

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES JANUARY 30, 2013: ACHIEVEMENT COMPONENT

The members of the Accountability Committee (Mike Collins, Stephanie Dodd, C. Todd Jones, Mark Smith with Vice-Chair Bryan Williams and Chair Tom Gunlock) were joined by Mary Rose Oakar and Deborah Cain for the day's discussion on the Achievement component of Ohio's new report card.

Chair Gunlock and Associate Superintendent Tina Thomas-Manning outlined the work to be done that day and previewed topics for upcoming meetings. They also clarified that many parts of the new report card will be discussed, but only a few defined points need decisions at this time. The decisions for this meeting included grading scales for the performance index and performance indicators measures.

Chief Research Officer, Matt Cohen, facilitated a committee discussion on the impact of creating a new weight for students accelerated a grade and who score "advanced" on state assessments. The committee suggested ODE staff run simulations showing the impact of several potential weights. The committee then reviewed simulations of grading scales for the performance index. After a productive discussion, the committee voted unanimously to use the following scale:

- A = 90% - 100%
- B = 80% - 89.9%
- C = 70% - 79.9%
- D = 50% - 69.9%
- F = Below 50%

The committee then reviewed simulations for performance indicators. After an active discussion, the committee voted unanimously to use the same grading scale that was selected for the performance index (see above).

ODE staff, including Acting Superintendent Michael Sawyers, introduced the issue of combining performance measures to create component grades and combining components to create an overall grade. Committee members requested that ODE staff run simulations on various models for the Achievement component that place an emphasis on performance index.

Chair Gunlock reviewed a discussion draft of the new report card design and solicited feedback from the audience. It was decided that stakeholder feedback on the design and other issues would be gathered through the web.

Chair Gunlock and Associate Superintendent Tina Thomas-Manning previewed the work for the next meeting which includes the graduation rate performance measures and legislative recommendations for safe harbor from sanctions caused by Ohio's switch to new assessments. The committee asked the department to run several simulations and create safe harbor options for discussion at the next meeting.