



The Prepared for Success component looks at how well we are equipping Ohio's students to take advantage of future opportunities.

Why? Just graduating from high school is not enough. The ultimate measure of a school's quality is how well prepared its students are for what comes next.

What's new? Districts and schools will receive A-F letter grades on the Prepared for Success component for the first time this year.

How do districts and schools earn Prepared for Success grades?

A Prepared for Success letter grade is based on how well the students performed on these six measures:

Primary measures

A district earns 1 point for every student who earns any of the following:

1. **College entrance exam remediation-free scores*** (18 for ACT English, 22 for ACT math and 21 for ACT reading; or 430 for SAT writing, 520 for SAT math and 450 for SAT reading)
2. **An honors diploma;** or
3. **12 points through an industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in *one* of 13 high-demand career fields.**

If a student achieves more than one of the above, the district still earns 1 point for that student.

Bonus measures

For every student who earns 1 point plus one of the following, a district earns 0.3 additional points:

1. **Advanced Placement tests** – Scores 3 points or more on at least one test;
2. **International Baccalaureate tests** – Scores 4 points or more on at least one test;
3. **College Credit Plus** – Earns at least 3 credits.

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*Ohio's university presidents set these scores, which are subject to change.

How is the Prepared for Success letter grade calculated?

Add the total points the district earned on the six measures, then divide that number by the total number of students in the adjusted classes of 2014 and 2015. The maximum points possible are 1.3 per student. Here's what the the letter grade calculation looks like:

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| C | 34% - 64.9% |
| D | 15% - 33.9% |
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Prepared for Success Measures

-  **ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS**
-  **COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**
-  **COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM MINIMUM SCORE**
-  **HONORS DIPLOMA**
-  **INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL**
-  **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE TESTS**



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