

ABCs Implementation Requirements For 2002-2003 ABCs

Data Requirements

1. Three years of data are required for the following components to be included in the ABCs growth.

- College University Prep/College Tech Prep
- ABCs Dropout Rate (Three years of data beginning 2001-02)

Schools that indicate that they have had major changes in demographics due to changes in attendance areas may request that the component(s) not be included as part of the ABCs growth. This means the component(s) will not be in the ABCs growth for two years for that school.

The superintendent and principals from affected schools determine what is "major." The superintendent must submit a letter to DPI describing these decisions to DPI, stating which components in which schools will be suspended due to major changes in attendance areas and how these decisions were made.

Even if the test scores for the component are not included in the ABCs growth due to having less than three years of data, the scores for the current year are included in the performance composite.

2. No growth component for a school is removed due to small counts of student scores.
3. Schools must have a minimum of 30 students' scores contributing to the ABCs growth composites. The minimum number of scores for each AYP group is 40 (School & District).
4. All schools (other than Alternative/Special Schools) that meet criteria 1-3 above will be eligible to receive special recognition as a Most Improved School in academic growth or School of Excellence.

Rules for Two or More Schools Merged into One School or A School Divided into Two or More Schools

1. Two or more schools with the same grade levels merged into one school, with no change in attendance area, are required to combine the following data as appropriate for the school's grade configuration:

- College University Prep/College Tech Prep
- ABCs Dropout Rate
- AYP data for Safe Harbor

2. In general, data modifications cannot be accommodated in two or more schools merged into one school or one school divided into two or more schools. In such cases, schools must accumulate three years of data under their new configuration before the following components can be included:

- College University Prep/College Tech Prep
- ABCs Dropout Rate