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**Leading Change – June 2021**

# General Background on A-F: Timeline

2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A-F Accountability 1.0</li></ul>
2014 - 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moratorium on A-F Letter Grades during transition from AIMS to AzMERIT</li></ul>
August 2016 – April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Board of Education develops new A-F Accountability System for new statewide assessment, state law and federal law (ESSA)</li></ul>
Fall 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2016-2017 Letter Grades issued, then made preliminary</li></ul>
Fall 2017-Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revisions made to the system then 2016-2017 letter grades finalized</li></ul>
2018-2019 School Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First year of Menu of Assessments being used in lieu of statewide assessment</li></ul>
2019-2020 School Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School closure bill cancels statewide assessments and carries A-F Letter Grades forward from prior year</li></ul>
2020-2021 School Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State legislation places A-F Letter Grades on one year pause</li></ul>
2021-2022 School Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administration of new statewide assessments in ELA, Math and Science.</li></ul>

# **Legislation Based on Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

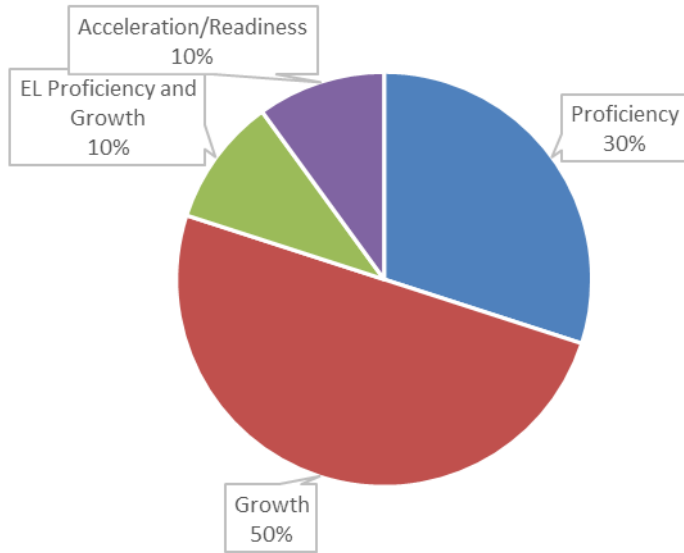
**On February 2, 2021, Governor Doug Ducey signed into law SB2402. The law addressed testing and accountability by requiring the State Board of Education to calculate and report the A-F components, but not issue letter grades.**

## **Sec. 2. School and school district letter grades; transition process**

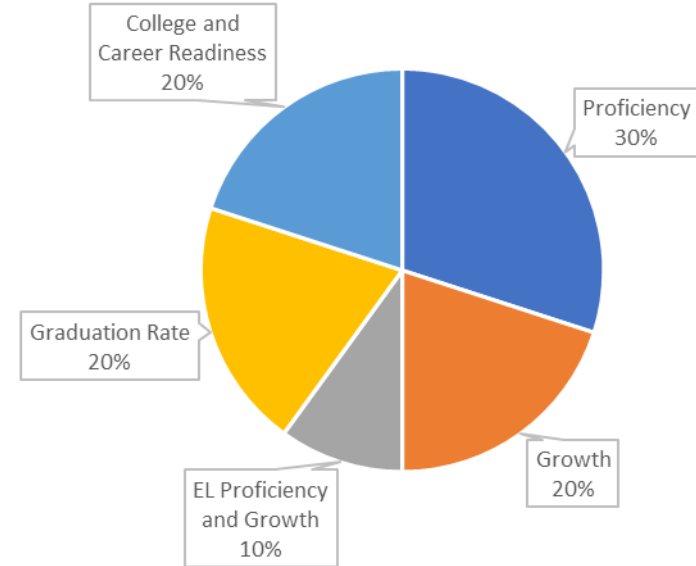
**A. Notwithstanding any other law, the department of education may not assign schools or school districts letter grade classifications pursuant to section 15-241, Arizona Revised Statutes, for school year 2020-2021.**

**B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, the department of education shall continue to collect and publish data in school year 2020-2021 concerning the academic and educational performance, indicators for schools and school districts prescribed in section 15-241, subsections C and D, Arizona Revised Statutes.**

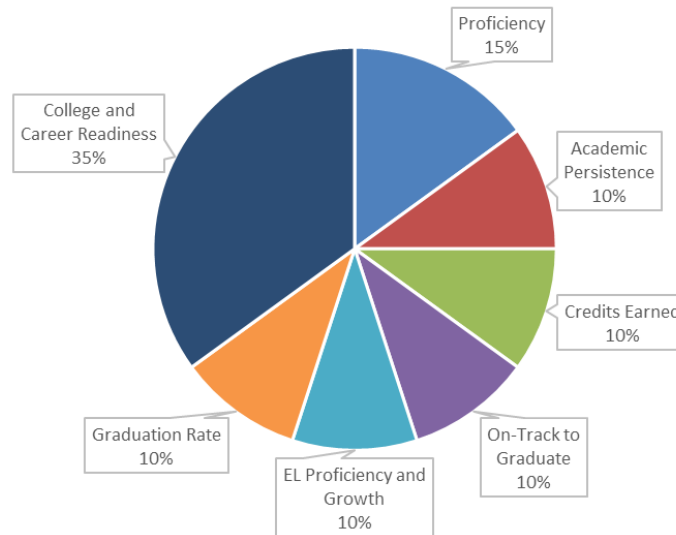
# The Current 2020-2021 Models



Traditional K-8



Traditional 9-12



Alternative 9-12

*AOIs, not operating as Alternative schools will follow the Traditional Models with variations in FAY definitions for modeling purposes*

# General Updates and Changes in 2020-2021

- **Utilize Skip-Year Growth**
- **Science Bonus based on percent tested on Science Field Test AzSCI**
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Increases in HP and decreases in MP**
- **Prior to any additional updates and changes, the State Board will await data for further decisions effecting items such as:**
  - Percent Tested
  - Standard FAY
  - EL FAY
  - EL Identification

# Public Reporting and Additional Information

- **Public file will be calculated by components and points as in the previous file removing total points and without assigning letter grades**
- **File will be released upon State Board approval**
- **File will contain additional reporting to support any changes the public may see in numbers from previous years**
  - **Examples**
    - **# enrolled**
    - **# tested**
    - **# FAY**
- **Every effort will be made to release other public files as soon as possible**

# Academic Impact Data

- 2021 Static File Additions
  - Student Growth Percentile — Pre-Pandemic Cohort Referenced Growth – (Not applicable to state or federal accountability measures)
    - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS FORTHCOMING ON THE NEW DATA POINT THAT IS SPECIFIC TO MEASURING ACADEMIC IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC AND ITS NOT RELATED TO STATE AND FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY.
- Fall Semester
  - Growth data
  - Proficiency data
  - English Learner data
- 2021-2022
  - Mobility
  - Comprehensive report

# Timeline

<b>June 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mid-June: First version of static file containing only enrollment, demographic, and program data becomes available. Data inquiry and correction window opens.</li><li>•</li></ul>
<b>July 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7/15 Data inquiry and correction window closes</li><li>• 7/30 2020-2021 A-F Self-Reporting Data application closes on ADEConnect</li></ul>
<b>August 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early August (Release V2) – This file will contain assessment results, assessment corrections submitted by July 30, and growth data. This file needs to be reviewed for any issues regarding assessments.</li><li>• Late August: School-level aggregated data available in ADEConnect</li></ul>
<b>September 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Late September (Release V3) – This is the final version that would contain all updated information.</li></ul>



# Moving Forward with State Accountability





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**Questions**