

Summary of State School Accountability Rating Systems

	A-F	Ranks 1-5	Points (1-100)	Other Labels	Combo*	AYP Only	None Specified
Count of States	16	8	4	14	2	5	6
Percent of Total	29%	15%	7%	25%	4%	9%	11%

Note: These counts include Washington D.C. and four U.S. territories: American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

*The District of Columbia use both points and labels; New Jersey uses ranks and labels.

Source: Education Commission of the States (2013, December). School Accountability Report Cards. Retrieved from <http://ecs.force.com/mbdata/MBquest3RT?Rep=ar10> on 3/11/15.

The following table shows criteria that are commonly measured by the 24 states that use either A-F or 1-5 labels. Each criterion is followed by the number of states that measure it. Bold type indicates criteria that are currently or planned for use in Texas to determine accountability ratings or distinction designations.

What is Measured	Count of States	What is Measured	Count of States
Assessment scores/student achievement	24	Growth of highest-achievers	3
Graduation rate	24	Student credits earned	3
Growth/Academic progress	22	Advanced Placement-participation	3
Achievement gap closure	19	% taking higher level coursework	2
College and career readiness	12	9th grade on track to grad	2
ACT/SAT - Scores	10	High school readiness	2
Annual Measurable Objective AMO or AYP	10	Parental/community involvement	2
Attendance – elementary/middle	10	School Climate	2
Academic progress of lowest quartile*	9	Workkeys – scores	2
Advanced Placement - scores	8	Enrollment	2
Attendance - secondary	8	% enrolled in PS or post HS programs	1
Dual/Concurrent enrollment	8	% student retention	2
End-of-course exams	6	ELL achievement gains	1
Int'l Baccalaureate - participation	6	% College remediation rate	1
Academic trend data	5	HS grad at-risk 8th graders	1
ACT/SAT - Participation	5	NAEP scores	1
Dropout rate	6	Student surveys	1
National industry certifications	5	Teacher/Admin performance	1
Student demographic/socioeconomic data	4	Safety/discipline	1
CTE Certifications/competencies	3	Teacher attendance	1

* Index 3 evaluates the academic progress of economically disadvantaged students as well as that of the two lowest-performing racial/ethnic groups from the previous year.

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- Sixteen states have adopted accountability rating systems that assign letter grades A-F.

Alabama	Arkansas	Arizona	Florida
Indiana	Louisiana	Maine	Mississippi
New Mexico	North Carolina	Ohio	Oklahoma
South Carolina	Texas	Utah	Virginia

- Eight states have adopted accountability rating systems that assign ratings of 1–5.

Alaska	Connecticut	Guam	Idaho
Maryland	Massachusetts	Nevada	Oregon