

What is the 3x5 Colored Grid?

The Dashboard shows performance of districts, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures that assist in identifying strengths, weaknesses, and areas in need of improvement.

In cases where a school or local educational agency (LEA) has a small student population, or when a student group is very small, the Dashboard uses a 3x5 colored grid to determine performance levels. The 3x5 grid prevents large swings in data that are triggered by the results of a few students, which can lead to an over-identification of schools in the Red and Blue performance levels.

Currently, the 3x5 grid is applied to the following measures, based on the number of students included in the measure:

Chronic Absenteeism

if fewer than 150 students meet the eligible enrollment requirement

Graduation Rate

if fewer than 150 students are in the graduating cohort

Suspension Rate

if fewer than 150 students are cumulatively enrolled

The 3x5 colored grid is created by removing two Change levels (Increased Significantly and Decreased Significantly), thus limiting extreme changes in small student populations.

Levels	Change Declined	Change Maintained	Change Increased
Status Very High	Green	Blue	Blue
Status High	Yellow	Green	Green
Status Medium	Orange	Yellow	Green
Status Low	Orange	Orange	Yellow
Status Very Low	Red	Red	Orange