

Administrative Memo

Date: January 5, 2015
To: School Administrators
From: Dennis Cooper, Assistant Commissioner
Subject: QS-15-001 - Adjustments to 2015 Annual Performance Report

As MSIP 5 proceeds through its third year, select adjustments and additions will be incorporated within the calculation of the Annual Performance Report. The adjustments outlined below will be incorporated into the **2015 Annual Performance Report (APR)**.

Calculation of the 2015 APR (Standards 1 & 2: Academic Achievement and Subgroup Achievement)

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, schools across Missouri will offer the first administration of the updated Missouri Assessment Program. In accordance with recently passed legislation, the results of the 2015 APR may not be used to lower the accreditation of any LEA. The Department has consulted its Technical Advisory Committee, composed of stakeholders from across the state, to develop its methodology for calculating the 2015 APR. The Department has determined that it will calculate each LEA's APR using the following procedure:

- The Department will calculate a LEA's APR using the same methodology as in years past. All assessment data from years 2013-2015, including all data from the 2015 assessment, will factor into the 2015 APR.
- For any LEA that falls within a lower accreditation status following the initial calculation, the Department will calculate an APR that excludes all data from new 2015 English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments, instead utilizing assessment data from years 2012-2014. This practice conforms to the policy for accounting for a missing year of data that was previously established in the Comprehensive Guide to the Missouri School Improvement Program. This information can be found at the following link: <http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/MSIP-5-comprehensive-guide.pdf>.
- All recalculated APRs will continue to incorporate 2015 Science and Social Studies assessment data as well as all 2015 data that factors into Standards 3, 4, and 5.

Revised Assessment Plan (Standards 1 & 2: Academic Achievement and Subgroup Achievement)

On Tuesday, January 14, 2014, the State Board of Education approved a revised assessment plan beginning 2014-2015 School Year. This plan was developed with the Department's education partners in response to the challenges of funding and was designed to decrease assessment time required for students. The newly-adopted plan holds LEAs accountable for assessing students using End of Course (EOC) assessments in four subject areas prior to graduation—Algebra I (or if taken prior to 9th grade, Algebra II), English II, American Government, and Biology. All EOC assessments beyond these four subject areas will be considered optional for LEAs and will not be factored into either state or federal accountability measures. The Department continues to encourage the utilization of these assessments in order to measure student achievement, but they will not play a role in calculating LEA or school level APRs. Finally, to ensure concordance, all optional assessments will be excluded from prior year data in the calculation of the 2015 APR.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (Standard 2: Subgroup Achievement)

The implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) will alter the method of calculating Standard 2: Subgroup Achievement for LEAs that elect to participate. These LEAs will no longer be collecting paperwork for students who are eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch, and as such, the Department will follow Federal guidance in accounting for CEP LEAs' subgroup populations. While participating in CEP, the LEA's super subgroup will be the same as the "all students" group. Missouri will continue to report data for students in the aggregate, as well as for the following subgroups: low-income students, students with disabilities, and the state's major racial and ethnic populations.

In the coming months, the Department will develop and provide a communications toolkit to help LEAs explain new assessments and accountability adjustments.

Please share this information with your staff. If you have any questions regarding the updated policies, please email msip@dese.mo.gov.