
School Accountability Tiering System

“A Conceptual Framework”

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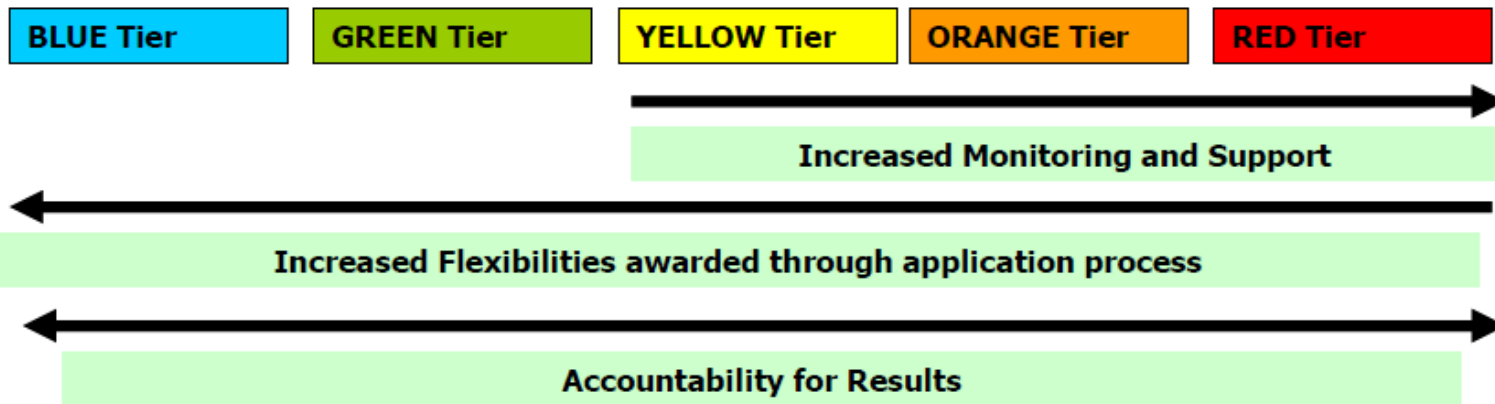
Tiered Accountability System

Reporting of Individual School Progress

- **Absolute Performance.** How is the school performing against Adequate Yearly Progress Targets?
- **Cohort Matched Student Level Growth.** How is the school accelerating growth for students who have been in the school over time (measured for one, two and three years)?
- **Closing the Achievement Gap.** Is the school closing the gap between school wide performance and that of the lowest performing subgroup?

Tiered Accountability System

School sites will be ranked or “Tiered” annually with a color scale from Blue to Red.



Description of Individual Tiers

	<i>School-wide Achievement</i>	<i>Individual Subgroup Achievement</i>	<i>Shrinking Achievement Gap</i>
BLUE	↑	↑	↑
GREEN	↗	↗	↗
YELLOW	↗	→	→
ORANGE	→	↘	↘
RED	↘	↓	↓

↑ Rapidly Improving

↗ Improving

→ No Change

↘ Declining

↓ Rapidly Declining

Sample Scorecard: School-wide Tier

2008 – 2009 API: 731

Initial Tier:

YELLOW

One-Year Growth	GREEN
Two-Year Growth	GREEN
Three-Year Growth	YELLOW
Achievement Gap	GREEN

SCHOOL-WIDE TIER:

GREEN

Criteria for School-Wide Tier

- UP 1

- Majority GREEN on Growth
- GREEN on Achievement Gap

- DOWN 1

- Majority RED on Growth
 - RED on Achievement Gap
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Implications: Annual Scorecard Ranking

<i>Red, Orange and some Yellow schools</i>	<i>Blue and Green schools</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Increased monitoring and support from the district office.•Targeted support to help to build cohesiveness and alignment around key instructional practices•Access to additional resources which will provide support to those schools most in need	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Increased flexibility to individualize, innovate and develop a higher degree of site based ownership and leadership.