

2013-14 Proposed Accountability Scorecard Changes

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is proposing two changes to the Accountability Scorecards that will go into effect starting with the 2013-14 Scorecards. These modifications would provide fairness and more meaningful differentiation in overall statuses with minimal additional resources and stakeholder confusion.

Issue #1: Too Many Yellow Schools

- Existing rule did not take into account the challenges in working with a school’s lowest achieving students; the bottom 30% had a larger-than-desired impact on the final overall color
- In 2012-2013, schools missing any proficiency target for the lowest achieving 30% of students (Bottom 30% subgroup) in a school earned no higher than a Yellow overall status

Solution:

- Remove the rule that prevents a school missing a proficiency target for the Bottom 30% subgroup from achieving higher than a Yellow overall color
- Schools still not meeting proficiency targets for the Bottom 30% subgroup would be capped at a maximum overall status of Lime

Impact:

	Green	Lime	Yellow	Orange	Red	Total
Existing Totals	94*	0	2597	184	481	3356
w/o B30 audits	94*	1058	1539	184	481	3356

*These totals include 49 new “Purple” schools (see below)

Issue #2: Appropriate Color for New Schools

- In 2012-2013, new schools were able to earn a Green status without having any student proficiency data
- Existing schools must meet test participation, proficiency, attendance OR graduation, and compliance factor requirements
- New schools are required to meet participation and compliance factor requirements in their first year of operation
 - o Student proficiency feeds back to the school in which they attended the previous school year

Solution:

- New schools that meet all requirements (participation, compliance) would earn a “Purple” status
- New schools not meeting requirements may still earn an overall Red, Orange, or Yellow status

Impact:

- Using 2012-13 data, 49 Green schools would have been identified as Purple schools under this proposal

