

The New York State Accountability System under the Every Student Succeeds Act

Beginning in the 2025–2026 School Year:

2025–2026 School Year Accountability Indicator Level Cut Points

As part of the federally approved amendments to the New York State consolidated State plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the New York State accountability system uses five accountability indicators at the elementary/middle level—Weighted Average Achievement, Core Subject Performance, Student Growth, English Language Proficiency (ELP), and Attendance—and six accountability indicators at the high school level—Weighted Average Achievement, Core Subject Performance, Graduation Rate, ELP, Attendance, and College, Career, and Civic Readiness (CCCR)—to make accountability support model determinations. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) assigns an accountability level from 1 to 4 to each accountability subgroup for each indicator for which a school is accountable based on the subgroup’s performance on the indicators, where 1 indicates the lowest performance and 4 indicates the highest performance.

Weighted Average Achievement, Graduation Rate, and CCCR accountability indicator levels are assigned using cut points that are established annually based on a statewide rank-based cut point system shown in the table below.

Rank	Accountability Level
10% or less	1
10.1 to 50%	2
50.1% to 75%	3
Greater than 75%	4

Core Subject Performance, Student Growth, ELP, and Attendance accountability indicator levels are assigned using static cut points. Core Subject Performance and Attendance indicator cut points were established using 2023–2024 school year results and will be used to assign accountability levels at the elementary/middle and high school levels for the 2025–2026, 2026–2027, and 2027–2028 school years, as per New York State’s approved ESSA plan. These cut points will be reestablished for the 2028–2029 school year and every three years thereafter.

Tables 1 and 2 on the following pages provide the minimum and maximum ranges by level and subgroup for each elementary/middle and high school level indicator used to make accountability support model determinations for the 2025–2026 school year based on 2024–2025 school year results.

School and district accountability data are made available on the [New York State School Report Card webpage](#). For additional resources about these accountability indicators, please visit the [NYSED School and District Accountability Resources and Data webpage](#). For additional details about the approved New York State ESSA plan, please see the [Approved New York State ESSA Plan webpage](#).

Table 1. Elementary/Middle School Level 2025–2026 School Year Accountability Indicator Cut Points

All Students										
Level	Weighted		Core		Student Growth		ELP		Attendance	
	Index		Index		Index		Success Ratio		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	7.4	86.3	0	86.5	0	45.0	0	0.49	0	133.5
2	86.4	130.8	86.6	131.2	45.1	50.0	0.50	0.99	133.6	191
3	130.9	156.3	131.3	158.1	50.1	54.0	1.00	1.24	191.1	208
4	156.4	245.2	158.2	250	54.1	100	1.25+	--	208.1	250
Students with Disabilities										
Level	Weighted		Core		Student Growth		ELP		Attendance	
	Index		Index		Index		Success Ratio		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	0	37.5	0	37	0	45.0	0	0.49	0	124.8
2	37.6	69.6	37.1	71.8	45.1	50.0	0.50	0.99	124.9	177.8
3	69.7	92.2	71.9	96.8	50.1	54.0	1.00	1.24	177.9	197.8
4	92.3	237.5	96.9	250	54.1	100	1.25+	--	197.9	250
English Language Learners										
Level	Weighted		Core		Student Growth		ELP		Attendance	
	Index		Index		Index		Success Ratio		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	0	46.2	0	49.4	0	45.0	0	0.49	0	125
2	46.3	89	49.5	85	45.1	50.0	0.50	0.99	125.1	179.5
3	89.1	114.3	85.1	106.3	50.1	54.0	1.00	1.24	179.6	197.6
4	114.4	238.8	106.4	250	54.1	100	1.25+	--	197.7	250
Economically Disadvantaged										
Level	Weighted		Core		Student Growth		ELP		Attendance	
	Index		Index		Index		Success Ratio		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	6.7	74.9	0	76.3	0	45.0	0	0.49	0	128.9
2	75	113.3	76.4	112.8	45.1	50.0	0.50	0.99	129	176.4
3	113.4	136	112.9	137.1	50.1	54.0	1.00	1.24	176.5	192
4	136.1	245.1	137.2	250	54.1	100	1.25+	--	192.1	250
Race/Ethnicity										
Level	Weighted		Core		Student Growth		ELP		Attendance	
	Index		Index		Index		Success Ratio		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	4.2	77.6	0	78.3	0	45.0	0	0.49	0	126.1
2	77.7	130.2	78.4	132.7	45.1	50.0	0.50	0.99	126.2	188.7
3	130.3	163.5	132.8	166.6	50.1	54.0	1.00	1.24	188.8	209.3
4	163.6	246.6	166.7	250	54.1	100	1.25+	--	209.4	250

Table 2. High School Level 2025–2026 School Year Accountability Indicator Cut Points

All Students												
Level	Weighted		Core		Grad Rate		ELP		Attendance		CCCR	
	Index		Index		Rate		Success Ratio		Index		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	0.7	84.4	0	70	0	79.9	0	0.49	0	86.5	0	102.3
2	84.5	147.5	70.1	133.3	80	92.3	0.50	0.99	86.6	171.7	102.4	157.8
3	147.6	175.1	133.4	165.5	92.4	96	1.00	1.24	171.8	195.3	157.9	176.7
4	175.2	245.2	165.6	250	96.1	100	1.25+	--	195.4	250	176.8	200

Students with Disabilities												
Level	Weighted		Core		Grad Rate		ELP		Attendance		CCCR	
	Index		Index		Rate		Success Ratio		Index		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	9.1	44.7	0	35	0	58.6	0	0.49	0	71.1	4.3	60.9
2	44.8	84.7	35.1	70.8	58.7	84.5	0.50	0.99	71.2	153.1	61	116.2
3	84.8	111.4	70.9	98	84.6	91.7	1.00	1.24	153.2	178.7	116.3	139.7
4	111.5	239	98.1	250	91.8	100	1.25+	--	178.8	250	139.8	200

English Language Learners												
Level	Weighted		Core		Grad Rate		ELP		Attendance		CCCR	
	Index		Index		Rate		Success Ratio		Index		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	0	35.8	0	25.6	5	53.9	0	0.49	0	81.4	3.3	51.3
2	35.9	71.3	25.7	56.9	54	76.8	0.50	0.99	81.5	148.9	51.4	93
3	71.4	90.4	57	77.6	76.9	85.5	1.00	1.24	149	179.5	93.1	113
4	90.5	164.3	77.7	250	85.6	100	1.25+	--	179.6	250	113.1	189.6

Economically Disadvantaged												
Level	Weighted		Core		Grad Rate		ELP		Attendance		CCCR	
	Index		Index		Rate		Success Ratio		Index		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	0.5	81.3	0	67	0	73.9	0	0.49	0	87.1	0	97
2	81.4	131.7	67.1	118	74	88.7	0.50	0.99	87.2	156.1	97.1	142.9
3	131.8	154	118.1	144.1	88.8	93.4	1.00	1.24	156.2	180.1	143	162.3
4	154.1	244.7	144.2	250	93.5	100	1.25+	--	180.2	250	162.4	200

Race/Ethnicity												
Level	Weighted		Core		Grad Rate		ELP		Attendance		CCCR	
	Index		Index		Rate		Success Ratio		Index		Index	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	0	86.7	0	70.3	0	77.2	0	0.49	0	90.3	0	100
2	86.8	147.7	70.4	135	77.3	92.9	0.50	0.99	90.4	171.8	100.1	157.9
3	147.8	180	135.1	170.4	93	97.1	1.00	1.24	171.9	199.9	158	179.8
4	180.1	248.3	170.5	250	97.2	100	1.25+	--	200	250	179.9	200