

Administrative Memo

Date: May 23, 2017
To: School Administrators
From: Jocelyn Strand, Coordinator, School Improvement
Subject: QS-17-006 - Updates for the 2017 Annual Performance Report

In preparation for the 2017 Annual Performance Report (APR), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will implement the following in the calculation:

1. **Hold Harmless Implementation**

After consulting with the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), DESE has determined how the hold harmless calculation will be applied to 2017 data for the 2017 APR. While 2017 assessments are not new and therefore do not trigger the need to employ the hold harmless calculation, the MSIP TAC recommended, and DESE concurs, that a step-down approach is advisable. In English language arts and mathematics **only**, DESE will carry forward half of the hold harmless credit that came from 2015 or 2016 assessment data. (Refer to Administrative Memo [QS-17-004](#) for additional information.)

2. **High School Mathematics Assessment**

In October 2012, local education agencies (LEAs) were directed to administer either the mathematics Grade-Level Assessment (GLA) or End-of-Course (EOC) assessment to students prior to grade nine as appropriate for each individual student. This policy change was effective immediately but was not applied retroactively to students who graduated before 2017. Beginning with the first cohort of students affected (graduating class of 2017), all students who have taken a mathematics EOC in place of a GLA prior to high school are required to take an additional mathematics EOC prior to graduation in order to fulfill the high school mathematics accountability requirement. If a student has not participated in an EOC, the student will be assigned a graduate level not determined (LND). (Refer to Administrative Memos [QS-12-004](#) and [QS-14-002](#) for additional information.)

3. **COMPASS® Assessment**

This is the last year COMPASS® data will be used for the College and Career Readiness post-secondary preparation measure (CCR 3*1-3). Assessment scores administered through Dec. 31, 2016, will still be used in the 2017 APR. There are no current plans to replace this assessment.

Additional information will be made available in the 2017 Comprehensive Guide to the Missouri School Improvement Program. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at Jocelyn.Strand@dese.mo.gov or by phone at 573-751-4104 or [Janet Duncan](#) at 573-751-1362.