

# WITHDRAWN DRAFT

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## ADOPT A SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, REMEDIATION AND PROBATION POLICY FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

### THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education adopt a School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy for the 2010-2011 School Year.

### POLICY TEXT:

#### I. Purpose and Goals

This policy shall establish the standards and criteria for placing a school on Remediation or Probation for the 2010-2011 school year based on assessments administered in Spring 2010 and other performance data from prior school years. A school's accountability status from the 2009-2010 school year shall remain in effect until such time as the school is notified of their new status issued in accordance with this policy.

This policy sets out a systematic means for identifying schools in need of remedial assistance and increased oversight due to insufficient levels of achievement. Section 5/34-8.3 of the Illinois School Code provides for the remediation and probation of attendance centers and requires the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") to monitor the performance of each school using the criteria and rating system established by the Board to identify those schools in which: (1) there is a failure to develop, implement, or comply with the school improvement plan; (2) there is a pervasive breakdown in the educational program as indicated by various factors such as the absence of improvement in reading and math achievement scores, an increased drop-out rate, a decreased graduation rate, or a decrease in the rate of student attendance; or (3) there is a failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of the School Code, other applicable laws, collective bargaining agreements, court orders, or with applicable Board rules and policies.

The Board recognizes that an effective and fair school remediation and probation system considers student test score performance, student growth and progress trends. Therefore, this policy establishes a comprehensive system to assess school performance in order to identify, monitor and assist schools with low student test scores as well as schools with stagnant or insufficient rates of student improvement.

#### II. Scope of the Policy

All Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") shall be subject to this policy, except charter schools under contract with the Board. A charter school shall receive an accountability designation using the criteria hereunder for purposes of comparison to other CPS schools and public reporting. A decision to renew or revoke a school's charter is governed by the terms of a school's applicable performance agreement and accountability plan with the Board.

Schools newly established by the Board shall receive an accountability designation after the third year of operation or at such time as adequate measures of student achievement become available.

#### III. Definitions

**Remediation:** An accountability designation assigned to schools where the CEO determines that a school's budget or any amendment thereto may compromise the implementation of the school's No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Corrective Action measures or Restructuring Plan.

**Probation:** An accountability designation assigned to non-performing schools where the CEO determines, utilizing the criteria set out in this policy, that a school requires remedial probation measures as described in this policy, including increased oversight, to address performance deficiencies.

**Good Standing:** An accountability designation assigned to schools where the CEO determines, based on the criteria set out in this policy, that student performance and improvement meets or exceeds district standards.

**Adequate Yearly Progress:** School rating issued by the Illinois State Board of Education that identifies if students are improving their performance based on the established annual targets.

**Achievement Level 1:** Shall mean the rating for:

- an elementary school that obtains a total performance score of thirty (30) or above or with at least 71% of the available performance points; or
- a high school that obtains a total performance score of twenty-eight (28) or above or with at least 66.7% of the available performance points.

**Achievement Level 2:** Shall mean the rating for:

- an elementary school that obtains a total performance score of twenty-one (21) to twenty-nine (29) or with 50%-70.9% of the available performance points; or
- a high school that obtains a total performance score of eighteen and two-thirds (18.67) to twenty-seven and two-thirds (27.67) or with 44%-66.6% of the available performance points.

**Achievement Level 3:** Shall mean the rating for:

- an elementary school that obtains a total performance score of twenty (20) or below or with less than 50% of the available performance points; or
- a high school that obtains a total performance score of eighteen and one-third (18.33) or below or with less than 44% of the available performance points.

**Value-Added:** Shall mean the metric that assesses school effects on students' academic growth, controlling for student characteristics (including, but not limited to, student mobility rates, poverty rates, special education status and bilingual education status) grade level, and prior performance through a regression methodology. Academic growth is measured by the change in scale score points on the ISAT from one year to the next.

**ISAT:** means the Illinois Standards Achievement Test.

**ISAT Composite:** means the composite score from ISAT Reading, Mathematics and Science test results.

**PSAE:** means the Prairie State Achievement Examination.

**PSAE Composite:** means the composite score from PSAE Reading, Mathematics and Science test results.

**EPAS:** means the series of three assessments (EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT) that are administered to high school students in the following order: (1) EXPLORE – administered to high school freshmen, (2) PLAN – administered to high school sophomores, and (3) ACT – administered to high school juniors.

**Freshmen On-Track:** Shall mean the percentage of first-time freshmen students who earn five credits in their freshman year and fail no more than one semester core course (English, Mathematics, Science and Social Science).

**One-Year Drop-out Rate:** Shall mean the percentage of students who drop-out in a given year who have not previously dropped out.

**Membership Days:** Shall mean the number of days that the students on a school's enrollment register should be in attendance. Membership days will end for 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders on the date of graduation authorized by the Board and shall be adjusted for students with medically fragile conditions.

**Attendance Rate:** Shall mean the total number of actual student attendance days divided by the number of total student membership days.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Class:** Shall mean a college-level course approved by the College Board to be designated as AP in accordance with established requirements.

**AP Exam:** Shall mean the end of course exam established by the College Board that is administered upon completion of an AP class.

#### IV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM

##### A. Calculation of Score

Every school shall receive a performance score based upon its level of current performance, trend over time and student growth as described in Section V below. A school will be evaluated on each of the accountability indicators identified in Section V using best available data and will receive a score for each indicator as well as a total performance score that accounts for the school's overall performance on all accountability indicators. The total performance score will be used to determine whether a school qualifies for an Achievement Level 1, 2 or 3 rating. A school shall receive an accountability status hereunder whereby the school shall be identified as either on Probation, in Good Standing or in Remediation, as further described herein.

##### B. Determinations

1. **Scoring Exceptions:** Schools that do not qualify for all points hereunder due to the following circumstances shall have their Achievement Level determinations based on the percentage of available points earned rather than the actual points earned: (a) if data for two previous years is not available for a particular metric measuring change over time, the school will not get a score for that metric; (b) if data is available but not reliable due to no fault of the school, the CEO may remove the affected metric from consideration and the school will not get a score for that metric. The 2008, 2009 and 2010 ISAT and PSAE scores of students who are English Language Learners in program years 0-5 will not be factored into current status or trend scores hereunder.

2. **Accountability Status Determination:** A school with an Achievement Level 3 score hereunder shall receive Probation status. A school with an Achievement Level 1 score or an Achievement Level 2 score hereunder shall receive Good Standing status, except for the following which shall receive Probation status hereunder:

- a. A school that has not satisfied the following minimum ISAT or PSAE composite score requirement:
  - i. Elementary school minimum 2010 ISAT Composite score - 50% meeting or exceeding state standards
  - ii. High school minimum 2010 PSAE Composite score - 10% meeting or exceeding state standards.
- b. A school that has not satisfied all applicable sustained academic improvement requirements set out in Section VII as follows:
  - i. A school that has been on Probation status for 2 or more consecutive years must receive a Level 1 or Level 2 rating for 2 consecutive years to be removed from Probation; or
  - ii. A school where the Board has taken an action under 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d)(2) or (4) must remain on Probation for a minimum of 5 years or until the school has made Adequate Yearly Progress for 2 consecutive years, whichever occurs later.
- c. There is a failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of the School Code, other applicable laws, collective bargaining agreements, court orders, or with applicable Board rules and policies.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a school with Good Standing status may be placed in Remediation in accordance with Section IV.B.3.

3. **NCLB School Improvement Status:** For schools not on Probation but that have either "Corrective Action", "Restructuring Planning" or "Restructuring Implementation" status under NCLB, the CEO reserves the right to place the school in Remediation status at any time if the CEO determines that the school's budget or any amendment thereto may compromise the implementation of the school's NCLB Corrective Action or Restructuring Plan.

#### V. ACCOUNTABILITY INDICATORS, STANDARDS AND SCORING

##### A. Elementary School Indicators, Standards and Scoring

An elementary school may receive a total performance rating score ranging from zero (0) to forty (42). For the 2010-2011 school year, the current status, trend and growth indicators and standards that determine an elementary school's performance score shall be as follows:

**1. ISAT Mathematics – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT mathematics results. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT mathematics results from tests administered in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

80% or more meeting or exceeding	=	3 points
70%-79.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2 points
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
Under 50% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

**b. Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on ISAT mathematics. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT mathematics assessment, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with 90% or more of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT mathematics assessment automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**2. ISAT Reading – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT reading results. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT reading results from tests administered in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

80% or more meeting or exceeding	=	3 points
70%-79.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2 points
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
Under 50% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

**b. Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on ISAT reading. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT reading assessment, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT reading assessment automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**3. ISAT Science – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT science results. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT science results from tests administered in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

80% or more meeting or exceeding	=	3 points
70%-79.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2 points
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
Under 50% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

**b. Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on ISAT science. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT science assessment, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT science assessment automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**4. ISAT Composite - All Grades – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students in all grades who are **exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT Composite. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT Composite results from tests administered in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

25% or more exceeding	=	3 points
15%-24.9% exceeding	=	2 points
5%-14.9% exceeding	=	1 point
Under 5% exceeding	=	0 points

**b. Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students in all grades who are **exceeding** state standards on ISAT Composite. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 score for all students with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students in all grades exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT Composite, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with 90% or greater of students in all grades exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT Composite automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**5. ISAT Composite – Highest Grade Students – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students in the school's highest grade level who are **exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT Composite. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT Composite results for students in the highest grade from tests administered in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

25% or more exceeding	=	3 points
15%-24.9% exceeding	=	2 points
5%-14.9% exceeding	=	1 point
Under 5% exceeding	=	0 points

**b. Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students in the school's highest grade level who are **exceeding** state standards on ISAT Composite. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 score for students in the highest grade with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students in the highest grade exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT Composite, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with 90% or greater of students in the highest grade exceeding state standards on the 2010 ISAT Composite automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**6. Attendance – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on its average attendance rate from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, a school's average attendance rates from the 2008-2009 school year and from the 2009-2010 school year will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

95% or more attendance rate	=	3 points
93%-94.9% attendance rate	=	2 points
90%-92.9% attendance rate	=	1 point
Under 90% attendance rate	=	0 points

**b. Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement of its average attendance rate. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2009-2010 attendance rate with the average rate of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2009-2010 attendance rate of 0%-94.9%, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 0.5 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 0.5 but under 1.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 1.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with a 2009-2010 attendance rate of 95% or greater earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**7. Value-Added – ISAT Reading – 3 possible points**

**Value-Added Score** – An elementary school shall be evaluated on its Value-Added scale score gain for ISAT reading and shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

At least one standard deviation above the district average in 2010	= 3 points
Greater than or equal to the district average, but less than one standard deviation above the district average in 2010	= 2 points
Below the district average, but by no more than one standard deviation in 2010	= 1 point
More than one standard deviation below the district average in 2010	= 0 points

**8. Value-Added - ISAT Mathematics – 3 possible points**

**Value-Added Score** – An elementary school shall be evaluated on its Value-Added scale score gain for ISAT mathematics and shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

At least one standard deviation above the district average in 2010	= 3 points
Greater than or equal to the district average, but less than one standard deviation above the district average in 2010	= 2 points
Below the district average, but by no more than one standard deviation in 2010	= 1 point
More than one standard deviation below the district average in 2010	= 0 points

**B. High School Indicators, Standards and Scoring**

A high school may receive a total performance score ranging from zero (0) to forty-two (42). For the 2010-2011 school year, the current status, trend, and growth indicators and standards that determine a high school's performance score shall be as follows:

**1. One-Year Drop-Out Rate – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on its one-year drop-out rate averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, a school's one-year drop-out rates from the 2008-2009 school year and from the 2009-2010 school year will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

2% or less drop out in one year	=	3 points
2.1% - 6% drop out in one year	=	2 points
6.1% - 10% drop out in one year	=	1 point
More than 10% drop out in one year	=	0 points

**b. Trend** – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement of its one-year drop-out rate. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2009-2010 rate with the average rate of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2009-2010 one-year drop-out rate of more than 0.5%, points are earned as follows:
 

No reduction	=	0 points
Reduction of at least 0.1 but under 1.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Reduction of at least 1.0 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Reduction of at least 3.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with a 2009-2010 one-year drop-out rate of 0.5% or less automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement

**2. Freshmen On-Track – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** – A high school shall be evaluated on its Freshmen On-Track rate averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, a school’s Freshmen On-Track rates for the 2008-2009 school year and the 2009-2010 school year will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

80% or more on track	=	3 points
60%-79.9% on track	=	2 points
45%-59.9% on track	=	1 point
Less than 45% on track	=	0 points

**b. Trend** – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement of its Freshmen On-Track rate. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2009-2010 rate with the average rate of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. The school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2009-2010 Freshman On-Track rate of 0%-89.9%, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with a 2009-2010 Freshman On-Track rate of 90% or greater automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**3. ACT Score – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** – A high school shall be evaluated on its average ACT score. To determine current status, a school’s average ACT scores for tests administered to students in Grade 11 during the Spring 2009 PSAE administration and during the Spring 2010 PSAE administration will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. The school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

Average ACT score is 20 or more	=	3 points
Average ACT score is at least 18, but less than 20	=	2 points
Average ACT score is at least 16, but less than 18	=	1 point
Average ACT score is less than 16	=	0 points

**b. Trend** – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement of its average ACT score. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 average ACT score with the average ACT score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. The school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2010 average ACT score of 0-22.9, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 0.5	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 0.5 but under 1.0	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 1.0	=	3 points
- Schools with a 2010 average ACT of 23 or greater automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.



#### 4. **PSAE Reading Score– 2 possible points**

a. **Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's PSAE reading results averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, the school's PSAE reading results from tests administered to students in Grade 11 in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010 shall be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

70% or more meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2/3 point
30%-49.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1/3 point
Less than 30% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

b. **Trend** - A high school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on PSAE reading. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 score with the average score of the two previous years. Scores from 2007 will not be used in computing the school's historical average. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 PSAE reading assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1/3 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2/3 point
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	1 point

- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 PSAE reading assessment automatically earn 1 point regardless of improvement.

#### 5. **PSAE Mathematics Score– 2 possible points**

a. **Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's PSAE mathematics results averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, the school's PSAE mathematics results from tests administered to students in Grade 11 in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010 shall be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

70% or more meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2/3 point
30%-49.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1/3 point
Less than 30% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

b. **Trend** - A high school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on PSAE mathematics. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 score with the average score of the two previous years. Scores from 2007 will not be used in computing the school's historical average. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 PSAE mathematics assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1/3 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2/3 point
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	1 point

- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 PSAE mathematics assessment automatically earn 1 point regardless of improvement.

**6. PSAE Science Score– 2 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's PSAE science results averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, the school's PSAE science results from tests administered to students in Grade 11 in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010 shall be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

70% or more meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2/3 point
30%-49.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1/3 point
Less than 30% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

**b. Trend** - A high school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on PSAE science. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010 score with the average score of the two previous years. Scores from 2007 will not be used in computing the school's historical average. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 PSAE science assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1/3 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2/3 point
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	1 point

- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2010 PSAE science assessment automatically earn 1 point regardless of improvement.

**7. Attendance – 6 possible points**

**a. Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on its average attendance rate from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, a school's attendance rates from the 2008-2009 school year and the 2009-2010 school year will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

95% or more attendance rate	=	3 points
90%-94.9% attendance rate	=	2 points
85%-89.9% attendance rate	=	1 point
Under 85% attendance rate	=	0 points

**b. Trend** - A high school shall be evaluated on improvement of its average attendance rate. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2009-2010 attendance rate with the average rate of the two previous years. Attendance rates from the 2006-2007 school year will not be used in computing the school's historical average. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2009-2010 attendance rate of 0%-94.9%, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 0.5 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 0.5 but under 1.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 1.0 percentage points	=	3 points

- Schools with a 2009-2010 attendance rate of 95% or greater earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**8. Students Enrolled in AP Classes – 3 Possible Points**

**Trend** – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of its students enrolled in at least one AP class. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2009-2010 enrollment percentage with the average percentage of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2009-2010 AP enrollment rate of 0%-34.9%, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with a 2009-2010 AP enrollment rate of 35% or greater earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**9. Students Scoring 3+ on AP Exams – 3 Possible Points**

**Trend** – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement on the percentage of its students who are enrolled in AP classes that score 3+ on at least one AP exam. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2009-2010 AP success percentage with the average percentage of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of AP enrolled students scoring 3+ on AP exams in 2009-2010, points are earned as follows:
 

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 1.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 1.0 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 3.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with 90% or greater of AP enrolled students scoring 3+ on AP exams in 2009-2010 earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

**10. Students Making Expected EPAS Reading Gains – 3 possible points**

**Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of its students making expected gains in reading from one year to the next on the EPAS assessment series as follows:

Schools with an EPAS Reading Gains score at or above the 85 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	3 points
Schools with an EPAS Reading Gains score at or above the 50 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile, but below the 85 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	2 points
Schools with an EPAS Reading Gains score at or above the 15 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile, but below the 50 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	1 point
Schools with an EPAS Reading Gains score below the 15 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	0 points

**11. Students Making Expected EPAS Mathematics Gains – 3 possible points**

**Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of its students making expected gains in mathematics from one year to the next on the EPAS assessment series as follows:

Schools with an EPAS Mathematics Gains score at or above the 85 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	3 points
Schools with an EPAS Mathematics Gains score at or above the 50 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile, but below the 85 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	2 points
Schools with an EPAS Mathematics Gains score at or above the 15 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	1 point

district-wide percentile, but below the 50 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	1 point
Schools with an EPAS Mathematics Gains score below the 15 <sup>th</sup> district-wide percentile	=	0 points

**VI. SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING REMEDIAL ASSISTANCE**

On a date to be determined by the CEO or his designee, after school performance data is available, schools will be notified as to their accountability designation hereunder.

**A. Schools Placed on Remediation**

Any school that receives a Remediation status as described in Section IV.B. hereunder shall participate in a remedial program in which a Remediation Plan is developed by the CEO. A Remediation Plan may include one or more of the following components:

1. Drafting a new school improvement plan;
2. Additional training for the local school council;
3. Directing the implementation of the school improvement plan; and
4. Mediating disputes or other obstacles to reform or improvement at the school.

In creating a Remediation Plan, the CEO or designee shall monitor and give assistance to these schools to ensure that all aspects of the plan, including the school budget, address the educational deficiencies at these schools and ensure the development and full implementation of a school's NCLB Corrective Action measures and/or Restructuring plan.

For all schools placed on Remediation, the CEO or designee shall approve the final Remediation Plan, including the school budget.

**B. Schools Placed on Probation**

1. School Improvement Plan and Budget: Each school placed on Probation shall have a school improvement plan and a school budget for correcting deficiencies identified by the Board. The CEO or designee shall develop a school improvement plan that shall contain specific steps that the local school council and the school staff must take to correct identified deficiencies. The school budget shall include specific expenditures directly calculated to correct educational and operational deficiencies identified at the school.

In creating or updating the required plan, the CEO or designee shall give assistance to Probation schools to ensure that all aspects of the plan, including the school budget, reflect and are tailored to the individual needs of the school and that the plan addresses the educational deficiencies at these schools. For schools with a federal school improvement status for failure to make adequate yearly progress (AYP), the school improvement plan shall also include strategies and activities to achieve AYP and ensure the development and full implementation of the school's NCLB Corrective Action measures and/or Restructuring plan, as applicable.

The Board shall approve school improvement plans and budget for all schools, including schools placed on Probation, as part of the annual school fiscal year budget resolution. Any updates to such school improvement plan or school budget to address new data on the deficiencies at Probation schools and schools with a federal school improvement status shall be approved by the Board in accordance with the state's timeline for Board approval of federal school improvement plans. Thereafter, any amendments to the school improvement plan or budget shall be approved by the CEO or designee.

Except when otherwise specified by the CEO, the Chief Area Officer (CAO) and CAO designees shall serve as the probation team that will identify the educational and operational deficiencies at Probation schools in their Area to be addressed in the school improvement plan and budget presented to the Board for approval.

2. **Monitoring:** The CEO or designee shall monitor each Probation school's implementation of the final plan and the progress the school makes toward implementation of the plan and the correction of its educational deficiencies.

3. **Additional Corrective Measures:** Schools placed on Probation that, after at least one year, fail to make adequate progress in correcting deficiencies are subject to the following actions by the approval of the Board, after an opportunity for a hearing:

- a. Ordering new local school council elections;
- b. Removing and replacing the principal;
- c. Replacement of faculty members, subject to the provisions of Section 24A-5 of the Illinois School Code;
- d. Reconstitution of the attendance center and replacement and reassignment by the CEO of all employees of the attendance center;
- e. Intervention under Section 34-8.4 of the Illinois School Code;
- f. Operating an attendance center as a contract turnaround school;
- g. Closing of the school; or
- h. Any other action authorized under Section 34-8.3 of the Illinois School Code

The Law Department shall develop and disseminate hearing procedures for hearings required before taking any of the corrective actions specified above.

## **VII. REMOVAL FROM PROBATION STATUS – SUSTAINED ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

A. The CEO shall remove from Probation any school that no longer meets the criteria established by the Board for a Probation status as follows:

1. Except as provided in Section VII.B below, schools in their first year of Probation status during the 2009-2010 school year may be removed from probation if they achieve Achievement Level 1 or Achievement Level 2 rating hereunder.

2. Except as provided in Section VII.B below, schools in their second or later year of Probation status during the 2009-2010 school year must show sustained academic improvement with two consecutive years of Achievement Level 1 or Achievement Level 2 ratings to be removed from Probation.

B. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, for schools where the Board has taken action under 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d)(2) or (4), the school will remain on Probation until such time as the school makes Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years or until a period of five (5) years has passed since the Board took such 8.3(d)(2) or (4) action, whichever occurs later.

C. If academic achievement tests are used as the factor for placing a school on probation, the CEO shall consider objective criteria, not just an increase in test scores, in deciding whether or not a school shall remain on probation. These criteria shall include attendance, test scores, student mobility rates, poverty rates, bilingual education eligibility, special education and English language proficiency programs, with progress made in these areas being taken into consideration in deciding whether or not a school shall remain on probation.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:** 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3; 105 ILCS 5/34-8.4; 105 ILCS 5/24A-5.

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