

Massachusetts' new school and district accountability system

What is an accountability system?

An accountability system measures school and district performance. It helps schools improve the performance of all students, and helps communities and the state decide how to allocate resources. Accountability results answer two questions: *How is the school doing?* and *What kind of support does the school need?*

What are some highlights of the system?

Indicators that provide more information about school performance and student opportunity:

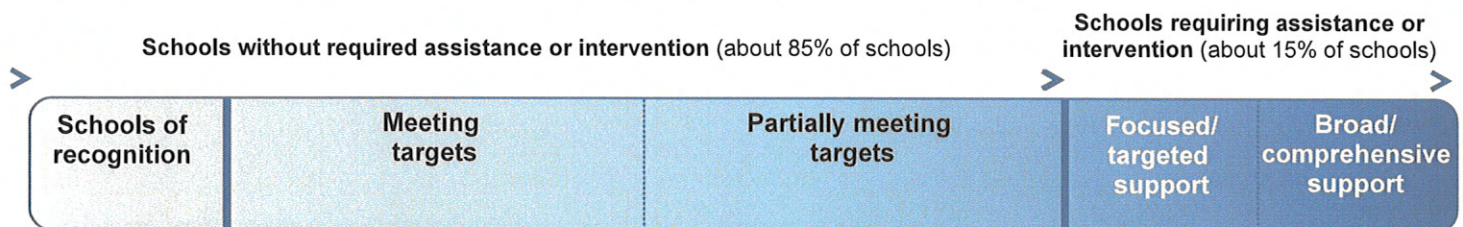
- ✓ Achievement
- ✓ Student progress or growth
- ✓ High school completion
- ✓ Progress towards English proficiency for English learners
- ✓ Chronic absenteeism
- ✓ Advanced coursework completion

Information on each school's **performance against improvement targets** and how it is doing **compared to other schools across the state**

An increased focus on raising the performance of each school's **lowest performing students**

How will schools be classified?

Schools will be **placed into categories** that describe how they are doing and what kind of support they may receive from the state.



What else should I know?

- ★ **Detailed performance data** will be reported for all districts, schools, and subgroups.
- ★ Accountability results will be used to **recognize schools that are demonstrating success** in addition to identifying schools in need of support.
- ★ Massachusetts is committed to **monitoring the system's effectiveness** in providing clear and actionable information to districts, schools, parents, and the public.

For more information, visit www.doe.mass.edu/accountability.