

# *The Grader*

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Dear Stakeholders,

I am excited, learning a lot and enjoying the work as I transition into the role of Chief Accountability Officer in the Accountability and Research Department of ADE. Dr. Jennifer Fletcher continues to serve our public schools as we make the transition as seamless as possible for all our schools, districts and education partners. I look forward to continuing the conversations, communications and information we all need to make Arizona an amazing place to go to school and work. I believe in all the people I've met over the years that take on this challenge we call public education.

As the Director of Research in Peoria I oversaw assessment, enrollment/boundary projections and research requests of the district and from outside entities. I served on ADE's Accountability Advisory Group and the Alternative Accountability Group, as well. I have been pleasantly surprised how much of the work we did in Peoria is parallel to the needs of the ADE's Accountability and Research division.

I look forward to getting to know new faces and continuing to work with many of you that I've come to know and respect.



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## FY 17 Final Letter Grades

The State Board of Education approved final A-F cut scores April 23, for traditional schools. Please visit ADEConnect to see your schools' data and final letter grade. Detailed business rules as well as a public A-F file can be located here: <https://azsbe.az.gov/f-school-letter-grades>. Questions regarding A-F and cut scores can be directed to the State Board of Education at [inbox@azsbe.az.gov](mailto:inbox@azsbe.az.gov). Questions regarding technical business rules can be sent to [achieve@azed.gov](mailto:achieve@azed.gov).

## FY 18 Alternative Schools

With the extension of the Alternative School Application window, the notification window has been pushed. Schools will still be notified of their approval/denial prior to the public list being posted within the next edition of *The Grader* and on our website. Schools that are approved for FY18 Alternative status will be evaluated using the alternative model adopted by the State Board of Education for accountability purposes.

## College and Career Readiness Indicator Spreadsheet

The College and Career Readiness Indicator (CCRI) Spreadsheet will be available in ADEConnect by the end of day, May 8th. Within the spreadsheet is a clickable version of instructions (on the first worksheet) and the actual spreadsheet to be completed (on the second worksheet). On ADEConnect you will also find a PDF version of the instructions under the download option so you can download and print the instructions to follow as you complete the spreadsheet. A [FAQ page](#) is available on our website and will be updated with questions as we receive them. In the coming weeks we will be producing a video that will also take you step-by-step through the process. If you have any other questions, please email [achieve@azed.gov](mailto:achieve@azed.gov) and include "CCRI" in your subject line.

# College and Career Readiness Indicator Spreadsheet Continued

To access the CCRI Spreadsheet:

1. Login to ADEConnect
2. Select “Accountability”
3. Select “A-F College and Career Readiness Indicator Self Reporting Spreadsheet ” under “State and Federal Accountability”

For those schools wishing to access an “unlocked” version of the spreadsheet for purposes of v-lookups, etc., please email [Achieve@azed.gov](mailto:Achieve@azed.gov). ADE will not be providing any instructions nor guidance for schools that choose to use an unlocked version. If you request and use the unlocked version you are still subject to audit and responsible for all numbers reported for the CCRI component.

The submission application, “Accountability—A-F CCRI Self-Reporting Score,” will be open by end of day May 8th. This is where schools submit points they earned on the College and Career Ready indicator to ADE. The Entity Administrators will be given the rights to grant access to the new role of “Accountability—A-F CCRI Self-Reporting” and will assign the role to the Superintendent, Principal, and/or Assistant Principal. Ultimately, the Superintendent and Principal will be held accountable for whomever enters the score for the school. The Superintendent and Principal hereby attest to the accuracy and completeness of the “Points Earned” entered on the website. New this year, schools will need to submit bonus points **separately** from the total points. The “Bonus Points” will be automatically populated with “0.” If you qualify for these bonus points, you will need to enter a “1” before you submit points. Any person who knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used, a false record is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

To access the application, login to ADEConnect and select “Accountability—A-F CCRI Self-Reporting Score.” If you do not see this option, you will need to request that your entity administrator assign the appropriate role to you.

# Data Requests

The Accountability and Research team is not currently fulfilling requests. Due to an unusually high number of public records and data requests, ADE is unable to fulfill Custom Non-Confidential Data nor Restricted Access Research requests at this time. ADE will resume service of Custom Non-Confidential and Restricted Access Research Data requests when available resources allow.

## FY18 Accountability System

The State Board of Education is collecting feedback on the FY 18 Accountability system via their inbox: [inbox@azsbe.az.gov](mailto:inbox@azsbe.az.gov). Suggestions and concerns can be sent through the end of the month.

## ADEConnect A-F Accountability Data Download Feedback

Accountability and Research is requesting you take a moment to answer four questions regarding the ADEConnect A-F Accountability site. We have had several requests regarding the need to be able to access some of this information other than viewing it on the screen. This feedback form will remain open until May 21st at 11:59 p.m. Please use the following link to access that form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B3L8MW3>.

## FAQ

*I noticed my A-F Letter Grade EL points changed, why did that happen?*

The K-8 EL points are based on the average of all EL FAY students who fall into the K-8 model. The same rule applies to 9-12. When the Board adopted new business rules for what schools fall into each model last December this impacted the group of students included for each model's statewide percentage calculation. For example: K-10 and K-11 schools were decided to be calculated on the K-8 letter grade whereas grades 5-12, 6-12, 7-12, and 8-12 were added to the 9-12 model. Moving those students into their newly defined model by SBE caused the statewide percentages for EL to change in both models.