

Administrative Memo

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To: School Administrators

From: Jocelyn Strand, Coordinator, School Improvement, Office of Quality Schools

Subject: QS-15-009 - Calculation of 2015 Annual Performance Report

This memo serves as an update to Administrative Memo QS-15-001 Adjustments to the Annual Performance Report (APR). The adjustments outlined below will be incorporated into the **2015 APR**. Due to the transition in 2015 to assessments aligned to the Missouri Learning Standards in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, and the removal of optional End-of-Course (EOC) assessments, Standard 1 Academic Achievement and Standard 2 Subgroup Achievement will be calculated in the following manner:

1. English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessment “Hold Harmless”

- a. Standard Applicable: Standards 1 & 2 – ELA and Mathematics
- b. Updated Policy: The Department will calculate and report 2015 assessment data for all LEAs. Once completed, the Department will examine the “call” (points scored in a given area) for ELA and mathematics within Standards 1 and 2. If the points scored within the “call” in 2014 in ELA or mathematics are greater than in 2015, the 2014 “call” will be used in the calculation of the 2015 APR. (Note: This policy does not apply to science and social studies within Standards 1 and 2, nor does it apply to Standards 3, 4, and 5. These standards will be calculated in the same manner as in years past and will include 2015 data.)
- c. Example: An LEA received 12 points in Standard 1 mathematics in 2014, but only receives 8 points in Standard 1 mathematics in 2015. In this case, the Department will utilize the 2014 “call” of 12 points toward the calculation of the 2015 APR.

2. Removal of Optional End-of-Course Assessments

- a. Standard Applicable: Standards 1 & 2 – All content areas
- b. Updated Policy: In calculating the 2015 APR, the Department will exclude optional End-of-Course (EOC) assessments from prior year data to allow for equitable comparison and opportunity for growth. Optional EOCs include all EOC assessments beyond the four required (English II, American Government, Biology, and Algebra I, or if taken prior to 9th grade, Algebra II). When excluding this data, the Department will not alter any prior year APR totals. The adjusted data will only factor into the calculation of the 2015 APR. Further, the Department will not penalize any LEA for a Level Not Determined (LND) designation that is created by the removal of optional EOCs from prior year data. However, the LND designation remains a factor in calculating 2015 data.

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