

Academic Performance Framework Guidance Document

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DELAWARE PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK Academic Framework Guidance and Methodology

The Delaware Department of Education's Academic Performance Framework includes measures that allow the authorizer to evaluate a charter school's academic performance or outcomes. Specifically, this section of the framework answers the evaluative question: *Is the academic program a success?* A charter school that meets standards in this area is implementing its academic program effectively, and student learning – the central purpose of every school – is taking place.

For each measure within the Academic Performance Framework, a school receives one of four ratings: *Exceeds Standard, Meets Standard, Does not Meet Standard*, or *Falls Far Below Standard*. This document provides charter schools authorized by the Delaware Department of Education with the methodologies used for each of these measures.

A weighted, cumulative rating on Academic Performance is calculated by taking the school's ratings for each measure and aggregating them into an overall rating. This document also provides the methodology for determining a school's overall rating on the Academic Performance Framework.

Growth Measures

The academic framework has three measures of student growth: 1) the percentage of students making expected growth; 2) the percentage of lowest-performing students making expected growth; and 3) the percentage of students making sufficient growth to achieve or maintain proficiency.

All students are included in the framework growth calculation. School results for fewer than 15 students are not included in the overall ratings.

Measure 1a. Expected Growth (Instructional Scale Score)

Are students making expected growth according to the instructional scale score?

Instructional versus accountability scores

The Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) provides two types of scale scores: instructional and accountability. The instructional score includes both "on-grade" and "cross-grade" questions. The expected growth model uses instructional scale scores instead of accountability scale scores to more accurately analyze growth of high- and low-performing students.

Adjustments for starting performance level and grade level

The data show that on average, students make a different amount of growth based on their starting performance level (their fall DCAS score) and their grade level. Students starting at lower relative proficiency levels typically show more growth than students starting at higher proficiency levels. Expected scale score growth also varies by grade. Students in lower grades typically exhibit higher annual scale score growth than students in upper grades.

Necessary data

These student-level data are necessary for every student in the state:

Fall and spring reading and math instructional scale scores for all charter school students

DDOE-developed student growth target tables for reading and math

Methodology (carried out separately for reading and math)

Step 1: Using the DDOE state growth tables, identify each student's target spring instructional scale score based on the grade, subject, and starting (fall) score. Schools also have access to DSARA through IMS. This application tracks growth measures and allows for schools to monitor progress against this particular measure.

Step 2: Evaluate whether each student's actual spring score meets or exceeds the target. (Starting in 2011–12, students have two opportunities to take the spring assessment. The higher of the two scores should be used in all calculations.)

- Separate targets are provided for students with disabilities (SWD) and English-language learners (ELL). SWD targets are used for students who are identified as both SWD and ELL.
- All students who are categorized as advanced (PL4) in the spring are automatically considered to have met their growth target.
- Step 3: Calculate the percentage of students who met growth targets for reading and math.
- Step 4: Apply targets (see below).

Targets

Rating categories are assigned based on the percentage of students meeting growth targets and can be found in the <u>Academic Charter Performance Framework</u>:

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	The school has at least 80 percent of all students meeting their growth targets in each
	tested subject and grade of the State Assessment.
Meets Standard	The school has between 60 and 79 percent of all students meeting their growth targets
	in each tested subject and grade of the State Assessment.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school has between 40 and 59 percent of all students meeting their growth targets
	in each tested subject and grade of the State Assessment.
Falls Far Below Standard	The school has less than 40 percent of all students meeting their growth targets in each
	tested subject and grade of the State Assessment.

Measure 1b. Expected Growth of Lowest-Performing Students

Are the lowest-performing students in the school making expected growth?

The framework includes an evaluation of growth of the lowest-performing students in each grade of the charter school, based on the fall instructional scale score. The method is identical to that laid out in measure 1a above, but applied to the lowest-performing students in the charter school.

Necessary data

These student-level data are necessary for every student in the state:

- Fall and spring reading and math instructional scale scores for all charter school students
- DDOE-developed student growth target tables for reading and math

Methodology (carried out separately for reading and math)

Step 1: For **each grade** in the charter school, identify the lowest-performing quartile of students, <u>based on fall instructional DCAS score</u>. This can be calculated at the school level by rank sorting students by fall instructional scale score, dividing the total number of students in each grade level by 4, thus identifying the bottom quartile. If there is more than one student with the instructional scale score at the 25th percentile, all students with that score are assigned to the bottom quartile.

Step 2: Using the DDOE state growth tables, identify each student's target spring instructional scale score based on the grade, subject, and starting (fall) score.

Step 3: For each student identified as being in the lowest quartile in the school, evaluate whether his actual spring score meets or exceeds the target.

- Separate targets are provided for students with disabilities (SWD) and English-language learners (ELL). SWD targets are used for students who are identified as both SWD and ELL.
- All students who are categorized as PL4 in the spring are automatically considered to have met their growth target.
- **Step 4:** Calculate the percentage of lowest-performing students in the charter school who met growth targets.

Step 5: Apply targets.

Targets Rating categories are assigned based on the percentage of lowest-performing students meeting growth targets:

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	The school has at least 80 percent of students in the lowest quartile of performance
	meeting their growth targets in each tested subject and grade of the State Assessment.
Meets Standard	The school has between 60 and 79 percent of students in the lowest quartile of
	performance meeting their growth targets in each tested subject and grade of the State
	Assessment.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school has between 40 and 59 percent of students in the lowest quartile of
	performance meeting their growth targets in each tested subject and grade of the State
	Assessment.
Falls Far Below Standard	The school has less than 40 percent of students in the lowest quartile of performance
	meeting their growth targets in each tested subject and grade of the State Assessment.

Measure 1c. Growth-to-Proficiency

Are students making enough annual growth to maintain or achieve proficiency status?

It is essential to determine whether students are on track to reach or maintain proficiency in a reasonable period of time. Measure 1c, growth-to-proficiency, evaluates the percentage of students making positive growth in the current year that is sufficient to reach or maintain proficiency within the next three years or by the end of 10th grade, whichever is sooner.

Necessary data

Five data elements are used in the growth-to-proficiency calculations:

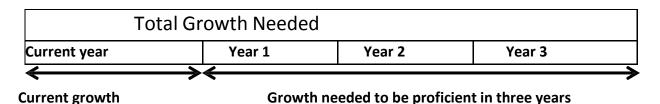
- Fall and spring accountability scale score (reading and math) for all students in the state
- Proficiency level (reading and math) for all students in the state
- Grade levels for all students in the state
- Historic scale score gain by grade and subject (if available)
- Proficiency cut-points for all grades and subjects

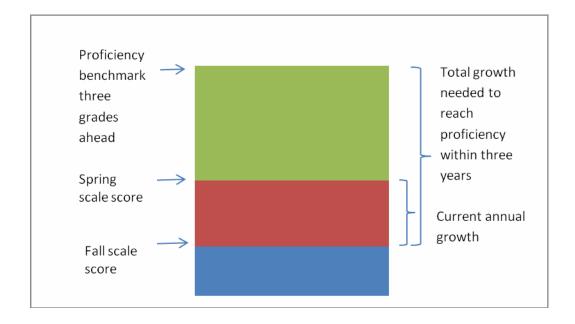
Methodology (carried out separately for reading and math)

The methodology involves four sets of calculations, each involving several steps. Each calculation is described below.

Calculation 1. Total growth needed (TGN) for each student in the state. The TGN is the amount of growth needed to become proficient in each subject within three years of the spring DCAS or by the end of 10th grade, whichever is sooner. The entire period covers four academic years, from the fall of the current year to the spring three years out from the current year. For example, the TGN for a fourth- grader would be the amount of growth needed to be proficient by the end of seventh grade—the seventh-grade proficiency cut point minus the student's fourth-grade fall score.

Table 1. Total growth needed (represented visually in two different formats)





Calculation 2. **Expected growth for the current year.** As mentioned earlier, data show that all students do not make equal growth on the DCAS from fall to spring. Students tend to demonstrate more growth in the lower grades, and less in the upper grades. To account for non-linear growth, the approach calculates how much growth students should make in a given year using a three-step process:

Step 1. Determine expected growth for the current year. For 2012-13, "expected growth" was calculated using the average DCAS growth over three years (2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13) for each grade level. Table 2 below shows the combined average growth for 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13. (As more years of data become available, the expected growth targets in tables 2 and 3 will be updated and refined to account for year-to- year shifts in performance.)

Table 2. Average growth by grade—2010–11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 average

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Average Scale Score Growth from Fall to Spring— Reading	69	51	50	36	33	34	28	26
Average Scale Score Growth from Fall to Spring—Math	89	71	62	52	41	42	34	28

Step 2. Divide the expected growth in the current year by the expected growth of the "whole period." The whole period refers to the current year plus three years, or 10th grade. For grades 3 through 7 the "whole period" is a four-year period. For eighth grade, it is a three-year period. For ninth grade, it is a two-year period, and for 10th grade, it is a one-year period.

As Table 3 shows, a third-grader would be expected to increase his reading scale score by 198 (67+50+47+34) points by the time he finishes sixth grade—the end of his "whole period." The column "Average Score Gain from Fall to Spring" from Table 3 also shows that, on average, students are expected to make more growth in third grade than in fourth, fifth', or sixth grade—67 points in reading compared with 50, 47, or 34 points, respectively. So a third-grader would be expected to make about 34 percent of the growth he will make on the DCAS over the whole period by the end of the third grade.

Table 3. Growth target—Expected growth in the current year divided by expected growth in the "whole period"

Grade	Rea	ding		Mathematics			
	Average Score Gain from Fall to Spring	Percentage of Growth No Reach Proficiency within or by 10 th Grade (Growth Target)	3 Years	Average Score Gain from Fall to Spring	Percentage of Growth M Reach Proficiency wit Years or by 10 th Grad (Growth Target)	hin 3	
3	69	69/(69+51+50+36) =	33%	89	89/(89+71+62+52) =	33%	
4	51	51/(51+50+36+33) =	30%	71	71/(71+62+52+41) =	31%	
5	50	50/(50+36+33+34) =	33%	62	62/(62+52+41+42) =	31%	
6	36	36/(36+33+34+28) =	28%	52	52/(52+41+42+34) =	31%	
7	33	33/(33+34+28+26) =	27%	41	41/(41+42+34+28) =	28%	
8	34	34/(34+28+26) =	39%	42	42/(42+34+28) =	40%	
9	28	28/(28+26) =	52%	34	34/(34+28) =	55%	
10	26	26/26 =	100%	28	28/28 =	100%	

Calculation 3. Determine whether a student made positive and sufficient growth in the current year.

Calculate current growth by subtracting the fall accountability scale score from the spring accountability scale score.

- a. If the student is categorized as PL4 in the spring, the student is automatically considered to have shown sufficient growth.
- b. If the student is categorized as PL1, PL2, or PL3 and shows negative growth, the student is not considered to have shown sufficient growth.
- c. If the student is categorized as PL1, PL2, or PL3 **and** shows positive growth:
- **Step 1.** Divide the current growth by the TGN to calculate percentage of growth attained. **Step 2.** Compare percentage of growth attained to the growth target from Table 3, based on grade and subject.
- **Step 3.** If the percentage of growth attained is equal to or greater than the growth target, then the student has made positive and sufficient growth.

Calculation 4. Roll-up results for the school. For each school, calculate the percentage of students who are categorized as PL 4 in the spring or are making positive and sufficient growth in each subject to be proficient in three years or by 10th grade.

Calculation 5. Apply targets to assign rating category.

Targets

Rating categories are assigned based on the percentage of students making sufficient growth:

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	The percentage of students making growth sufficient to maintain or achieve proficiency in three years or by 10 th grade meets or exceeds 90 percent.
Meets Standard	The percentage of students making growth sufficient to maintain or achieve proficiency in three years or by 10 th grade is between 70 and 89 percent.
Does Not Meet Standard	The percentage of students making growth sufficient to maintain or achieve proficiency in three years or by 10 th grade is between 50 and 69 percent.
Falls Far Below Standard	The percentage of students making growth sufficient to maintain or achieve proficiency in three years or by 10 th grade falls below 50 percent.

Considerations

The expected growth values used for the trial run were based on three years of DCAS testing. As more years of data become available, the expected growth targets in tables 2 and 3 will be updated and refined.

Status Measures

Only AYP students are included in the framework status (proficiency) calculation. School results for fewer than 30 students are not included in the overall ratings.

Measure 2a. Proficiency

Are students achieving proficiency on state examinations in math and reading?

Since proficiency rates vary by grade level statewide, the framework weights the statewide average school proficiency rate by grade-level enrollment at the charter school. For example, a charter school that serves grades 3–8 would be compared to the percentage of students in schools statewide in grades 3–8 that score proficient on the DCAS, with each grade "counting" in proportion to the fraction of all students enrolled in that grade at the charter school. For an example of weighting by grade-level enrollment, see Table 4.

Necessary data

- Proficiency rate on the spring DCAS, by grade, for all schools in the state
- Charter schools' number of students tested on the spring DCAS, by grade
- Statewide average school proficiency rate by grade

Methodology (carried out separately for reading and math)

Step 1. Calculate the charter school's average proficiency rate.

Step 2. Calculate the statewide average school proficiency rate, **weighted to the charter school's grade-level enrollment** to account for any grade-level growth differences. For example, if 27 percent of students who took the DCAS at the charter school are in the third grade, third-grade state results will count for 27 percent of the weighted state average used in comparison to that charter school.

To calculate a weighted state average for a charter school, the model multiplies the state average for each grade level by the charter school enrollment at each grade level. The products are then summed and divided by the total charter school enrollment (see Table 4). The result is a state average that reflects the enrollment of the charter school.

Table 4. Example of weighting the state results to grade-level number tested for a charter school serving only grades 6, 7, and 8

Grade	Number Tested at Charter School	Percentage of Students Proficient Statewide		
3	0	77%		
4	0	77%		
5	0	75%		
6	125	68%		
7	112	71%		
8	50	75%		
9	0	73%		
10	0	72%		
Total	287			

State average weighted to charter enrollment = 70%

- **Step 3**. Calculate the difference between the charter school's average proficiency rate and the weighted state proficiency rate.
- **Step 4**. Compare the charter school's average proficiency rate to the 90th and the 20th percentiles of performance statewide:
- 1. Rank schools across the state by proficiency rate for each grade. For each grade level, the model ranks all of the schools in the state to identify the proficiency rate at the 90th and 20th percentiles of schools statewide. For example, if 100 schools enroll students in the third grade, the model lists all of those schools by their proficiency rate, and identifies the proficiency rate for the school at the 90th percentile (the 90th-highest proficiency rate in the state) and the 20th percentile (the 20th-highest proficiency rate in the state). The model repeats the same process for every grade.
- 2. Calculate a weighted average proficiency rate at the 90th and 20th percentiles by weighting the state proficiency rate to the grade-level charter school enrollment (see Table 4).

Step 5. Apply targets

Targets

The model assigns rating categories based on two factors: 1) the difference between the school's proficiency rate on the DCAS and the weighted state average proficiency rate, and 2) comparison to proficiency rates at the 90th and 20th percentile rankings.

Rating Category	Target Description					
Exceeds Standard	School's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math falls in the top 10					
	percent of statewide performance.					
Meets Standard	School's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math meets or exceeds the statewide average student performance of schools serving the same grades, and					
	meets or exceeds the statewide Annual Measureable Objective (AMO) for all students but falls below the 90 th percentile of statewide performance.					
Does Not Meet Standard	School's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math is less than the statewide average student performance of schools serving the same grades, but is above the 20 th percentile of statewide performance.					
Falls Far Below Standard	School's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math falls in the bottom 20 percent of statewide performance of schools.					

Measure 2b. Subgroup Proficiency

Are students in demographic subgroups achieving proficiency on state examinations in math and reading?

The framework compares the proficiency rates of low-performing subgroups within the school to the proficiency rates of students in the same subgroups statewide. The framework evaluates performance of racial/ethnic groups as well as Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL), English Language Learners (ELL), and students with disabilities (SWD), if 30 or more students with a particular subgroup characteristic are tested at the charter school.

Necessary data

- School subgroup proficiency rates in reading and math for all eligible subgroups (30 or more students)
- Grade-level subgroup number tested for charter school
- State subgroup proficiency rates of all students by grade level

Methodology (carried out separately for reading and math)

- **Step 1.** Determine whether there are any eligible subgroups in the school. To be eligible, more than 30 students in a subgroup must be enrolled at the charter school.
- Step 2. Calculate the charter school's average proficiency rate for each eligible subgroup.
- **Step 3**. Weight the state average school subgroup proficiency rate by the grade-level number tested at the charter school (see Table 4 in measure 2a for details).
- **Step 4**. Calculate the difference between the charter school's average subgroup proficiency rate and the weighted state subgroup proficiency rate.
- **Step 5**. Compare the charter school's average subgroup proficiency rate to the subgroup proficiency at the 90th and the 20th percentiles statewide for the relevant subgroup:
- 1. Rank schools across the state by subgroup proficiency rate for each grade. For each grade level, the model ranks all of the schools in the state to identify the subgroup proficiency rate at the 90th and 20th percentiles of schools statewide. For example, if 100 schools enroll more than 30 FRL students in the third grade, the model lists all of those schools by their FRL proficiency rate, and identifies the FRL proficiency rate for the school at the 90th percentile (the 90th-highest proficiency rate in the state) and the 20th percentile. The model repeats the same process for every grade.
- 2. Calculate a weighted average subgroup proficiency rate for the 90th and 20th percentiles by weighting the state subgroup averages to the grade-level charter school enrollment (see Table 4).

Step 6. Apply targets.

Targets

The framework uses the difference between the school's and weighted state subgroup proficiency rates, and comparison to the subgroup proficiency rates at the 90th and 20th percentiles across the state, to assign the following categories:

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	School's average subgroup proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math falls in the top 10 percent of statewide subgroup average student performance.
Meets Standard	School's average subgroup proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math meets or exceeds the statewide subgroup average student performance of schools serving the same grades, and meets or exceeds the statewide AMO for subgroups but falls below the 90 th percentile of statewide subgroup performance.
Does Not Meet Standard	School's average subgroup proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math is less than the statewide subgroup average student performance of schools serving the same grades, but is above the 20 th percentile of statewide subgroup performance.
Falls Far Below Standard	School's average subgroup proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math falls in the bottom 20 percent of statewide subgroup average student performance.

Measure 2c. District Proficiency Comparison

Are students performing well on state examinations in math and reading in comparison to other schools in the district?

The framework compares charter school proficiency rates to the average proficiency rate of the district in which the school physically resides, weighted by grade-level enrollment at the charter school (see Table 4 in measure 2a above for an example of the weighting methodology).

Necessary data

- Proficiency rates in reading and math by grade for all schools in the district
- Number of students tested by grade
- District average reading and math proficiency rates by grade

Methodology (carried out separately for reading and math)

- **Step 1**. Calculate school average proficiency rate.
- **Step 2**. Weight the district average proficiency rate for grade-level enrollment at the charter school (see Table 4).
- **Step 3**. Calculate the difference between the school and weighted district proficiency rates.
- **Step 4**. Apply targets.

Targets

To determine a school's target category, the framework considers the difference between the school's proficiency rate on the DCAS and the weighted district average proficiency rate:

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	The charter school's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math exceeds the
	average proficiency rate of the district by 15 or more percentage points, or the district
	average proficiency rate is 85 percent or greater and the charter school's average
	proficiency rate exceeds it.
Meets Standard	The charter school's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math meets or
	exceeds the average proficiency rate of the district by between 1 and 14 percentage
	points, or both the charter school and district average proficiency rates are 85 percent
	or greater, but the charter school's average proficiency rate does not exceed the
	district's.
Does Not Meet Standard	The charter school's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math is less than
	the average student performance of students in the home district in the same grades
	by 1 to 14 percentage points.
Falls Far Below Standard	The charter school's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math is less than
	the average student performance of students in the home district in the same grades
	by 15 or more percentage points.

Note: Values are rounded up; i.e., 14.5 percentage points would round to 15.

Considerations

Although the previous measures use a calculation of state ranking (percentiles) to assign the highest and lowest rating categories, the district comparison does not lend itself to a similar approach. In a district with a small number of schools, it may be difficult or impossible to assign a meaningful ranking to the charter school. For example, a charter school that ranks second when compared with a district composed of four schools would receive a high percentile ranking. This ranking would not be as valid as a comparison made to hundreds of schools in a larger district. As a result, the "exceeds" and "falls far below" categories are defined by the size of the difference between the charter school's performance and the home district's performance. The framework defines the categories in increments of 15 percentage points.

Measure 2d. Similar Schools Proficiency Comparison

Are students performing well on state examinations in math and reading in comparison to similar schools in the state?

The framework compares student performance at the charter school to student performance at similar schools serving the same grade levels and students with similar characteristics.

Necessary data

• Student-level proficiency rates for math and reading for all students in the state, with school assignment, grade level, race/ethnicity, and FRL, ELL, and SPED designation.

Methodology

Calculation of Composite Similar School

The revised methodology compares student performance at the charter school to student performance at a "composite" school with a statistically similar population. The composite similar school is created by matching and aggregating student-level data for students statewide with similar characteristics. We found this methodology to be much more accurate than identifying actual schools that were similar to each charter school in student population, as composite schools are constructed based on the unique demographic characteristics of each charter school.

Step 1. For each charter school, calculate the number of students, by grade, with each combination of race and ELL, FRL, and SPED status.

Table 5. Example of number of tested students for a hypothetical school with tested grades 3rd through 5th and the specific demographic subgroups shown in the table below:

Student Characteristics				Numbe	r Tested k	y Grade-	-Charter	School			
Race	SPED	FRL	ELL	3rd	4th	5 th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Hispanic	Yes	Yes	No	8	10	12	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	No	No	Yes	124	100	98	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	No	Yes	Yes	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Afr Amer	No	Yes	No	25	16	15	0	0	0	0	0
Afr Amer	Yes	Yes	No	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
White	No	No	No	10	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
White	Yes	No	No	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	No	Yes	No	107	137	122	0	0	0	0	0
Total	Total students—812			288	269	255	0	0	0	0	0

Step 2. Using statewide student-level records, calculate the statewide proficiency rate for students meeting each combination of subgroup designations.

Table 6. Example of statewide average proficiency rates by grade and demographic subgroup for the same hypothetical school:

Student Characteristics			Statewide Average Proficiency for Similar Students			
Race	SPED	FRL	ELL	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Hispanic	Yes	Yes	No	40%	37%	42%
Hispanic	No	No	Yes	73%	54%	29%
Hispanic	No	Yes	Yes	57%	44%	41%
African American	No	Yes	No	68%	70%	64%
African American	Yes	Yes	No	39%	35%	32%
White	No	No	No	94%	95%	93%
White	Yes	No	No	72%	68%	64%
White	No	Yes	No	87%	88%	85%

Note: The example charter school enrolls only 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, so only statewide results for these grades will be included in the composite school.

Step 3. Multiply each proficiency rate calculated in step 2 by the corresponding enrollment number from step 1.

Example:

$$(40\%*8) + (73\%*124) + (57\%*4) + (68\%*25) + (39\%*7) + (94\%*10) + (72\%*3) + (87\%*107) + (37\%*10) + (54\%*100) + (44\%*1) + (70\%*16) + (35\%*1) + (95\%*3) + (68\%*1) + (88\%*137) + (42\%*12) + (29\%*98) + (41\%*2) + (64\%*15) + (32\%*1) + (93\%*5) + (64\%*0) + (85\%*122) = 567$$

Step 4. Divide the product calculated in step 3 by the total number of students in the charter school to calculate the composite proficiency rate.

Example:

567 divided by 812 = **70**%

Step 5. Apply targets to determine rating category.

Targets

The framework compares the charter school's proficiency rate to the *average proficiency rate* of the composite similar school.

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	The charter school's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math
	exceeds the average proficiency rate of the composite similar school by 15 or
	more percentage points, or the composite similar school average proficiency
	rate is 85 percent or greater and the charter school's average proficiency rate
	exceeds it.
Meets Standard	The charter school's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math meets
	or exceeds the average proficiency rate of the similar school composite by
	between 1 and 14 percentage points, <i>or</i> both the charter school and composite
	similar school average proficiency rates are 85 percent or greater, but the
	charter school's average proficiency rate does not exceed that of the composite
	similar school.
Does Not Meet Standard	The charter school's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math is less
	than the average proficiency rate of the composite similar school by 1 to 14
	percentage points.
Falls Far Below Standard	The charter school's average proficiency rate on DCAS reading and math is less
	than the average proficiency rate of the composite similar school by 15 or more
	percentage points.

Considerations

As was the case for the district comparison, the "exceeds" and "falls far below" categories for the similar schools comparison are defined by the size of the difference between the charter school's performance and the performance of similar schools. The framework defines the categories in increments of 15 percentage points.

State and Federal Accountability

Measure 3a. AYP

Did the school make AYP?

The trial run included AYP designations for the 2010–11 and 2011–12 school years. Delaware has been granted an ESEA waiver, so the calculations used to determine AYP will change, but each school will continue to receive an annual AYP designation.

Necessary data

• The charter school's AYP rating (either "below target" or "met target") for the most recent year available.

Methodology

Step 1. Collect the charter school's AYP designation.

Step 2. Apply targets.

Targets

There are only two possible rating categories for the AYP measure.

Rating Category	Target Description/Criteria
Meets Standard	School meets Delaware AYP target.
Does Not Meet Standard	School is below Delaware AYP target.

Note: For calculation of the school's overall rating on the Academic Performance Framework report, a scoring value of "exceeds standard" is utilized for schools that achieve a "Meets AYP" designation to ensure that the maximum number of points is earned by the school.

Post-Secondary Readiness

Measure 4a. SAT Scores

Does students' performance on the SAT reflect college readiness?

Necessary data

- May 1 enrollment data for charter schools
- Student level SAT results for two prior years

Methodology

SAT results and participation were analyzed by DDOE staff for the classes of 2011 and 2012. Using the May 1 enrollment files, DDOE staff reported the number of students achieving the benchmark score of 1550. Student enrollment is based on data in DELSIS, and the test score is based on data in the Standard Test Mart database. For each class, two years of SAT results were included:

- For the class of 2012, SAT files for school years 2012 and 2011 were queried for participation and scores
- For the class of 2011, SAT files for school years 2011 and 2010 were queried for participation and scores
- If a student took the SAT or SAT11 more than once, they will only be counted once and the highest score prevails.

May enrollment files were used in order to provide an enrollment denominator as close to the end of the school year as possible rather than the September numbers reported on school profiles. This approach ensures that students enrolling subsequent to September that take the SAT are included in the denominator.

NOTE: During April of 2011 and 2012, the state of Delaware funded a school-day administration of the SAT to every public school 11th grader in the state. If the funding for the state-wide SAT day for all juniors goes away, then a measure that involves the percentage of the senior class takes the SAT by graduation will be added to the performance measure as 4.b.

Targets

The framework targets are based upon national benchmark scores associated with college success (see the main section of the guidance for additional information.)

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	More than 60 percent of students score a combined SAT score of 1550.
Meets Standard	40 to 59 percent of students score a combined SAT score of 1550.
Does Not Meet Standard	20 to 39 percent of students score a combined SAT score of 1550.
Falls Far Below Standard	Fewer than 20 percent of students score a combined SAT score of 1550.

Measure 4b. Graduation Rates

Are students graduating from high school?

Due to the adjustment of the reporting window for graduation rate, the data used in this measure is on a one year lag until reporting mechanisms change to allow graduation rate to be reported to the DDOE earlier. Currently, the 2012 Academic Performance Framework, which covers 2011-2012 school year, will report the 2011 graduation rate for this measure, the 2013 report will use the 2012 graduation rate, etc.

Necessary data

Four-year graduation rate

Targets (on next page)

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	2011–12: At least 92 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2012–13: At least 94 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2013–14: At least 95 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2014–15: At least 97 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2015–16: At least 98 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2016–17 forward: At least 99 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
Meets Standard	2011–12: 84 percent to 91 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2012–13: 86 percent to 93 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2013–14: 87 percent to 94 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2014–15: 89 percent to 96 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2015–16: 90 percent to 97 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2016–17 forward: 92 percent to 98 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school year.
Does Not Meet Standard	2011–12: 74 percent to 83 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
boes Not Wicet Standard	school year.
	2012–13: 76 percent to 85 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2013–14: 78 percent to 86 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2014–15: 80 percent to 88 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2015–16: 81 percent to 89 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.
	2016–17 forward: 83 percent to 91 percent of students graduated from high school in the
	current school year.
Falls Far Below Standard	2011–12: Less than 74 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2012–13: Less than 76 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2013–14: Less than 78 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2014–15: Less than 80 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2015–16: Less than 81 percent of students graduated from high school in the current school
	year.
	2016–17 forward: Less than 83 percent of students graduated from high school in the current
	school year.

MISSION-SPECIFIC ACADEMIC GOALS (OPTIONAL)

Is the school meeting mission-specific academic goals?

Note: Charter schools must submit mission-specific academic goals and targets to DDOE for review and approval. Please contact the DDOE Charter School Office for details.

Methodology

Student performance against these mission-specific academic goals and targets will be evaluated and aggregated to an overall rating for this measure.

Targets:

Rating Category	Target Description
Exceeds Standard	School surpasses its mission-specific academic goals.
Meets Standard	School met its mission-specific academic goals.
Does Not Meet Standard	School met at least 50 percent of its mission-specific academic goals.
Falls Far Below Standard	School met fewer than 50 percent of its mission-specific academic goals.

Weighting the Framework:

Each measure of the Academic Performance Framework is weighted to calculate a total of 100%. Charter schools have the option of including a mission-specific goal in their Academic Performance Framework. Should a charter school choose not to include a mission-specific goal, the weighting for the Academic Performance Framework is shown in the table below:

Table 7: Without mission-specific goals

Measure	Weight – Elementary and Middle School	Weight – High School
1a Growth measure	17.5%	15%
1b Growth measure – lowest quartile	15%	12.5%
1c Growth to proficiency	17.5%	12.5%
2a Overall proficiency	17.5%	17.5%
2b Subgroup proficiency	17.5%	12.5%
2c Proficiency comparison – district in which school resides	5%	5%
2d Proficiency comparison – statistically similar school	5%	5%
3a AYP	5%	5%
For High Schools only:		
4a SAT	N/A	5%
4b Graduation rate	N/A	10%
5 Mission-specific measure (optional)	N/A	N/A

Should a charter school choose to include a mission-specific goal, the weighting for the Academic Performance Framework is shown in the table below:

Table 8: With mission-specific goals

Measure	Weight — Elementary and Middle School	Weight – High School
1a Growth measure	15%	12.5%
1b Growth measure – lowest quartile	15%	12.5%
1c Growth to proficiency	15%	10%
2a Overall proficiency	15%	15%
2b Subgroup proficiency	15%	10%
2c Proficiency comparison – district in which school resides	5%	5%
2d Proficiency comparison – statistically similar school	5%	5%
За АҮР	5%	5%
For High Schools only:		
4a SAT	N/A	5%
4b Graduation rate	N/A	10%
5 Mission-specific measure (optional)	10%	10%

Calculating the Overall Rating for the Academic Performance Framework

Scoring

Each measure in the Academic Framework results in a rating according to four target categories: exceeds standard, meets standard, below standard, and far below standard. Points are assigned to the school according to the target categories as follows:

Exceeds Standard	100
Meets Standard	75
Does Not Meet Standard	50
Falls Far Below Standard	25

For example:

School A, which serves grades 9-12, chose not to include a mission-specific goal in its framework. This is School A's overall rating:

	Percentage of Students Meeting State Growth Targets		Percentage of Students in Bottom Quartile Meeting State Growth Targets		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		Proficiency		Subgroup		District Comp		Similar Schools (Virtual Method)		АУР	SAT	Graduation Rate (Class of 2011)	Overall Rating
	Measi	Measure 1a		Measure 1b		Measure 1c		Measure 2a		Measure 2b		Measure 2c		Measure 2d				
School Name	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Measure 3a	Mesure 4a	ivieasure 40	
School A	D	D	M	M	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	М	F	D	M	D	М	D

Step 1: Ratings for each measure are converted to points as shown in the table below

Convert Rating to	Points														
1a	1b	:	1c	2	a	2	b	2	c	2	d	3a	4a	4b	5a
Expected Growth-Math Expected Growth-ELA	Expected Growth-Bottom 25%-Math	rowth to Pr	Growth to Proficiency- ELA	Proficiency - Math	Proficiency - ELA	Subgroup –Math	Subgroup-ELA	District Comp - Math	District Comp - ELA	Similar Schools - Math	Similar Schools - ELA	АУР	SAT	Graduation Rate	Mission-Specific
50 50	75	75 50	50	50	50	50	50	50	75	25	50	100	50	75	NA

Step 2: Multiply points earned by weight of each measure (note that math and ELA each comprise half of the total weight of each measure – see weighting tables above)

:	1a	1	.b	1	.c	7	2a		!b	2c		2d		2d		3a	4a	4b	5a	
Expected Growth- Math	Expected Growth-ELA	Expected Growth- Bottom 25%-Math	Growth- Bottom		Growth to Proficiency- ELA		Proficiency - ELA	Subgroup -Math	Subgroup- ELA		District Comp - ELA	Similar Schools - Math	Similar Schools - ELA	АҮР	SAT	Graduation Rate		Total points		
3.8	3.8	4.7	4.7	3.1	3.1	4.4	4.4	3.1	3.1	1.3	1.9	0.6	1.3	5.0	2.5	7.5		58.1		

Step 3: Compare the total points earned by the school in Step 2 to the total possible points for each measure (shown in the table below):

Total Possible Points

	1a	1)	1	lc		2a	2	b	2	2c	2	2d	3a	4a	4b	5a	
																		Total possible
																		points
		Expected	Expected															
Expected	Expected	Growth-			Growth to					District	District	Similar	Similar					
Growth-	Growth-	Bottom 25%-	Bottom	Proficiency-	Proficiency-	Proficiency	Proficiency -	Subgroup	Subgroup-	Comp -	Comp -	Schools -	Schools -			Graduation	Mission-	
Math	ELA	Math	25%-ELA	Math	ELA	- Math	ELA	–Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	AYP	SAT	Rate	Specific	
7.5	7.5	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	8.75	8.75	6.25	6.25	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	5	5	10	0	100

School A earned a total of 58.1 points out of a possible 100 total points. The following ranges are used in the aggregation of all measures to the school-level overall score:

Exceeds Standard	89-100
Meets Standard	63-88
Does Not Meet Standard	39-62
Falls Far Below Standard	Below 39

A score of 58.1 falls between 39 and 62, therefore the school earned an overall rating of "Does Not Meet Standard".

Notes:

If results for an individual measure are missing, then the weight of that measure is redistributed within the indicator. For example, if subgroup results (measure 2b) are missing for an elementary school without mission specific goals, the weight (17.5%) would be redistributed to the remaining proficiency measures so that the overall weight given to the status indicator remains 45%.

If two or more entire indicators are missing, the school will not receive an overall rating.

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For each measure, a school receives one of four ratings:

Exceeds Standard
Meets Standard
Does Not Meet Standard
Falls Far Below Standard
*Grey shading indicates that the number of students
tested was insufficient to include results in the overall
ratings; results are presented but not included in
overall school rating.

Rating targets for each measure may be referenced on the attached Academic Performance Framework.

Each measure is weighted to provide an overall cumulative rating for the school on Academic Performance. School performance on each measure is presented below.

1. STUDENT PROGRESS OVER TIME (GROWTH)

Measure 1a. Are students meeting their fall to spring instructional scale score growth targets?

Percentage of Students Meeting Growth Targets

Subject	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Math	38.5%	41.3%	66.7%
ELA	27.4%	44.2%	55.0%

Measure 1b. Are lowest-performing students in the school meeting their fall to spring instructional scale score growth targets?

Percentage of Students in the Lowest Quartile Meeting Growth Targets

Subject	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Math	62.7%	43.9%	63.2%
ELA	36.0%	43.6%	61.8%

Measure 1c. Are students making enough annual growth to maintain or achieve proficiency status within 3 years or by 10th grade?

Percentage of Students Making Sufficient Growth

Subject	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Math	59.0%	61.0%	78.5%
ELA	41.1%	62.1%	74.8%

2. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (STATUS)

Measure 2a. Are students achieving proficiency on state examinations in math and reading?

School Proficiency Scores, State Averages and Percentiles

Subject and Year	School Prof %	State Average	State 90th Percentile	State 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	37.1%	63.5%	84.7%	46.2%
Math, 2011-12	52.9%	74.5%	92.2%	58.5%
Math, 2012-13	58.4%	66.6%	92.8%	50.1%
ELA, 2010-11	27.6%	61.9%	82.6%	47.1%
ELA, 2011-12	48.5%	75.6%	92.6%	60.2%
ELA, 2012-13	54.1%	69.5%	93.2%	55.1%

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 70.0% for Reading and 70.2% for Mathematics

Measure 2b. Are students in demographic subgroups achieving proficiency on state examinations in math and reading?

Low Socio-Economic Status

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	35.5%	52.6%	77.7%	37.4%
Math, 2011-12	53.0%	65.8%	87.2%	51.3%
Math, 2012-13	58.2%	59.9%	86.5%	44.1%
ELA, 2010-11	27.0%	50.4%	74.6%	38.4%
ELA, 2011-12	47.4%	66.7%	89.4%	54.3%
ELA, 2012-13	53.1%	62.6%	88.6%	48.8%

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 59.2% for Reading and 60.0% for Mathematics.

Students with Disabilities

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	10.4%	24.3%	58.4%	7.3%
Math, 2011-12	29.6%	36.9%	77.1%	14.1%
Math, 2012-13	31.7%	45.9%	81.2%	24.2%
ELA, 2010-11	7.0%	22.0%	54.0%	3.7%
ELA, 2011-12	18.8%	36.3%	78.5%	14.4%
ELA, 2012-13	22.2%	46.7%	80.5%	24.0%

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 41.4% for Reading and 41.8% for Mathematics.

English Language Learners

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	***	NA	NA	NA
Math, 2011-12	***	NA	NA	NA
Math, 2012-13	**	NA	NA	NA
ELA, 2010-11	***	NA	NA	NA
ELA, 2011-12	***	NA	NA	NA
ELA, 2012-13	**	NA	NA	NA

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 51.2% for Reading and 57.4% for Mathematics.

African-American

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	36.3%	46.7%	73.7%	32.4%
Math, 2011-12	52.2%	60.2%	88.2%	43.9%
Math, 2012-13	58.1%	56.0%	82.8%	38.7%
ELA, 2010-11	27.0%	47.0%	75.2%	34.0%
ELA, 2011-12	47.7%	63.4%	92.1%	49.1%
ELA, 2012-13	53.7%	60.6%	85.2%	46.1%

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 57.8% for Reading and 56.3% for Mathematics.

Asian-American

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
Math, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
Math, 2012-13	**	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2010-11	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2012-13	**	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 84.3% for Reading and 88.5% for Mathematics.

Hispanic

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
Math, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
Math, 2012-13	**	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2010-11	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2012-13	**	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 60.0% for Reading and 62.5% for Mathematics.

Multiracial

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
Math, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
Math, 2012-13	**	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2010-11	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2012-13	**	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 73.4% for Reading and 74.3% for Mathematics.

[†]Other Minorities

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile
Math, 2010-11	-	-	-	-
Math, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
Math, 2012-13	-	-	1	-
ELA, 2010-11	-	-	-	-
ELA, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELA, 2012-13	-	-	-	-

†Note: Other Minorities only reported in 2011-12

White

Subject and Year	School Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Average Proficiency Rate	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 90th Percentile	Weighted State Proficiency Rate at 20th Percentile		
Math, 2010-11	***	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Math, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Math, 2012-13	**	N/A	N/A	N/A		
ELA, 2010-11	***	N/A	N/A	N/A		
ELA, 2011-12	***	N/A	N/A	N/A		
ELA, 2012-13	**	N/A	N/A	N/A		

Note: 2013 State Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) were 78.8% for Reading and 79.3% for Mathematics.

Subgroup Summary

	Low	-SES	EI	LL	sv	/D		African- American		Asian- American		Hispanic		Multiracial		Other Minorities		White		OVERALL RATING	
Year	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	
10-11	F	F	***	***	D	D	D	F	***	***	***	***	***	***	-	-	***	***	D	F	
11-12	D	F	***	***	D	D	D	F	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	D	F	
12-13	D	D	**	**	D	F	М	D	**	**	**	**	**	**	-	-	**	**	D	D	

Measure 2c. Are students performing well on state examinations in math and reading in comparison to other schools in the district?

¹School Proficiency Compared to Home District Proficiency

Subject and Year	School Prof %	District Comparison				
Math, 2010-11	37.1%	65.7%				
Math, 2011-12	52.9%	71.4%				
Math, 2012-13	58.4%	65.9%				
ELA, 2010-11	27.6%	61.7%				
ELA, 2011-12	48.5%	69.2%				
ELA, 2012-13	54.1%	67.5%				

¹Colonial School District

Measure 2d. Are students performing well on state examinations in math and reading in comparison to similar schools in the state?

School Proficiency Compared to Similar Schools Proficiency

Subject and Year	School Prof %	Similar Schools Prof%			
Math, 2010-11	37.1%	42.9%			
Math, 2011-12	52.9%	55.6%			
Math, 2012-13	58.4%	54.4%			
ELA, 2010-11	27.6%	42.8%			
ELA, 2011-12	48.5%	58.7%			
ELA, 2012-13	54.1%	59.5%			

3. STATE AND FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Measure 3a. Did the school make AYP?

Year	AYP Status
2010-11	Meets
2011-12	Meets
2012-13	Meets

4. POST-SECONDARY READINESS (Only for High Schools)

Measure 4a. Does students' performance on the SAT reflect college readiness?

Percentage of Students receiving a 1550 or better on the SAT

Year	SAT High Score %
2010-11	N/A
2011-12	N/A
2012-13	N/A

Measure 4b. Are students graduating from high school?

²Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

Year	Graduation Rate
2010-11	N/A
2011-12	N/A
2012-13	N/A

²The Performance Framework uses the previous year's graduation rate

5. MISSION-SPECIFIC ACADEMIC GOALS (OPTIONAL)

Measure 5a. Is the school meeting mission-specific academic goals?

Year	Met Mission-Specific Academic Goals?
2010-11	N/A
2011-12	N/A
2012-13	N/A

SUMMARY AND OVERALL RATING

ABC Charter School

Overall ratings are calculated based on the total point range below:

xceeds Standard	89 to 100
Meets Standard	63 to 88
Below Standard	39 to 62
Far Below Standard	below 39

Year	1. Gro		1. Bot 25		Grow	c. th to	2.a.	Prof	2. Ove Subg	erall	2.c. D	istrict	2.d. S Scho	imilar ools	3.a.	4.a.	4.b. Grad	5.a. Mission Specific	Overall Rating/Total Score
Ye	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	АҮР	SAT	Rate		
10-11	F	F	М	F	D	F	F	F	D	F	F	F	D	D	М	NA	NA	NA	F/35.9
11-12	D	D	D	D	D	D	F	F	D	F	F	F	D	D	М	NA	NA	NA	D/45.3
12-13	М	D	М	М	М	М	D	F	D	D	D	D	М	D	М	NA	NA	NA	D/61.3