

ABCs Awards and Recognition Categories
Effective with the 2001-02 School Year
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 Updated for 2002-03 ABCs

School Status Labels

<i>Performance Level</i> Based on Percent of Students' Scores at or above Achievement Level III	<i>Academic Growth</i>	
	Schools Making Expected Growth or High Growth	Schools Making Less than Expected Growth
90% to 100%	School of Excellence	No Recognition
80% to 89%	School of Distinction	
60% to 79%	School of Progress	
50% to 59%	Priority School	
Less than 50%	Priority School	Low-Performing*

Additional Recognition

25/10 Most Improved Schools in Academic Growth: The 25 Most Improved K-8 schools and 10 Most Improved High Schools are those that attain the State's highest values on the High Growth composite.

Incentive Awards

1. In schools attaining the High Growth standard, certified staff members each receive up to \$1,500 and teacher assistants up to \$500.
2. In schools attaining the Expected Growth standard (but less than High Growth), certified staff members each receive up to \$750 and teacher assistants up to \$375.

***Sanctions**

A school that does not meet the expected growth standard and has a performance composite of less than 50% is subject to the statutory requirements regarding parental notification, state assistance, personnel, and other matters.

