Proposed Alternative A-F Framework with and Rationales for Revisions:

Proposed 9-12 Alternative School Model
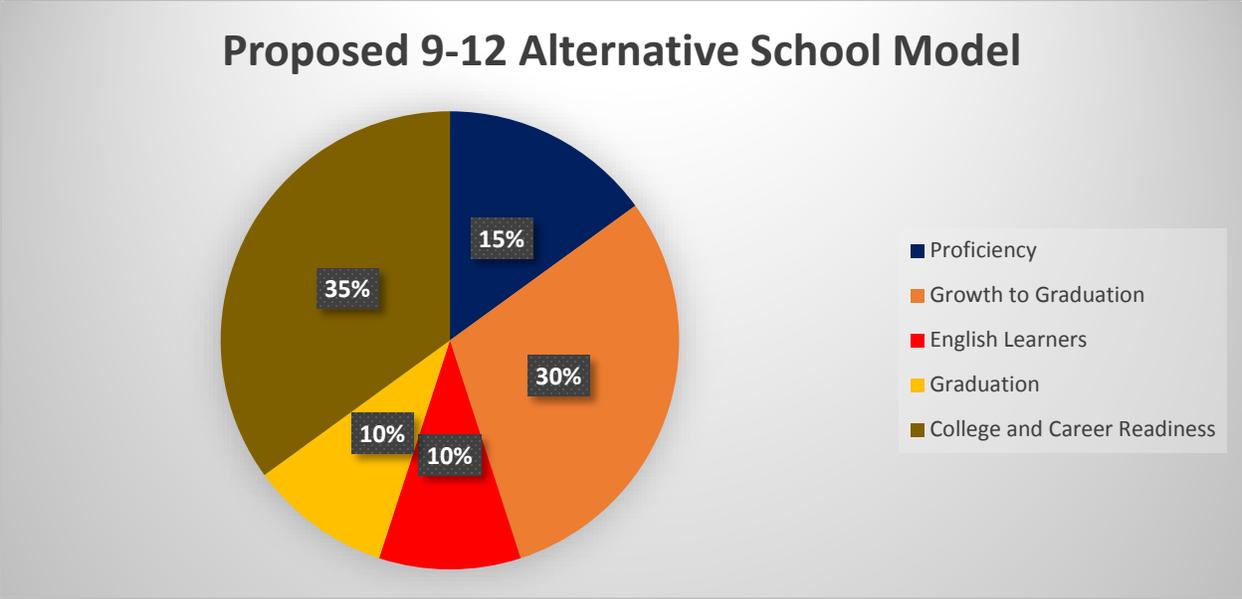
*Six Bonus points available for subgroup graduation

Proficiency Category

Proficiency	**AzMERIT** English Language Arts 9 & 10 and Algebra 1 & Geometry • 0 credit lower half of minimally proficient (MP) • .6 for partially proficient (PP) • 1 for proficient (P) • 1.3 for highly proficient (HP) 1 Year OR accepted **Menu of Assessment exam** (cut scores to come at a later date)	15%	15%

Growth to Graduation

Growth to Graduation	**Academic Persistence -** Students enrolled at any public school in AZ by October 1 in current year from the prior year	10%	30%
	Credit Earned-Schools self-report students enrolled by Oct 1, with 80 days of attendance, who earn ≥4.5 credits, or the remaining credits needed for graduation, by the end of the school year defined as June 30	10%	
	On track to graduate on time seniors' Current year Schools self-report the graduation rate of students on track to graduate who are within **three credits** of the SBE established graduation requirements (to include no more than 1 mathematics credit) by January 31, and graduate by June 30	10%	

English Learners Category

English Language Learners	**Proficiency** on AZELLA (Oct. 1 FAY students only) - Based on school's percentage of students proficient compared to the current year high school state average[2] ELL proficiency	5%	10%
	Growth on AZELLA (Oct. 1 FAY students only)- Based on school's change in performance levels compared to the current year high school state's average[2] change in performance levels the prior year	5%	

Graduation Category

Graduation Rate	**Traditional Cohort Options**-Lag year Best of 4, 5, 6, or 7-year cohort-based graduation rate[3]	10%	10%
Graduation Rate Bonus Points	Meeting or exceeding 80% of the state average[2] for graduating McKinney-Vento/homeless and/or foster care or special education students	2 pts each	Up to 6 points

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College and Career Readiness Category

College and Career Readiness	Schools self-report data for graduating students, regardless of cohort, to generate an overall score. • An alternative school's College and Career Readiness (CCR) Alt A-F point total will be determined by the number of graduates who earn at least one CCR point. • The percentage of current year graduating students who earn at least one point will be calculated as the percentage of 35 points for the school. • Post-secondary education (college) preparation (**blue** in the traditional model) and workforce (career) readiness (**red** in the traditional model) **combine** and are not separated for alternative school graduates. • All the components and their values as contained in the traditional model are available to alternative high school graduates. • In addition, there are Alternative School CCR Indicators listed below.	35%	35%

Additional Alternative School Indicators				
	Value	**Indicators**		
	.25 per exam	**AzMERIT** – partially proficient on Algebra 2 or ELA 11		
	.25 per sub-test	**Valid and Reliable Vendor Assessment** – aligned with the school mission **and** has score benchmarks indicating College and Career Ready		
	.5 per course[4]	**Second Language** - credit earned[5] in a second or dual language course which would satisfy 4-year university entrance requirement		
	.5 per course[4]	**Work Study** – credit earned[5] in course, verified by W2/pay stubs & evaluated by school supervisor (not to be combined with the traditional school indicator)		
	.5 per course[4]	**Workplace Readiness** – credit earned[5] in a course that prepares student to find, interview for, obtain, and keep employment		
	.5 per course[4]	**Career Readiness** – credit earned[5] in the course that prepares students for a specific vocation (not the formal CTE programming through ADE)		
	.5 per course[4]	**Service Learning** - credit earned in a course that involves both learning and community action goals.		
	1.0	**Military Enlistment**- Verified by a copy of signed Statement for Enlistment[6] or similar, and/or a copy of a Release of Records from the U.S. Military, signed by the recruit		
	.5	**Recipient of Competitive Scholarship to Post-Secondary Institution**- Minimum award of $500		
	1.0	**Acceptance to a 4-year College or University** – Verified by a letter of acceptance.		