

What is AYP and what does it mean to my child's school?

Under Federal Law, No Child Left Behind (NCLB), schools are required to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The New Mexico Public Education Department, in collaboration with numerous representatives from school districts and related educational organizations, has developed the definition of AYP in New Mexico.

In order for a school in New Mexico to make AYP, all of the following requirements must be met for each different student group (All Students, Native American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, Black, and White Students, Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners, and Students Who are Eligible for the Free-Reduced Priced Lunch Program):

- 1) Achieve a 95% participation rate on the state reading and math assessments
- 2) Reach targets for attendance rate in elementary and middle schools, and graduation rate for high schools
- 3) Reach targets for proficiency in reading and math

The state sets a target of how many students must be proficient in order to meet AYP. Federal law mandates that all students (100%) will be proficient by the year 2014.

In the past, schools were required to have a few more students proficient every year—between 4 and 5 percentage points more from one year to the next.

However, for 2008, the state is mandating that schools get a 15 percentage point gain in mathematics. This is problematic. It is projected that many schools will not meet AYP in 2008 because of this demanding increase in the required percentage of students needing to meet proficiency.

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