

ESSA SCHOOL INDEX

Resourcing Parents to be Aware, Engaged and Connected

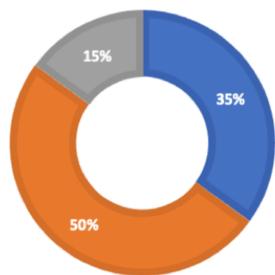
What are and how do I find my school's ESSA School Index and resulting Letter Grade?

The ESSA School Index, Arkansas's state accountability system, produces each school's A-F Letter Grade. You can find these grades at: MySchoolInfo.Arkansas.gov and OfficeForEducationPolicy.org

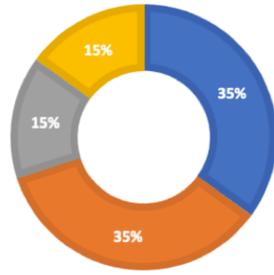
How are the ESSA School Index and Letter Grades determined?

Schools receive points for each student who meets the requirements across four possible measures to produce a school-wide ESSA School Index score.

ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE



HIGH SCHOOL



- Weighted academic achievement (based on ACT test scores)
- Growth in achievement over time and growth in English proficiency for English language learners (based on ACT and ELPA21 test scores)
- Graduation rates (high schools only)
- School Quality and Student Success Indicators (SQSS)

ESSA School Index scores are then translated into a A-F letter grade.

How is the ESSA School Index score translated to the Letter Grade?

Letter grades are determined by the Arkansas ESSA School Index after all the measures are weighted and totaled.

See below chart for ESSA School Index scores and their corresponding letter grades.

Letter Grade	Pre-K - 5th Grade	Grades 6th - 8th	Grades 9th - 12th
A	80.35 ≤ Score	78.37 ≤ Score	75.40 ≤ Score
B	73.47 – 80.34	72.58 – 78.36	69.58 – 75.39
C	65.98 – 73.46	65.93 – 72.57	62.78 – 69.57
D	58.97 – 65.97	56.24 – 65.92	54.48 – 62.77
F	Score ≤ 58.96	Score ≤ 56.23	Score ≤ 54.47

What can I do to improve my student's school experience and in turn improve both my school's ESSA School Index and Letter Grade?

1

Attendance

Attendance is a must! Each time your child is absent less than 5% of the days enrolled, your child:

- Receives more instruction
- Builds better relationships with students and teachers
- Performs better academically

And your school receives points towards their ESSA index.

If possible:

- Schedule doctors appointments after school.
- Schedule family vacations during school breaks.

2

Keep Reading!

The better a child can read, the greater their chances of success in school. Reading is important to all areas of ESSA and as a parent or guardian you can:

- Read to your child and have your child read to you.
- Set aside time to discuss what your child is reading in school and ask questions:
 - Why did the character feel...?
 - What would happen if...?
- Turn everyday experiences into reading opportunities. Ask your child to read labels in the grocery store, street signs while you are driving and words (closed captions) on TV.

3

Stay Connected During High School

High school can easily become a time where you as a parent or guardian become less involved in the specifics of your child's education. However, high school is MOST important to your child's future.

Schedule a meeting at least twice a year with your child's counselor and ask:

- How many absences and tardies does my child have?
- What is my child's current and overall GPA? The closer to 3.0 GPA (or better), the higher the chance of receiving scholarships and assistance.
- How many credits does my child have? Arkansas requires 22 credits to graduate. Each student needs to have more than 5.5 credits after 9th, 11 credits after 10th and 16.5 after 11th grade.
- Encourage your child to take challenging courses. Each child should take at least one Advanced Placement (AP) class during their high school experience.