

Administrative Memo

Date: June 27, 2018
To: School Administrators
From: Jocelyn Strand, coordinator, School Improvement
Subject: QS-18-003 - Use of Direct Certification for Annual Performance Report (APR)
Delayed

On March 28, 2018, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) issued Administrative Memo QS-18-002 relating to changes that would impact the calculation of the 2018 APR. Item 4, Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), described a process by which DESE would move away from using Free/Reduced Lunch status as an identifier for Standard 2, Subgroup Achievement.

After conducting regional meetings around the state related to the proposed changes, listening to feedback, and reviewing the standards, DESE has made the determination to continue with the use of Free/Reduced Lunch status as the identifier for Standard 2, Subgroup Achievement for the remainder of the MSIP 5 cycle.

The impact of CEP continues to be a concern as it has obscured the performance of individual subgroups in district and charter schools that have elected to implement CEP. As the development of MSIP 6 moves forward, there will continue to be conversations about the best way to measure economically disadvantaged students for calculating subgroup achievement.

As mentioned in the March 28th memo, DESE will be making several changes to the reporting structure for the 2018 APR. Direct certification will be added to the information on that reporting page, behind the secure login screen only, so that district and charter schools may begin to become familiar with this information prior to its use in APR calculations.

Additional information will be made available in the release of the 2018 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 573-751-4104, or contact Kevin Freeman at kevin.freeman@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-4426.