
A-F School Grading System

The Background:

In March 2016, the General Assembly passed Public Chapter 680 which requires the Department of Education to develop a school grading system that annually assigns A-F letter grades to schools. The grades must be assigned to schools based on the following:

1. Student performance on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests or end-of-course exams;
2. Student growth as indicated by Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) data or data from other measures of student growth; and
3. Other outcome indicators of student achievement that the department finds to be reliable measures of school performance.

Additionally, Public Chapter 680 requires the Department of Education to include each school's letter grade on the state report card. The State Board of Education is also required to review the system prior to implementation in the 2017-2018 school year.

The Recommendation:

For informational purposes only; no action required.