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The Grader

Hello to All Arizona Educators

We wanted to begin this Grader with our best wishes as we recognize how busy you are reopening your schools during these unprecedented times.

Accountability is working on several projects and moving forward with available reporting for the public websites, school report cards and some of the A-F data components. What is available, what is coming soon and what is needed is covered in this addition.

Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions so we can support your needs. Our best wishes to a successful first quarter this year.

Wendy Davy

Chief Accountability Officer

Accountability Reporting for 2019-2020



COVID-19 Pandemic and Accountability

- During the March 31st, 2020 State Board meeting it was determined that the 2018-2019 letter grades will be used for the 2019-2020 letter grades.
- ADE will supply the field with limited reports IN SUPPORT OF schools cleaning their data, checking for accuracy and putting in any corrections that may impact future accountability.
- The window for self-reported A-F components (CCRI, On-Track to Graduate, and Credits Earned) will be open from July 15, 2020 through August 28, 2020 .
 - Self-Reported A-F components can be uploaded through ADEConnect on the A-F Self-Reporting Data application. The following link has been provided to submit your self-reported data [here](#).
 - Due to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic during the school year, there is a 2500 character narrative section on each Self-Reporting submission page that you have the option of using. The impact on the Self-Reported components is not known and it is valuable to collect the input from the school regarding the challenges, road blocks, attempts or efforts made to gather student information and its effect on the score the school received.
- A data refresh will be completed in September with self-reported components. Please reach out to Achieve@azed.gov with any questions.

Three “D” Letter Grades

Schools that have a third “D” due to the carry over of the 2018-2019 letter grade are not subject to the third D to an F statute.

CSI/TSI

School Improvement is available to answer any questions regarding CSI/TSI designation. For information, please contact:

<https://www.azed.gov/improvement/> or <https://www.azed.gov/improvement/contactus/>

Accountability Public Data Files

The annual public data files listed below are now available for review and are located on the Accountability and Research website [here](#):

- Fiscal Year 2020 Dropout Rates Report
- 2019 4-Year Graduation Rates Report
- 2019 5-Year Graduation Rates Report

Accountability Timeline for 2020-2021

Date	Activity
August 2020	An updated A-F Static file with available data points is released. School aggregated data is made available to LEAs through ADEConnect.
August 2020	ADEConnect will report only individual components available.
August 28, 2020	Submission of self-reported A-F components (CCRI, On-Track to Graduate, and Credits Earned) closes in ADEConnect
September 2020	ADEConnect will refresh individual components that were available and self-reported data.
October 2020	School Report Cards will reflect enrollment, graduation, etc.

The Examiner Assessment Newsletter August Edition

The August edition of The Examiner an ADE newsletter for Test Coordinators is currently available. For your convenience click the link [here](#).

Introduction to New Accountability

Welcome New Staff Members

Kelynn Nowakowski

Program Project Specialist



Kelynn was born and raised in Scottsdale, and graduated from ASU in 2018 with a BA in English Linguistics. Her other areas of study include Programming, German, Japanese, and TESOL. In her free time, she loves to spend time with her pets and travel.

J. David Selby Ph.D.

Research & Statistical Analyst SR - Director



David Selby recently received his Ph.D. in Public Policy and Public Administration from Arizona State University in 2020. He holds a Master of Public Policy from George Mason University. He specializes in quantitative analysis, performance management, and education policy. Prior to coming to Arizona, David was a high school teacher in Richmond, Virginia where he taught Computer Science, Economics, and Personal Finance.

Coming Soon!

ADE Website

ADE is due to launch its new website with a brand new look very soon. This new look will have the same resources available with a more user-friendlier design. Please be on the lookout!