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The Grader

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A-F Letter Grades Available

2018-2019 A-F Letter Grades are now available through the Arizona State Board of Education website [here](#).

Additionally, schools and local education agencies (LEAs) can continue to view their A-F Letter Grade and in-depth, school aggregated data in ADEConnect. Schools and LEAs can access this information in ADEConnect under “Accountability” then A-F Letter Grades. From there you will click your school’s assigned A-F Letter Grade to see additional school aggregated data.

Please note that the Arizona School Report Cards website will be updated to reflect 2018-2019 A-F Letter Grades after the close of A-F Letter Grade appeals in December.

Information about The A-F Letter Grade models is available on the Arizona State Board of Education website [here](#).

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A-F Letter Grade Cut Scores

On October 28, 2019 the Arizona State Board of Education approved the below cut scores for use for 2018-2019 A-F Letter Grades.

K-8 Schools:

Set using the cut scores that were approved for 2017-2018 A-F Letter Grades

A	B	C	D	F
100 - 84.67%	84.66 - 72.39%	72.38 - 60.11%	60.1 - 47.83%	47.82 - 0%

9-12 Schools:

Set using the cut scores that were approved for 2017-2018 A-F Letter Grades

A	B	C	D	F
100 - 83.83%	83.82 - 70.02%	70.01 - 56.21%	56.20 - 42.40%	42.39 - 0%

Alternative Schools:

Set using the standard deviation of 2018-2019 Alternative School A-F data

A-Alt	B-Alt	C-Alt	D-Alt	F-Alt
100 - 79.03%	79.02 - 68.14%	68.13 - 57.25%	57.24 - 46.36%	46.35 - 0%

A-F Letter Grade Appeal Information

A-F Letter Grade Appeals are run by the Arizona State Board of Education. At the Arizona State Board of Education meeting on Monday October 28th, the Board members adopted the Policies and Procedures for Appealing 2018-2019 A-F Letter Grades. Information about the appeals process is available on the State Board of Education website [here](#). Below are a few key things to note about the 2018-2019 Appeals process.

- The A-F Letter Grade Appeal window will open Friday November 1st and will close on Friday November 15th.
- On Monday November 18th, any schools that submitted an appeal of their A-F Letter Grade will be marked as “UR” for Under Review in the A-F Letter Grade public file.
- Any A-F Appeal applications that are incomplete and/or include unredacted student-level data will be immediately discarded and denied without further review.

Questions related to A-F Letter Grade Appeals should be directed to the Arizona State Board of Education (inbox@azsbe.az.gov).

Three “D” Letter Grades

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-241.02(D), schools that receive three consecutive D’s “shall be assigned a letter grade of F unless an alternate letter grade is assigned after an appeal...”. Schools receiving a third “D” letter grade will be assigned a “D” in the initial release of A-F Letter Grades. If the school does not file an appeal of their grade, it will be changed to an F following the close of the A-F Letter Grade Appeal window.

A school with three consecutive D’s may file an appeal with the State Board of Education to request that the school’s A-F Letter Grade remain a D. Please find additional information about this process on the State Board of Education website [here](#).

Data Assessment Download Application

As a reminder, the Data Assessment Download Application available in ADEConnect is a great resource for schools/LEAs to be able to access prior assessment records for their students. This application is available in ADEConnect under “Accountability” then “Download Testing Data”. Within the application you can select the assessment type (AIMS, AzMERIT, etc.), the fiscal year of assessment, and the season (Fall, Spring, etc.). Click “Get Report” and the application will generate an Excel spreadsheet with the specified assessment results for students currently enrolled at your school/LEA.

This application shows test records for students currently enrolled at your school/LEA, regardless of where they may have previously tested.

If you have questions about this application, please contact Achieve@azed.gov.

Guidelines for Summer Withdrawal Codes

Thank you to all the schools and LEAs working diligently to submit accurate and timely summer withdrawal codes for students.

As a reminder, if a student finishes the prior school year at your entity and you receive appropriate documentation that the student is attending another school the following year, you would submit a summer withdrawal code. In the event that the student returns to your school that fiscal year, you would delete the summer withdrawal code and enroll the student using the appropriate enrollment code.

If you have questions regarding this process or general questions about enrollment and withdrawal codes please contact Achieve@azed.gov.

Preschool/Head Start Data Added to School Report Cards

Preschool and Head Start data has now been added to the Arizona School Report Cards website (<https://azreportcards.azed.gov/>). We recommend that you take a few minutes to update the School Characteristics information for your school if they offer either of these programs. Preschool and Head Start data is also reported at the state level on the State Reports page of Arizona School Report Cards which can help you get a brief picture of early childhood education in Arizona.

Accountability Public Data Files

The annual public data files listed below are now available on the Accountability & Research website [here](#).

- AzMERIT, MSAA, ACT, and SAT 2019 Assessment Results
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- AIMS Science, AIMS A Science, and ACT Science 2019 Assessment Results
- Cohort 2018 4-Year Graduation Rates
- Cohort 2018 5-Year Graduation Rates
- Fiscal Year 2019 Dropout Rates
- 2018-2019 Accountability October Enrollment File

Accountability & Research Survey

If you have interacted with our team, we would love your feedback! We use this survey to understand how our team is doing and in what ways we are successfully serving schools and LEAs. If you would like to participate in the survey it is available [here](#).