

Policy for Achievement Change under Education YES!

The following assignment of letter grades to schools under Education YES! is based on the goal contained in No Child Left Behind that every school will be at the 100 percent proficient level by 2013-14.

A slope will be calculated based on the improvement (or decline) in student MEAP performance for each school in each content area. A target slope will be calculated for each school, in each content area, which will show the school's needed improvement to reach 100 percent proficient. The calculated slope will be compared to the target slope, and a letter grade assigned as follows:

- **A** – to a school that exceeds target (slope is 125 percent or more of target)
- **B** – to a school that meets target
 - Slope is 75 – 125 percent of target, OR
 - The three-year average of the percent proficient is above 100 minus the number of years remaining to the goal of 100 percent proficiency. For example, 88 percent would be the average for 2002-03.
 - Schools that score at high levels in status will be given this grade, unless their change score would qualify them for an A.
- **C** – to a school that almost meets target (slope is 25-75 percent of target).
- **D** – to a school that demonstrates no change (slope is between 25 percent of target and 25 percent below target).
- **F** – to a school that declines in performance, i.e., percent proficient (slope is more than 25 percent of target below zero).