

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
INFORMATION CONSIDERED UNDER THE SCHOOL RATING
SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
INFORMATION CONSIDERED UNDER THE SCHOOL
RATING SYSTEM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2108 is amended to read as follows:
6-15-2108. School rating system.

(a) The school rating system shall be a multiple-measures approach
that shall include without limitation:

- (1) Academic achievement on the annual statewide student
assessment;
- (2) Student growth on the annual statewide student assessment;
- (3) School-level graduation rate or rates; and
- (4) English-learner progress or growth in acquiring English.

(b) The school rating system shall consider without limitation at
least one (1) or more of the following indicators:

- (1) Closing the achievement gap;
- (2) Academic growth of student subgroups, including without
limitation economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial



and ethnic groups, English learners, and students with disabilities;

(3) The percentage of the grade nine (9) cohort with on-time completion of credit attainment at the end of grade nine (9);

(4) Equity in resource allocation;

(5) The percentage of students who earn:

(A) Advanced placement credit;

(B) Concurrent credit;

(C) International Baccalaureate credit; or

(D) Industry-recognized certification that leads to articulated or concurrent credit at a postsecondary institution;

(6) Student access to multiple flexible learning continua, including but not limited to personalized, competency, or mastery learning;

(7) Student access to preschool offered by the public school district;

(8) The proportional percentage of qualified educators who hold a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification or have an advanced degree beyond their bachelor's degree; and

(9) Public school district and community partnerships.

(c) Indicators included or considered as part of the school rating system shall:

(1) Allow for meaningful differentiation in school performance;

and

(2) Be valid, reliable, comparable, and applicable statewide.

(d) To afford the student and the school an opportunity to obtain, build, and develop a baseline to more accurately reflect the student's skills and implement a plan directed to the student's needs for success, academic achievement on the first two (2) annual statewide student assessments administered after the student's enrollment in the school shall not be included in the school rating system for the following students:

(1) A student enrolling in the school after attending school outside the State of Arkansas; and

(2) A student enrolling in the school after being educated in a setting that is not accredited by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

~~(d)~~(e) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall promulgate rules to implement this section.