



May 2020

The Grader

Accountability Reporting for 2019-2020

During the March 31st State Board meeting it was determined that the 2018-2019 letter grades will be used for the 2019-2020 letter grades. At that time, a determination had not been made regarding the submission of self-reported A-F components (CCRI, On-Track to Graduate, and Credits Earned).

A decision has been made to submit the self-reported A-F components (CCRI, On-Track to Graduate, and Credits Earned) data on an extended timeline to ensure continuity of modeling and longitudinal data.

Conversations with the State Board, the field, the consideration of the impact of carrying over the previous year's grade, and the history of years without accountability went into determining the following steps for reporting in 2019-2020.

- 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 1 through August 28th.
- The Department will provide a static file with all available data in the month of June for review. Corrections are due by the July 15th fiscal yearend deadline.
- Schools will be able to see available components, without cumulative scoring, in ADEConnect to track the changes longitudinally in the month August.

A refresh will be completed in September with self-reported components. Please reach out to Achieve@azed.gov with any questions.

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Required AOI Reporting for A-F Letter Grades

At the Arizona State Board of Education meeting on February 24, 2020, it was determined that for Fiscal Year 2020, AOI (Arizona Online Instruction) schools will not receive A-F Letter Grades. They are required, however, to review their A-F Static File data for accuracy, complete the Traditional CCRI Spreadsheet and submit their CCRI data to allow accurate modeling for future letter grades. All modeling will be completed according to the Traditional A-F Letter Grade Models. If you have questions, please contact Achieve@azed.gov.

Accountability Timeline for 2019-2020

Time	Activity
June 2020	Static file with available components available in ADEConnect
July 1, 2020	Submission self-reported A-F components (CCRI, On-Track to Graduate, and Credits Earned) opens in ADEConnect
July 15, 2020	Fiscal Year 2020 data closes. The Data Inquiry and Correction window closes. Note that data submitted as of the close of business will be used to calculate available individual components.
July 16, 2020	The EL Static File amendment application opens
July 31, 2020	The EL Static File amendment application closes
August 2020	An updated A-F Static file with available data points is released. School aggregated data is made available to schools/LEAs through ADEConnect.
August 2020	ADEConnect will report only individual components available
September 2020	ADEConnect will refresh individual components that were available and self-reported data.
October 2020	School Report Cards will reflect enrollment, graduation, etc.

Accountability October 1 Enrollment Report Available on ADE Accountability Website

The FY20 Accountability October 1 Enrollment file was posted on the ADE Accountability and Research Data webpage in May. Please use this [LINK](#)

Student Teacher Course (STC) Finishing 2019-2020

The ADE is encouraging all schools and LEAs to ensure that “Credits Earned” and “Final Grades” data are being accurately and consistently reported through the STC data. The STC data is being considered for future reporting and inclusion in A-F Letter Grades so analyses have already begun to be conducted by Arizona State University analysts powered by the Helios Education Foundation.

In order to ensure that these analyses are as accurate as possible for your school/LEA, please verify that all STC data are being reported appropriately, specifically “Credits Earned” and “Final Grade”.

Alternative School Applications

As previously shared, the deadline to apply for Alternative School Status for Fiscal Year 2021 has been extended to May 29th. Any school that would like to be considered for Alternative School Status for Fiscal Year 2021 must submit an application [here](#), **no later than 5:00pm on Friday, May 29th**.

Please note that schools applying for Alternative School Status for Fiscal Year 2021 will be using data from the current Fiscal Year (2020) in their application. Arizona state statute supports 6th through 12th grade alternative school programs for accountability purposes and it is the intent of the Arizona Department of Education to be in alignment with this statute ([Section C of 15-795](#)).

Additional information about Alternative School Status and the application process is available in our Alternative School Status FAQ page [here](#). Please contact Achieve@azed.gov with questions.