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# December

Dear Arizona Educators,

It's hard to believe 2025 is coming to a close. This end of the year brings the culmination of the accountability work that we've all done together. A-F letter grades have been released, Federal accountability designations have been made, the latest data reports are being published. In the coming days, we will roll over the school report cards site, which combines the data in a public-facing portal.

I want to thank all of you for your contributions to this work. We appreciate the efforts you take to clean and prepare data, monitor deadlines, and most importantly share your thoughts and findings with us so that we can best support the work happening in schools. It's a privilege to work with so many people who take offer their time and make the systems better.

Thank you as well to all of you who have joined us for training opportunities throughout the last year. To any who are new to accountability, welcome to a group of dedicated educators, community members, and policy makers around the state! Our team is always eager to support you.

In the new year, many of you will be involved in preparations for testing that will begin the cycle again. Please let us know if we can be helpful in your preparations and planning. Thank you again for the work that you do. The data you work with helps inform decisions for thousands of people whose goal is to support students as they learn and grow. We're grateful to participate with you in that work.

Sean Smith  
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## How to Reach Us

For the most efficient support, we recommend contacting us via email ([achieve@azed.gov](mailto:achieve@azed.gov)) rather than by phone. Email helps us ensure your request is properly documented, enables timely follow-up, and facilitates coordination with the appropriate team members to provide you with the best possible assistance. During accountability season, we experience a high volume of daily requests and prioritize email responses. To ensure urgent requests receive prompt attention, please avoid leaving them as voicemail messages.

## District Accountability Coordinator Form

To improve communication related to Accountability tasks and training, we have begun establishing a District Accountability Coordinator for each LEA. This individual will be the primary contact regarding deadlines and submissions related to Accountability. As we implement training videos and updates to our resources, we will notify District Accountability Coordinators.

If you have **not** yet completed the District Accountability Coordinator form for the 2025-2026 school year, please do so: [Here](#)

## Training Available on the Accountability Site

A-F Accountability training is now available on the Arizona Department of Education Accountability & Research webpage.

### Items/Training that can be found on the Resources page under Guides & FAQ:

- [College And Career Readiness Indicator \(CCRI\) Training July 2025](#)
- [General overview of the CCRI Video \(2025\)](#)
- [Creating CCRI Student List from AzEDS Video \(2025\)](#)
- [Individual CCRI Indicator Review \(2025\)](#)
- [School Incident Reporting Slides 02 05 2025](#)
- [School Report Cards Incident Reporting Part 1](#)
- [School Report Cards Incident Reporting Part 2](#)
- Contact Achieve with questions via email
  - [achieve@azed.gov](mailto:achieve@azed.gov)

# Static File Training April 2026

The Accountability and Research team will host Static File Training in April 2026 to support districts in understanding and managing static files used in accountability reporting. This training will provide detailed guidance on file structure, data validation, and submission processes to ensure accuracy and compliance. Additional information, including registration details and resources, will be shared closer to the training date.

## Incident Reporting on the SRC

Incident reporting reminder for School Report Cards site, as required under ARS 15-746, subsection A, paragraph 5 (details provided below).

Timeline:

### School Year 2024-2025

- February 2025:
  - Webinar to inform the field about requirements and process.
  - Access to Incident Reporting admin controls in School Report Cards
- December 2025
  - School Report Cards for 2024-2025 school year will be published. Report Cards **will not include** Incident Reporting data since schools were notified in February of the school year

### School Year 2025-2026

- August 2025: Schools begin collecting data required for Incident Reporting
- May 2026: Schools begin entering data in School Report Cards Admin Portal
  - The portal includes a box to enter the number of incidents, as well as an open response box to provide any helpful communication about the incidents to the community.
- December 2026: School Report Cards for 2025-2026 school year will be published. Report cards **will include** Incident reporting data from the 2025-2026 school year.

This timeline allows LEAs to review their expectations and prepare their data accordingly. A training webinar can be found on the Arizona Department of Education Accountability and Research Resources page under How-To Videos [School Report Cards Incident Reporting Part 1](#) and [School Report Cards Incident Reporting Part 2](#)

In the Webinar we explained:

- The statutory requirements,
- Walk through the reporting process,

- Q&A.

### **ARS 15-746, subsection A, paragraph 5**

**A. Each school shall distribute an annual report card that contains at least the following information:**

5. The total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds, at school bus stops, at stops for vehicles described in section 15-925, on school buses, on vehicles described in section 15-925 and at school-sponsored events and that required the contact of a local, county, tribal, state or federal law enforcement officer pursuant to section 13-3411, subsection F, section 13-3620, section 15-341, subsection A, paragraph 30 or section 15-515. The total number of incidents reported shall only include reports that law enforcement officers report to the school and that are supported by probable cause. For the purposes of this paragraph, a certified peace officer who serves as a school resource officer is a law enforcement officer. A school may provide clarifying information if the school has a school resource officer on campus on our Resources page: <https://www.azed.gov/accountability-research/resources>.

## **Alternative School List 2025-2026**

The approved alternative school list will become available [here](#) by the end of December. This list includes schools that meet the criteria for alternative status under state accountability guidelines. Districts and schools should review the list carefully to ensure accurate reporting and planning for the upcoming school year.

Looking ahead, the application window for **alternative** school designation for the 2026-2027 school year will open early February 2026.

## **District Letter Grade Dashboard With New Data.**

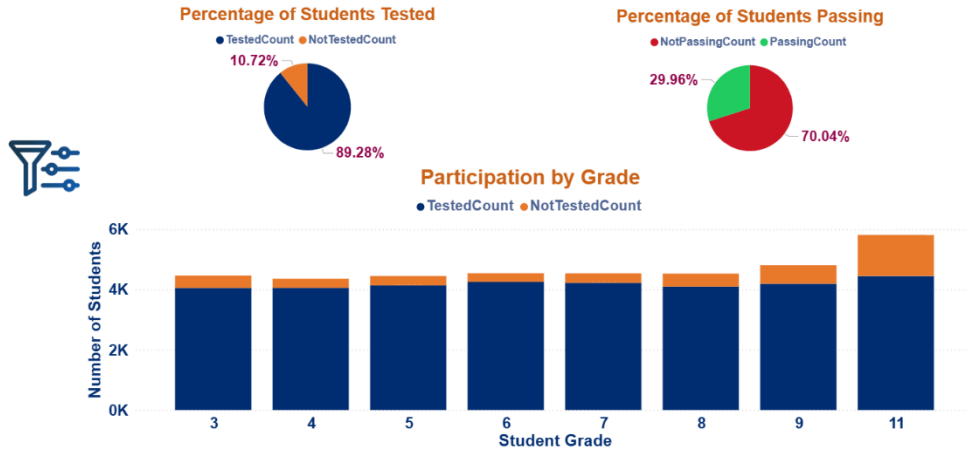
District letter grades are now accessible in ADEConnect. You can see an example of the dashboard below. To view your district's grade, log in to ADEConnect and navigate to View Applications → Accountability → State Accountability. Once there, locate the purple charts and check the far-right column labeled LEA Grade to find your district's assigned letter grade.

Please note that the LEA letter grade reflects the average letter grade from the schools within the district, providing an overall measure of district performance based on state accountability criteria. These grades serve as an important tool for evaluating progress and identifying areas for improvement.

DISTRICT REPORTS

- Passing and Participation
- Population Demographics
- Achievement by Grade
- Growth Points by Grade
- Combined Growth Points
- AZELLA Proficiency
- AZELLA Proficiency by Grade
- AZELLA Growth
- AZELLA Growth by Grade
- Chronic Absenteeism

Subject: All | ELA Math Window: All | FAY: All | EL: All | SPED: All | Schools



## Next Grader: May 2026

We will also provide reminders to District Accountability Coordinators (DACs) on due dates and tasks. To stay informed, please subscribe to our Grader distribution list by emailing [achieve@azed.gov](mailto:achieve@azed.gov).

# A-F Timelines

The following is a tentative timeline that outlines A-F related deadlines. Subject to change.

A-F Event	Dates
Verify Income Eligibility AzEDS student level data	10/31/2025 - 12/10/2025
Alternative Schools Application for fiscal year 2026	2/2026 - 03/31/2026
Initial On-Track to Graduate Submission	02/2026 - 03/15/2026
Submit CCRI Self-Reported Data	05/2026 - 07/31/2026
Submit Credits Earned Self-Reported Data	05/2026 - 07/31/2026
Final On-Track to Graduate Submission	05/2026 - 07/30/2026
Correct Test Records in ADE Connect	06/2026 - 06/30/2026
Validate Graduation Data for fiscal year 2024 graduates	05/2026 - 07/15/2026
DRP Application for fiscal year 2024	05/2026 - 06/30/2026
Static File V1 Validation	06/2026 - 07/15/2026
Static File V2 Validation	08/2026 - 09/15/2026
Cut score Presentation	Sept 2026 Board Meeting
Cut Score Approval	Oct 2026 Board Meeting
A-F Public File release on State Board of Education's website	11/01/2026
A-F Appeals Window	11/01/2026 - 11/15/2026
Tentative meeting of A-F Appeals Committee	11/20/2026