

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** March 29, 2016

**To:** School Administrators

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

**Subject:** QS-16-004 - Calculation of 2016 Annual Performance Report

Due to the transition in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics assessments in 2016, the calculation of Standard 1: Academic Achievement and Standard 2: Subgroup Achievement will receive the following adjustments:

### 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 2016 assessment data for all local education agencies (LEAs) and buildings. Once completed, the Department will examine the “call” (points scored in a given area) for ELA and mathematics within Standards 1 and 2. The “call” will then be compared to those from 2014 and 2015. The highest of these “calls” will be used in the calculation of the 2016 Annual Performance Report (APR). This policy will apply to both LEA and building-level reports. (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 2016 data.)
- c. Example: An LEA receives 6 points in Standard 1 mathematics in 2016, after having earned 9 points in 2014 and 12 points in 2015. In this case, the Department will use the 2015 “call” of 12 points toward the calculation of the 2016 APR.

### 2. Use of Normal Curve Equivalents

- a. Standard Applicable: Standards 1 & 2 – ELA and Mathematics
- b. Updated Policy: For the 2016 APR, the Department will again make use of normal curve equivalents (NCE) in the calculation of progress for ELA and mathematics. This statistical method, which measures student achievement along a normal curve, will be used in order to preserve the progress calculation throughout the transition in assessment. (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. Progress within these standards will be calculated in the same manner as in years past and will include 2016 data.)

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