

Utah ESEA Flexibility FAQs

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1. Will schools/districts get an AYP report?

No. There will be no Yes or No designation for schools or districts. The UCAS report will show total school points.

2. How will AMAO #3 be calculated?

It is anticipated AMAO #3 will be calculated based on the LEA EL subgroup AMO score. We are awaiting clarification from the department of education on this issue.

3. Is there an appeal process?

See 2012 Accountability Timeline for detailed explanation

4. When will Priority, Focus and Reward schools be announced?

It is anticipated that the USOE will announce Title I Focus and Reward Schools 30 days after CAS results are made available to LEAs.

5. What specific waivers of ESEA requirements did Utah receive from the U.S. Department of Education?

For a full listing of the waivers granted, please see pages 5-6 of Utah's approved ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request <http://www.schools.utah.gov/data/Educational-Data/Accountability-School-Performance/Utah-ESEA-Flexibility-Request.aspx>

6. Why is there 600 points possible? Does 600 have some statistical significance?

The law required that 350 points be used for achievement (300 for CRT and 50 for DWA) and 350 points for growth with an additional 200 points for college and career readiness. The committee decided to keep the point totals (as recommended by the Center) the same for the non-12th grade report and the 12th grade report. It was also determined to keep the total number of points the same for schools with a DWA score and schools without a DWA score and to have growth equal to proficiency. This resulted in the total of 600 with 300 for both growth and achievement and 150 for college and career readiness factored into achievement to keep the 12th and non-12th totals the same. This decision was made to facilitate comparable scores between schools.

7. Could a school have two different reports?

A school will be designated BOTH an Elementary School and a High School if their lowest grade offered is 6th or lower AND their highest grade offered is grade 12. These schools will be evaluated as both an Elementary School (for their lowest grade through grade 8 students) and a High School (for their 9-12 students).

8. What type of report would a school with grades 8-11 receive?

The school would receive an elementary middle school report and it would include the 8-11 grade students. Only schools with a 12th grade receive a high school report.

9. How is the achievement score for a high school with a graduating class of less than 10 calculated?

This school will not receive an achievement score, or overall score because there is not enough data (minimum N=10) to populate the graduation rate which is part of the achievement score. This school will receive a UCAS report with all of the available data that has an n size larger than 10.

10. Can an SGP be calculated for a student who does not have a score from the previous year (2011) but does have scores from the two years prior (2010, 2009)?

No. The SGP calculation will only be made for students with scores for the current year and the previous year~~s~~ (2012 and 2011).

11. What is the process for academic peer group selection for secondary math, is it course or grade specific?

A student's academic peer group for a given secondary math course is the group of students at the same current grade who have the same "score" history in prior math courses, regardless of the math courses in which they were enrolled.