

Accountability Indicator and Overall Cut Scores



Kentucky's new accountability system will provide an overall color-coded rating for each school, district and the state ranging from red (lowest) to blue (highest).

The cut scores below define performance expectations for each indicator and the overall school rating. The state indicators will be evaluated on Status (current year performance) and Change (difference between prior year and current year Status Score). The cut scores determine how schools are reported in the online colored dashboard required by state law. The Status cut scores were established in 2022 and reviewed in 2023. The Status cut scores remain unchanged. The Change scores were established in 2023 and have not changed.

State Indicators Cut Scores

Elementary School Indicator Status Cut Scores

School Level	Indicators	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Elementary School Status	State Assessment Results in Reading/Mathematics	0-31.9	32.0-53.9	54.0-69.9	70.0-80.9	81.0-125
	State Assessment Results in Science/Social Studies/Writing	0-33.9	34.0-49.9	50.0-66.9	67.0-75.9	76.0-125
	English Learner Progress	0-33.9	34.0-47.9	48.0-57.9	58.0-64.9	65.0-140
	Quality of School Climate and Safety	0-66.9	67.0-73.9	74.0-76.9	77.0-81.9	82.0-100

Elementary School Indicator Change Cut Scores

School Level	Indicators	Declined Significantly	Declined	Maintained	Increased	Increased Significantly
Elementary School Change	State Assessment Results in Reading/Mathematics	-6.1 or less	-6.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 6.9	7.0 or more
	State Assessment Results in Science/Social Studies/Writing	-7.1 or less	-7.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 8.9	9.0 or more
	English Learner Progress	-7.1 or less	-7.0 to -1.1	-1.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 22.9	23.0 or more
	Quality of School Climate and Safety	-5.1 or less	-5.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 3.7	3.8 or more

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Middle School Indicator Status Cut Scores

School Level	Indicators	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Middle School Status	State Assessment Results in Reading/Mathematics	0-35.9	36.0-54.9	55.0-64.9	65.0-72.9	73.0-125
	State Assessment Results in Science/ Social Studies/Writing	0-32.9	33.0-47.9	48.0-58.9	59.0-68.9	69.0-125
	English Learner Progress	0-15.9	16.0-23.9	24.0-30.9	31.0-44.9	45.0-140
	Quality of School Climate and Safety	0-58.9	59.0-63.9	64.0-67.9	68.0-74.9	75.0-100

Middle School Indicator Change Cut Scores

School Level	Indicators	Declined Significantly	Declined	Maintained	Increased	Increased Significantly
Middle School Change	State Assessment Results in Reading/Mathematics	-7.1 or less	-7.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 6.2	6.3 or more
	State Assessment Results in Science/ Social Studies/Writing	-7.1 or less	-7.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 5.9	6.0 or more
	English Learner Progress	-15.1 or less	-15.0 to -5.1	-5.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 7.9	8.0 or more
	Quality of School Climate and Safety	-5.1 or less	-5.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 3.9	4.0 or more

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High School Indicator Status Cut Scores

School Level	Indicators	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
High School Status	State Assessment Results in Reading/Mathematics	0-38.9	39.0-52.9	53.0-64.9	65.0-76.9	77.0-125
	State Assessment Results in Science/ Social Studies/Writing	0-31.9	32.0-46.9	47.0-54.9	55.0-62.9	63.0-125
	English Learner Progress	0-9.9	10.0-23.9	24.0-30.9	31.0-44.9	45.0-140
	Quality of School Climate and Safety	0-53.9	54.0-58.9	59.0-63.9	64.0-67.9	68.0-100
	Postsecondary Readiness	0-58.9	59.0-75.9	76.0-87.9	88.0-94.9	95.0-125
	Graduation	0-85.9	86.0-91.9	92.0-94.9	95.0-97.9	98.0-100

High School Indicator Change Cut Scores

School Level	Indicators	Declined Significantly	Declined	Maintained	Increased	Increased Significantly
High School Status	State Assessment Results in Reading/Mathematics	-12.1 or less	-12.0 to -5.1	-5.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 6.2	6.3 or more
	State Assessment Results in Science/ Social Studies/Writing	-11.1 or less	-11.0 to -3.6	-3.5 to 0.0	0.1 to 6.9	7.0 or more
	English Learner Progress	-13.1 or less	-13.0 to -4.1	-4.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 9.5	9.6 or more
	Quality of School Climate and Safety	-4.1 or less	-4.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 3.9	4.0 or more
	Postsecondary Readiness	-5.1 or less	-5.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 11.9	12.0 or more
	Graduation	-5.1 or less	-5.0 to -2.1	-2.0 to 0.0	0.1 to 2.9	3.0 or more

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School Level	Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue
Elementary Schools	0-37.9	38.0-54.9	55.0-69.9	70.0-82.9	83.0 or more
Middle Schools	0-35.9	36.0-50.9	51.0-63.9	64.0-76.9	77.0 or more
High Schools	0-48.9	49.0-59.9	60.0-70.9	71.0-80.9	81.0 or more