

Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools

Education YES! – A Yardstick for Excellent Schools and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), under the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), are Michigan's school accountability system. NCLB requires that each state have a single school accountability system that addresses all public schools in the state and that includes AYP in conformance with federal requirements.

Education YES! uses several components that are interlinked to present a complete picture of performance at the school level. Education YES! is a broad set of measures that looks at school performance and looks at student achievement in multiple ways.

Measures of student achievement in Michigan's school accreditation system include:

- Achievement status to measure how well a school is doing in educating its students.
- Achievement change to measure whether student achievement is improving or declining.
- Achievement growth to measure whether students are demonstrating at least one year of academic growth for each year of instruction.
- Indicators of School Performance measure investments that schools are making in improved student achievement, based on indicators that come from research and best practice.

Using Michigan Educational Assessment Plan (MEAP) data, a composite grade is assigned to each school from the individual school score and the school's status in terms of AYP. Once the computations of a school's composite grade for achievement is calculated, an AYP filer is applied. Did the school make AYP? The answer to this question is an additional factor for determining the final composite grade on the report card. For further information you can visit <https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp>.