

# The Accountability Index and the Washington Achievement Awards



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# Accountability Index Background

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ESHB 2261 (signed into law May 2009) charged the SBE to create an accountability index that would complement or serve as a replacement to the federal AYP system

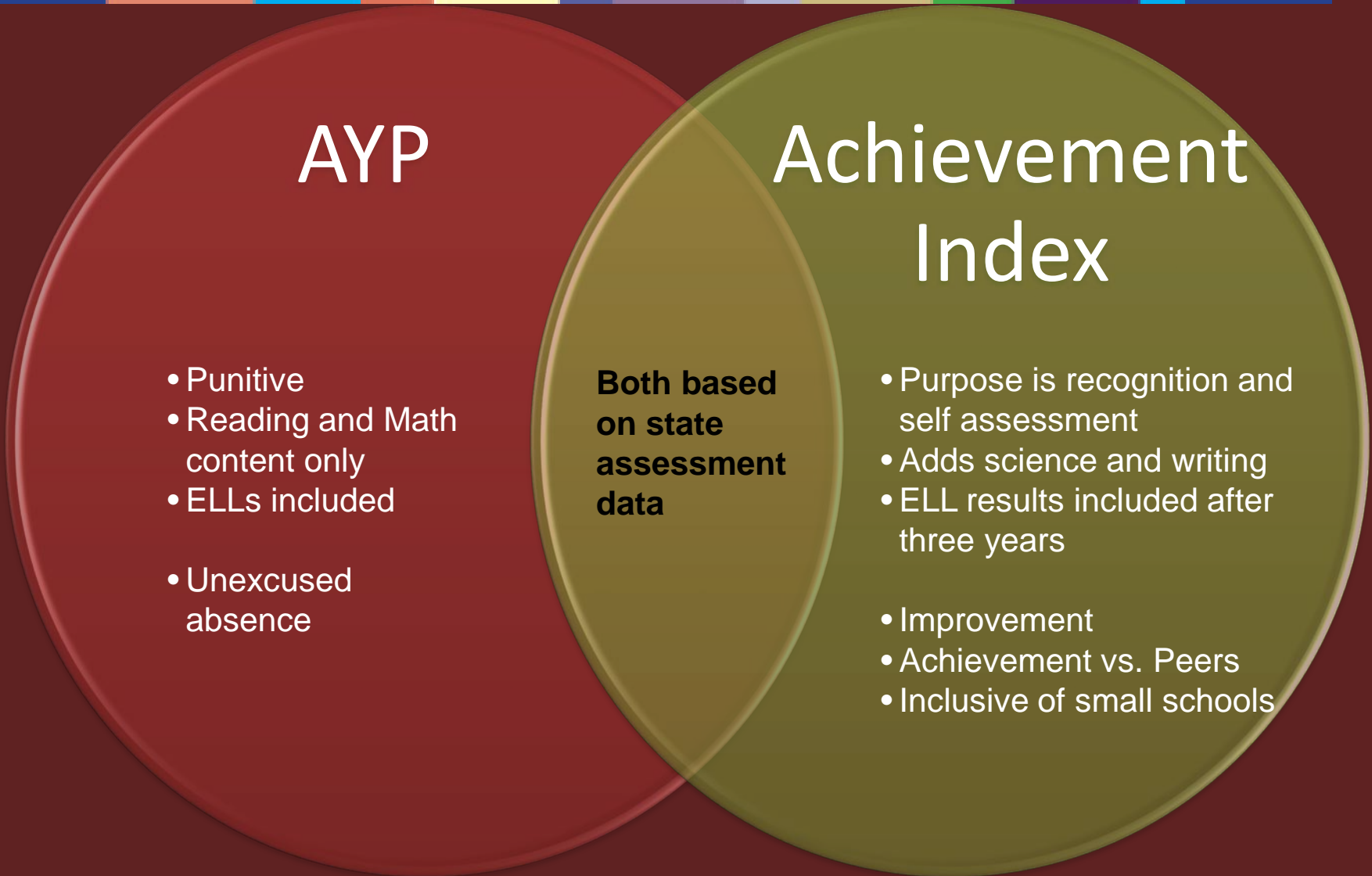
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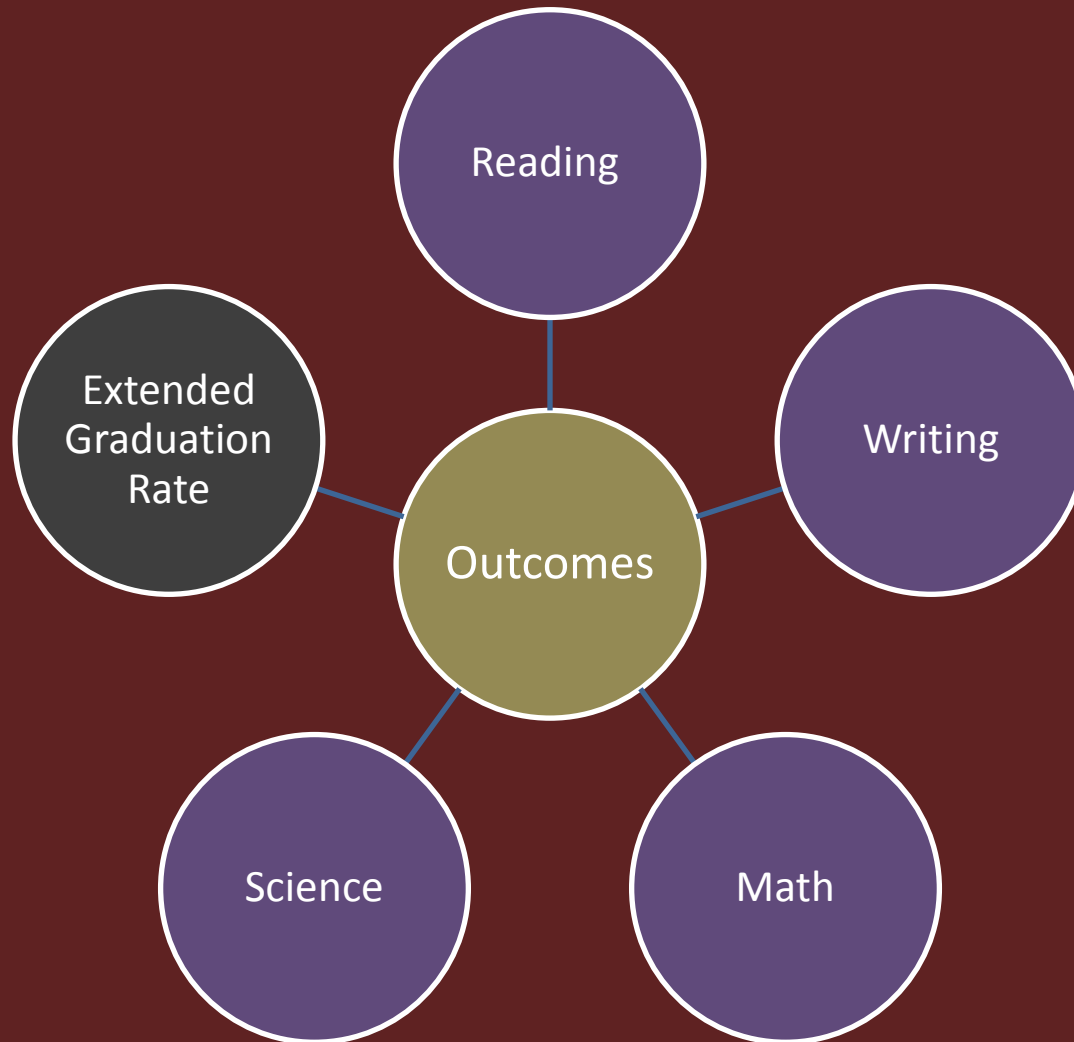
The Index was introduced to the U.S. Department of Education in 2010.



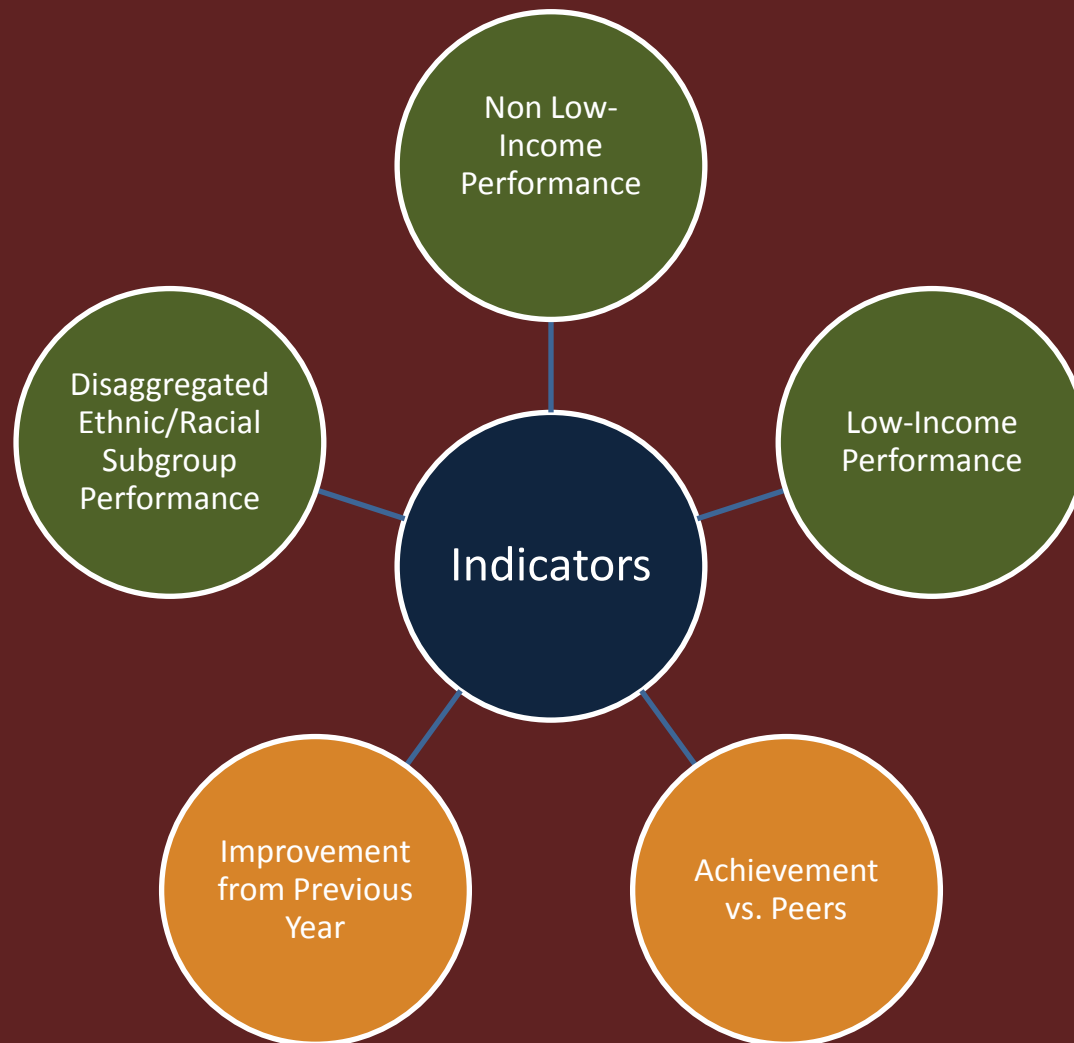
# How is the Index Different from AYP?



# The Accountability Index Outcomes



# The Accountability Index Indicators

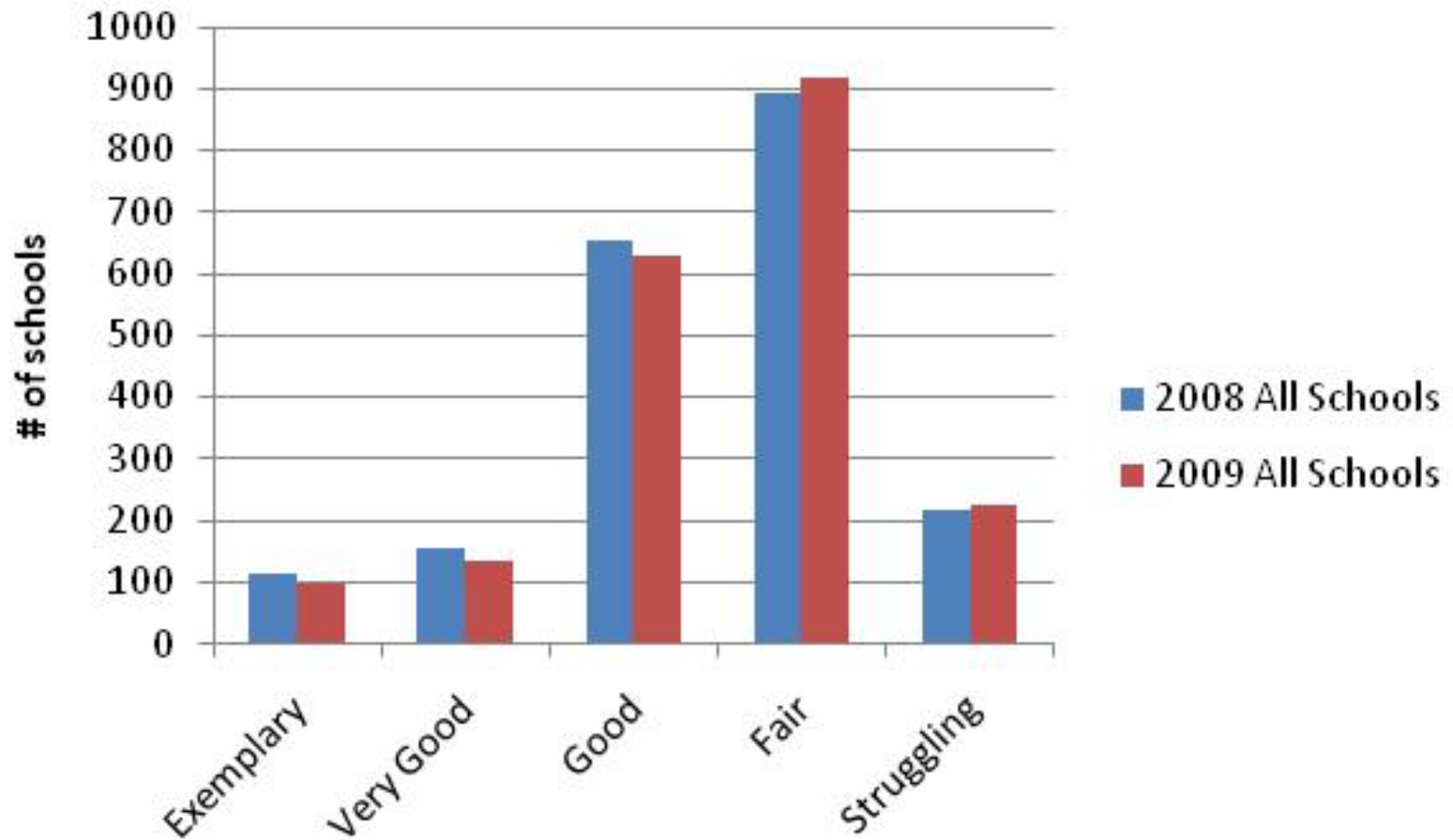


# An Example Index Score

INDICATORS	OUTCOMES					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Ext Grad Rate	Average
Achievement of non-low income students	7	7	5	4.5	6	5.9
Achievement of low income students	5	5.5	2	1	1	2.9
Achievement vs. peers	4.5	5	7	6.5	4	5.4
Improvement from the previous year	4	5.5	4.5	4.5	4	4.5
Index scores	5.13	5.75	4.63	4.13	3.75	4.68 Tier: Good

TIER	INDEX RANGE
Exemplary	7.00-5.50
Very Good	5.49-5.00
Good	4.99-4.00
Fair	3.99-2.50
Struggling	2.49-1.00

# Results for Each Tier





# The Washington Achievement Award

- SBE and OSPI Sponsored
- Awarded based on Accountability Index Performance



# 2009 Washington Achievement Awards: 174 schools

## Outstanding Achievement

Grade Band	# in top 5%	Index cut-off	Total awards
Elementary	53	5.280	70
Middle	19	4.875	26
High	20	4.910	52
Multiple	16	4.735	26
Total	108		174

## Special Recognition

Lang. Arts	36
Math	10
Science	24
Grad. rate	35
Gifted	20
Total	125

# 2010 Recognition Categories

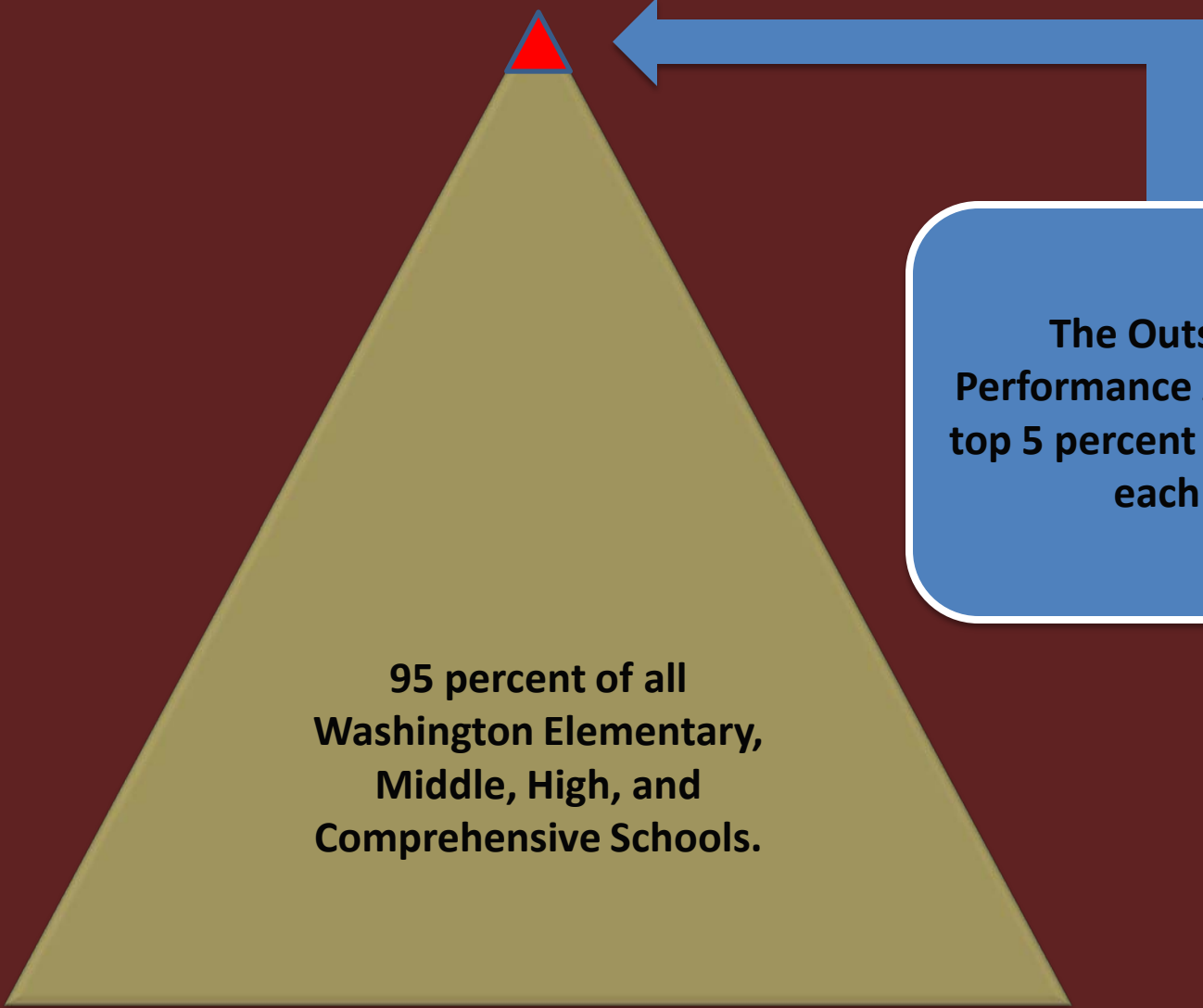


1. Outstanding Overall Achievement

Special Recognition in

2. Language Arts
3. Math
4. Science
5. Extended Graduation Rates
6. Gifted (vs. Peers)
7. Closing the Achievement Gap
8. Improvement

# Outstanding Overall Performance



**95 percent of all  
Washington Elementary,  
Middle, High, and  
Comprehensive Schools.**

**The Outstanding Overall  
Performance Award is given to the  
top 5 percent of all K-12 schools (in  
each grade band)**



# Special Recognition Award

2-year average of 6.00 in language arts, math, science, ext. graduation rate, gifted (among peers)

Indicator	Outcomes					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Ext. Grad. Rate	Average
Non-low income						
Low income						
Achievement vs peers						6.00* for gifted
Improvement						
Average	6.00*	6.00*	6.00*	6.00*	6.00*	Top 5%*

\* Minimum 2-year average rating to earn recognition

# What's New For 2010



# Improvement Award

Indicator	Outcomes					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Ext. Grad. Rate	Average
Non-low income						
Low income						
Achievement vs peers						
Improvement						6.00
Average						

# Socioeconomic Status Gap

Look at difference in average of non-low income and low income rows (yellow cells)

Indicator	Outcomes					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Ext. Grad. Rate	Average
Non-low income						Compare
Low income						
Achievement vs peers						
Improvement						
Average						



# Gap between Race/Ethnic Groups

Give recognition to any school that has minimal difference between the row averages in two consecutive years

Subgroup	Language Arts			Math			Ext Grad			Average
	Met Std	Peers	Imprv	Met Std	Peers	Imprv	Rate	Peers	Imprv	
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	4	4	1	5	4	1	4	4	3.44
Black	3	3	3	1	3	5	1	3	2	2.67
Hispanic	3	4	4	1	4	4	1	4	4	3.22
Pacific Islander	4	4	4	1	5	4	1	4	4	3.44
Multi-Racial	4	4	5	2	4	4	2	4	4	3.67
<b>Average</b>	3.6	3.8	4	1.2	4.2	4.2	1.2	3.8	3.6	<b>3.29</b>
White	5	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	4	3.78
Asian	6	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	3.78
<b>Average</b>	5.50	4.00	4.50	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	<b>4.28</b>

Compare

Enter School Code:	3630				TIER	INDEX RANGE
School		District			Exemplary	7.00-5.50
Example School		Example				5.49-5.00
					Good	4.99-4.00
					Fair	3.99-2.50
					Struggling	2.49-1.00

## Academic Achievement Award in 2009: Overall Excellence and Extended Graduation Rate

## Two-Year Averages

INDICATORS	OUTCOMES					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Grad Rate	Average
Achievement of non-low income students	6.5	7	3.5	3	6.5	5.3
Achievement of low income students	5.5	6.5	2	1.5	6.5	4.4
Achievement vs. peers	4	5	5.5	4.5	6.5	5.1
Improvement from the previous year	5	4.5	4	5.5	.	4.75
Index scores	5.25	5.75	3.75	3.63	6.50	4.91
						Tier: Good

## 2008-2009

INDICATORS	OUTCOMES					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Grad Rate	Average
Achievement of non-low income students	7	7	3	3	6	5.2
Achievement of low income students	6	7	2	2	6	4.6
Achievement vs. peers	4	4	4	4	6	4.4
Improvement from the previous year	5	2	1	4	.	3
Index scores	5.50	5.00	2.50	3.25	6.00	4.37
						Tier: Good

Accountability  
Lookup Tool

# Next Steps



## January 2011

- Achievement Index Results available on OSPI website for verification of data

## February 2011

- Look-up tool online
- Award recipients notified

## April 2011

- Awards Ceremony at location TBD, regional ceremonies at local ESDs

# Questions

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