

6 Things to Know About Academic Progress



What is academic progress?



Academic progress is the comparison of individual student performance from one year to the next, totaled at the elementary and middle school levels for each individual student group. This is calculated separately for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics.

Why is academic progress important?



In order for a student to graduate from high school workplace ready, each student must be making annual progress towards meeting state expectations. Academic progress assists elementary and middle schools to meet student needs to support a student remaining on track to graduate from high school.

Why is Maine tracking academic progress?



The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each state have an accountability system that includes academic growth as an indicator of school progress and success.

Where does the data come from?



Academic progress data comes from the Maine Education Assessments (MEAs). For grades three through eight, this data is from the eMPowerME assessments in mathematics and English language arts (ELA). Academic progress is not calculated at the high school level.

What is Maine's target for success?



Every student who has been in the same elementary or middle school for two years in a row will be included in the progress score. The score represents a comparison of the current year to the previous year, totaled and averaged for the student population. A totaled score of 100 indicates expected annual growth. Progress is calculated for both ELA and math for all individual eligible student groups.

How will it look on the school report card?



The elementary or middle school, as a whole, will receive a performance measure in ELA/literacy and mathematics related to how individual student populations are meeting state expectations for academic progress.