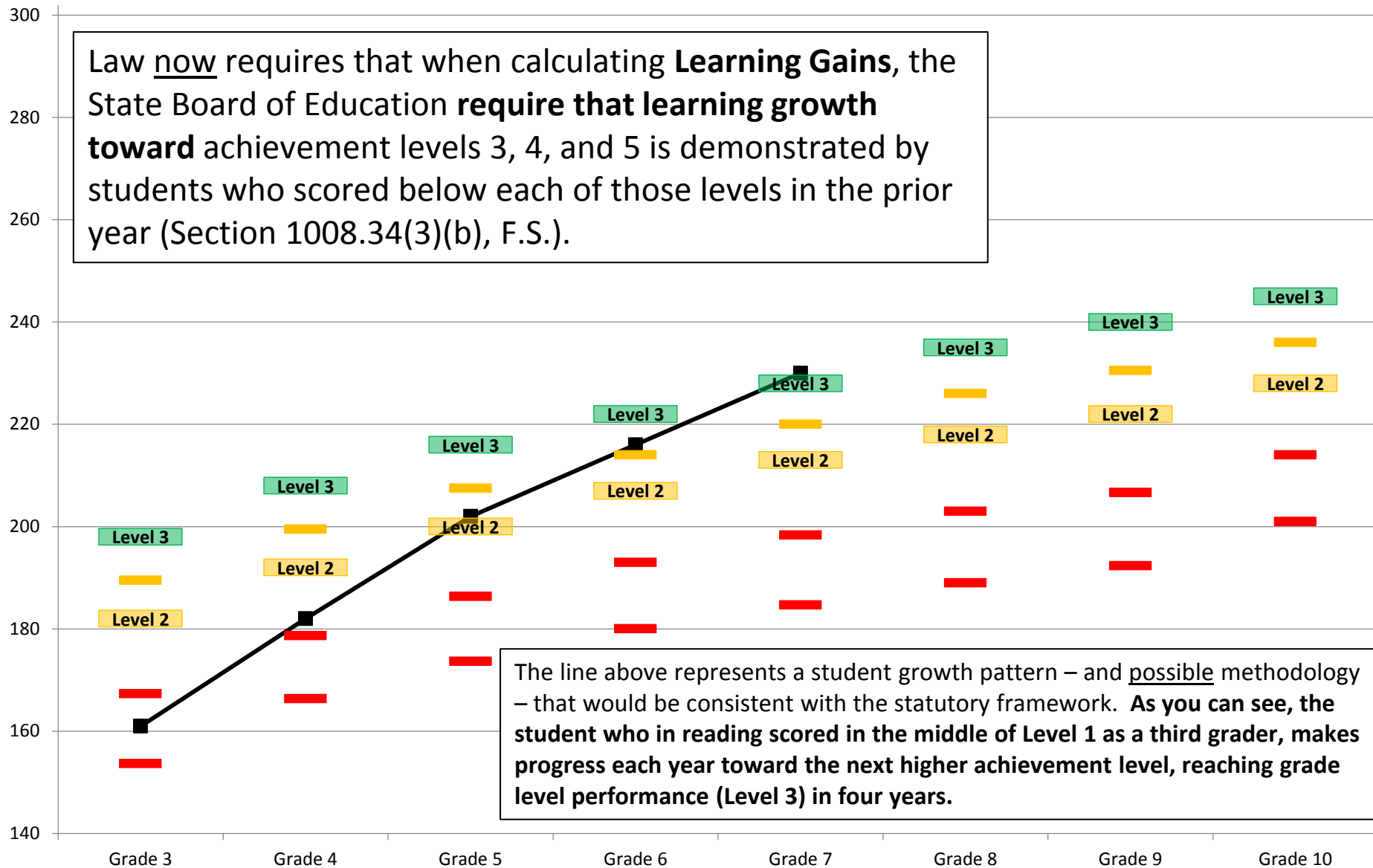
English/ Language Arts	Mathematics (EOCs)	Science (Biology 1 EOC)	Social Studies (US History EOC)	Acceleration Success	Graduation Rate
Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Achievement (0% to 100%)	Percent of students eligible to earn college credit through AP, IB, AICE, dual enrollment or earning an industry certification (0% to 100%)	Overall, 4-year Graduation Rate (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%)				

For the Purposes of School Grades, How Does a Student Demonstrate a Learning Gain?

- In the old model, by one of three ways:
 - Improve one or more achievement levels from one year to the next (e.g., move from Level 1 to Level 2; Level 2 to Level 4, etc.);
 - **Maintain a Level 3, Level 4, or Level 5 from one year to the next; or**
 - **For students who remain in Level 1 or Level 2 from one year to the next, demonstrate a year's worth of growth in a year's worth of time**
- The new statutory framework (SB 1642, 2014 Legislative Session) requires the revision of the two ways highlighted in **bold** above
- **Note: Learning Gains will not be incorporated in School Grades until 2015-16 when two years of FSA data are available**



Law now requires that when calculating **Learning Gains**, the State Board of Education **require that learning growth toward** achievement levels 3, 4, and 5 is demonstrated by students who scored below each of those levels in the prior year (Section 1008.34(3)(b), F.S.).



The line above represents a student growth pattern – and possible methodology – that would be consistent with the statutory framework. **As you can see, the student who in reading scored in the middle of Level 1 as a third grader, makes progress each year toward the next higher achievement level, reaching grade level performance (Level 3) in four years.**

Potential Learning Gains Method for the New School Grades Model

- For students scoring less than Level 3
 - Split Level 1 in 3 sections and Level 2 in 2 sections.
 - A student that starts as a low Level 1 and makes a Learning Gain each year would reach Level 3 in 5 years.



- For students whose score remains at Level 3 or Level 4 from one year to the next
 - Require that the student improve his/her position within the level in order to demonstrate a learning gain, in order to show progress toward the next level

Score Ranges for Each Achievement Level Subcategory

English Language Arts

Assessment	Level 1				Level 2			Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
	Level 1	Low	Middle	High	Level 2	Low	High			
Grade 3	240-284	240-254	255-269	270-284	285-299	285-292	293-299	300-314	315-329	330-360
Grade 4	251-296	251-266	267-281	282-296	297-310	297-303	304-310	311-324	325-339	340-372
Grade 5	257-303	257-272	273-288	289-303	304-320	304-312	313-320	321-335	336-351	352-385
Grade 6	259-308	259-275	276-292	293-308	309-325	309-317	318-325	326-338	339-355	356-391
Grade 7	267-317	267-283	284-300	301-317	318-332	318-325	326-332	333-345	346-359	360-397
Grade 8	274-321	274-289	290-305	306-321	322-336	322-329	330-336	337-351	352-365	366-403
Grade 9	276-327	276-293	294-310	311-327	328-342	328-335	336-342	343-354	355-369	370-407
Grade 10	284-333	284-300	301-317	318-333	334-349	334-341	342-349	350-361	362-377	378-412

Score Ranges for Each Achievement Level Subcategory

Mathematics

	Level 1				Level 2			Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
	Level 1	Low	Middle	High	Level 2	Low	High			
Grade 3	240-284	240-254	255-269	270-284	285-296	285-290	291-296	297-310	311-326	327-360
Grade 4	251-298	251-266	267-282	283-298	299-309	299-304	305-309	310-324	325-339	340-376
Grade 5	256-305	256-272	273-289	290-305	306-319	306-312	313-319	320-333	334-349	350-388
Grade 6	260-309	260-276	277-293	294-309	310-324	310-317	318-324	325-338	339-355	356-390
Grade 7	269-315	269-284	285-300	301-315	316-329	316-322	323-329	330-345	346-359	360-391
Grade 8	273-321	273-289	290-305	306-321	322-336	322-329	330-336	337-352	353-364	365-393

End-of-Course Assessments

	Level 1				Level 2			Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
	Level 1	Low	Middle	High	Level 2	Low	High			
Algebra 1	425-486	425-445	446-466	467-486	487-496	487-491	492-496	497-517	518-531	532-575
Geometry	425-485	425-445	446-465	466-485	486-498	486-492	493-498	499-520	521-532	533-575
Algebra 2	425-496	425-448	449-472	473-496	497-510	497-503	504-510	511-528	529-536	537-575

Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%

- Calculated for both English Language Arts and Mathematics
- Applies the same learning gains methodology to the lowest performing 25% of students
- Determining the lowest performing 25% of students
 - Uses the performance of students in the prior year calculated at each grade level to identify the lowest performing 25% of students

Middle School Acceleration

- The percentage of eligible students who passed one or more high school level statewide, standardized end-of-course (EOC) assessments or attained industry certifications identified in the industry certification funding list
- Calculated for all schools that include grades 6, 7, and 8 or grades 7 and 8
- Eligible students include full-year-enrolled students, who are current year grade 8 students who scored at or above Achievement Level 3 on the Mathematics or English language arts statewide assessments in the prior year, or are full-year-enrolled students in grades 6, 7, or 8 that took high school level EOC assessments or industry certifications
- A student is included in the calculation no more than once

College and Career Acceleration

- Cohort-based calculation using the graduates from the graduation rate calculation as the denominator
- The percentage of graduates who, while in high school:
 - Were eligible to earn college credit through AP, IB, or AICE examinations
 - Earned a C or better in dual enrollment
 - Earned a CAPE industry certification

Graduation Rate

- The most recent 4 year cohort graduation rate measured according to 34 § CFR 200.19
- Calculated for all schools that include grades 9 to 12, grades 10 to 12, and grades 11 and 12
- Also calculated for combination schools that include these grade levels

Calculating the School Grade

- The school's grade is determined by
 - Summing the points earned for each component (each component is worth 100 points) and dividing by the sum of total points available for all components with sufficient data
 - The percentage resulting is the percentage of points the school earned from all applicable components

Percentage of the Points Needed for a School Grade	
A	62%
B	54% - 61%
C	41% - 53%
D	32% - 40%
F	Below 32%