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2018-2019 A-F Letter Grades Released

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The Arizona Department of Education released the A-F Letter Grades for the 2018-2019 school year at the direction of the State Board of Education.

28 percent of K-8 schools, 28 percent of 9-12 schools and 46 percent of hybrid schools earned As. For the first time, alternative schools – those that serve at-risk students – received grades under an accountability system that recognizes their unique elements. 11 percent of alternative schools earned an A.

“I congratulate all the schools that earned As,” said Board of Education President Luke Narducci. “I am also proud of those schools that worked hard and increased their letter grade. The point of the A-F letter grade system is to encourage continual improvement, and that should be celebrated. Thank you educators for your hard work and dedication to Arizona’s students.”

A-F letter grades are based on student academic growth from year to year, scores on the statewide assessment (or, new for the 2018-2019 school year, ACT or SAT scores for the 55 high schools that chose that option as their assessment), high school graduation rates and indicators that a student is ready for success at the next level.

Developed by a broad cross-section of stakeholders, the letter grades give school leaders a snapshot of where they are doing well and where they need to improve. It creates an incentive for the constant improvement that parents, taxpayers and state leaders expect from our public schools.

The full breakdown of 2018-2019 schools (number of schools in parentheses):

School Type	A	B	C	D	F
K-8	27.5% (366)	31.1% (415)	28.1% (375)	10.4% (139)	2.9% (38)
9-12	28.4% (65)	34.9% (80)	29.7% (68)	5.2% (12)	1.8% (4)
Hybrid ¹	46.3% (37)	28.8% (23)	18.8% (15)	5.0% (4)	1.3% (1)
Alternative	11.7% (15)	44.5% (57)	24.2% (31)	10.9% (14)	8.6% (11)

¹ Hybrid schools are classified as schools that serve non-typical school configurations (i.e. schools that serve grades across both the K-8 model and the 9-12 model)

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In 2017-2018, the percentages were*:

School Type	A	B	C	D	F
K-8	27.7% (370)	31.6% (423)	27.7% (370)	10.4% (139)	2.7% (36)
9-12	24.4% (57)	29.9% (70)	31.2% (73)	12.4% (29)	2.1% (5)
Hybrid	38.8% (33)	24.7% (21)	23.5% (20)	9.4% (8)	3.5% (3)

*Please note that alternative schools did not receive letter grades for the 2017-2018 school year

Schools have until November 15th at 5:00 PM to appeal their letter grade. Depending on the outcome of the appeal, those schools' letter grades may change.

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