

ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX

AN INTRODUCTION

Washington's ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX is designed to identify and recognize the state's highest achieving schools and identify those in greatest need of help. The index:

- ✓ Provides a fair and consistent measurement of Washington's public schools
- ✓ Presents a clear picture of how our schools and districts are performing in five key areas, how they are improving over time, and whether they are closing the achievement gap
- ✓ Tells us more - in an easier-to-understand way - than the federal No Child Left Behind Act's requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress

The proposed index is based on how schools and districts perform on a set of **FIVE OUTCOMES** and **FOUR INDICATORS**



Hypothetical Example of Accountability Index for a School:

INDICATORS	OUTCOMES					AVERAGE	
	READING	WRITING	MATH	SCIENCE	EXTENDED GRADUATION RATE		
Achievement of non-low income students	5	6	3	1	5	4.00	} CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP
Achievement of low income students	4	4	1	1	7	3.40	
Achievement vs Peers	2	2	2	2	6	2.80	
Improvement from the previous year	1	4	1	4	7	3.40	
AVERAGE	3.00	4.00	1.75	2.00	6.25	3.40	← ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX

The index is the simple average of all the ratings and ranges from 1.0 to 7.0.

THE INDEX RESULTS

TIER	INDEX RANGE
Exemplary	7.00 – 5.50
Very Good	5.49 – 5.00
Good	4.99 – 4.00
Fair	3.99 – 2.50
Struggling	2.49 – 1.00

+ Will **HELP STUDENTS ACHIEVE** by targeting specific areas for improvement

+ Give policy makers, educators, and the public a quick snapshot of where a school is strong

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A COMPREHENSIVE MEASUREMENT

The Accountability Index also provides a separate measure of sub group performance.

Subgroup	Reading			Math			Ext Grad			Average
	Met Std	Peers	Imprv	Met Std	Peers	Imprv	Rate	Peers	Imprv	
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	4	4	1	5	4	1	4	4	3.44
Black	3	3	3	1	3	5	1	3	2	2.67
Hispanic	3	4	4	1	4	4	1	4	4	3.22
Pacific Islander	4	4	4	1	5	4	1	4	4	3.44
Multi-Racial	4	4	5	2	4	4	2	4	4	3.67
Average	3.6	3.8	4	1.2	4.2	4.2	1.2	3.8	3.6	3.29
White	5	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	4	3.78
Asian	6	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	6	4.78
Average	5.50	4.00	4.50	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	4.28



The **two averages** will be compared to determine a school's effectiveness in closing the achievement gap

The Washington State Accountability Index:

A Fair and Transparent Model of School and District Performance

