

LEA Grade Calculation

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Local educational agency (LEA) report cards are required by federal statute: Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) section 1111(h)(2) as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act. Grades in the report cards have been calculated and reported since 2012 using the method that follows.

1. LEA grades are calculated and published annually after A-F School Grading appeals for schools have been fully adjudicated, typically in September.
2. Summary letter grades are calculated for multi-school LEAs. State-authorized charter schools qualify as a single-school LEA. Therefore these schools' A-F School Grading letter grade serves as their LEA rating and an additional score is not needed.
3. The LEA grade results from a weighted average of the schools within the district.
 - A. The process weights only the schools' overall points and not individual component scores (e.g., *Q1 Student Growth*).
 - B. Because the LEA's average is weighted by the school's size, larger schools contribute more to the LEA grade than smaller schools.
 - C. The weight for each school is derived from the number of students in kindergarten through grade 12. Student counts are derived from the STARS 120D snapshot for the year of the accountability assessment.
 - D. Weighting ensures that the LEA is held accountable for all of their students and that each student carries the same weight.