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School Year 2023-2024 A-F Letter Grades Released

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At the direction of the State Board of Education, the Arizona Department of Education released the 2023-2024 school letter grades today. They are accessible to the public on the [Arizona State Board of Education website](https://www.azsbe.gov).

A-F School Letter Grades are the state accountability model used annually to measure school performance. The system measures year-to-year student academic growth and proficiency in:

- English language arts, math and science
- The proficiency and academic growth of English language learners
- Indicators that elementary students are ready for success in high school and high school students are ready for success in a career or higher education and
- High school graduation rates

Schools have until Nov. 15th at 5 p.m. to appeal their letter grades. Schools who appeal will be marked as “UR” (under review) until the State Board of Education takes action on appeals at its January meeting. Depending on the outcome of the appeals, school letter grades may change.

The breakdown of the 2023-2024 letter grades by school type, prior to any appeal submission:

School Type	A	B	C	D	F
K-8	479	525	289	62	5
9-12	112	95	23	4	0
Hybrid ¹	56	47	18	6	0
Alternative	30	89	15	1	1

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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)

What does each letter grade mean?

A (excellent): Distinguished performance on the statewide assessment, significant student growth, high four-year graduation rates, students on track to proficiency; overall performance is significantly higher than the state average.

B (highly performing): High performance on statewide assessment and/or significant student growth and/or higher four-year graduation rates and/or moving students to proficiency at a higher rate than the state average.

C (performing): Adequate performance but needs improvement on some indicators, such as proficiency, growth or graduation rate.

D (minimally performing): Inadequate performance in proficiency, growth and/or four-year graduation rate relative to the state average.

F (failing): Systematic failures in proficiency, growth and graduation rates (below 67%); performance is in the bottom 5% of the state.

What goes into determining schools' A-F Letter Grades?

A-F Letter Grades use state test results, English learner test results, attendance, special education metrics, graduation rates and progress towards graduation. For more detailed information, please see the A-F Letter Grade Technical Manuals on the Arizona Department of Education website here: <https://www.azed.gov/accountability-research/resources> under "Technical Manuals & Codebooks."

What else should I know?

A-F Letter Grades are just one component to consider when evaluating a school. A-F Letter Grades provide general information about the performance of a school. Additional information, including programs and extracurriculars schools offer, can be accessed through the Arizona School Report Cards website at <https://azreportcards.azed.gov>.

The letter grades measure critical quantitative areas key to students' success in school and career: Mastery of math and language arts and readiness for the next educational level or career. These are important considerations when choosing a school, but they are not the only indicators of a school's performance. Qualitative measures, which will vary in importance from family to family, should also be considered. Some students thrive in a small school, while others seek the wide range of options a larger school offers. If art or music programs are important to a family, they should consider those factors when choosing a school. Parents and families are encouraged to have letter grade conversations with their student's school administrator and staff members.

Can a school appeal an A-F Letter Grade?

Once letter grades are released, schools have until Nov. 15 to appeal their letter grade based on incorrect data; adverse testing conditions; school tragedy; or school/community events or emergency. Appeals are reviewed by the Board's A-F Appeals Committee and determinations are

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voted upon at the January Board meeting.

Can I compare a school's 2023-2024 grade to prior years?

Prior year letter grades may be accessed at <https://azsbe.az.gov/parents/a-f-school-letter-grades>.

For more questions, please read the attached FAQ or email david@leibowitzsolo.com

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