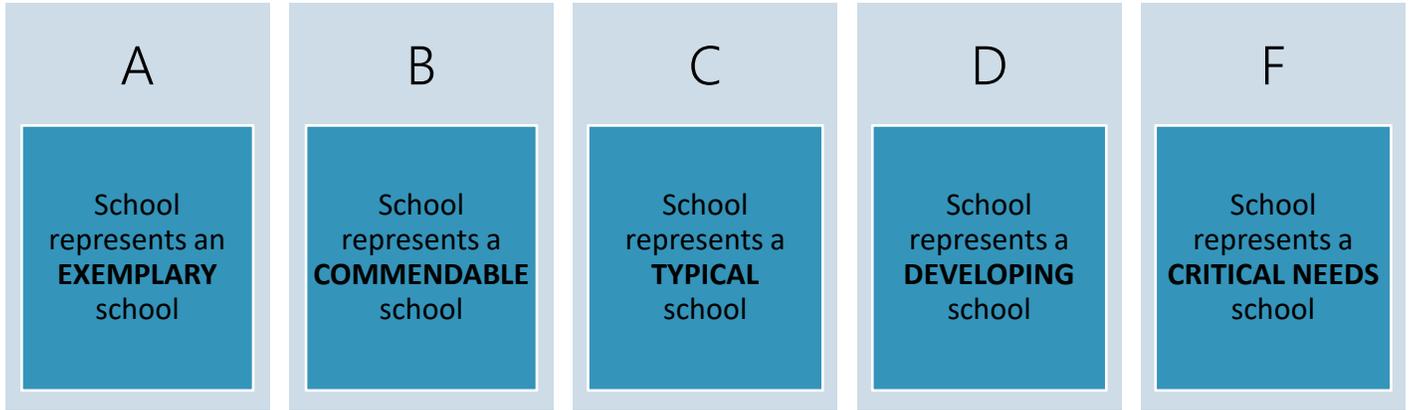


PERFORMANCE THRESHOLDS FOR SCHOOL GRADES



Changing to an absolute grading system

Under the new system, schools will be assigned a letter grade based on individual merit, not how they compare to other schools in the state. The State Board of Education convened a stakeholder group to set criteria for letter grades.

No more moving targets

The old system required letter grade targets to move up if a certain percentage of schools earn As or Bs. The new system sets “performance thresholds” for each letter grade, giving clarity on how to achieve that grade. There will be no limit on how many schools can achieve an A or B.

Elementary and Middle School Cut Scores for School Grades

Performance Level	Threshold Score (out of 150)	% of total points earned
A - Exemplary	94.88	63.25%
B - Commendable	82.5	55.0%
C - Typical	65.25	43.5%
D - Developing	53.25	35.5%
F - Critical Needs	<53.25	--

High School Cut Scores for School Grades

Performance Level	Threshold Score (out of 225)	% of total points earned
A - Exemplary	144	64%
B - Commendable	128.25	57%
C - Typical	103.5	46%
D - Developing	85.5	38%
F - Critical Needs	<85.5	--