

## What is the ESSA School Index?

The Every Student Succeeds Act (2015) provided states the opportunity to engage stakeholders in the development of the state's accountability system. ESSA required states to include at least five indicators for success:

1. Achievement,
2. Growth,
3. English learner progress toward English language proficiency,
4. Graduation rate, and
5. School quality and student success

Arkansas stakeholders included the required indicators in the customized ESSA School Index and identified the weights of how each indicator would contribute to the total performance score for each school.

### Arkansas' ESSA School Index

Component	Weight of Indicator within Index Grades K – 5 & 6 - 8		Weight of Indicator within Index High Schools
Weighted Achievement Indicator	35%	Weighted Achievement and Academic Growth	70% total with Weighted Achievement accounting for half (35%) and School Growth Score accounting for half (35%)
Growth Indicator Academic Growth English Language Progress	50%		
Progress to English Language Proficiency*	Weight of indicator in School Value-Added Growth Score is proportionate to number of English Learners	Progress to English Language Proficiency*	Weight of indicator in School Value-Added Growth Score is proportionate to number of English Learners
Graduation Rate Indicator 4-Year Adjusted Cohort Rate 5-Year Adjusted Cohort Rate	NA		15% total 4-Yr = 10% 5-Yr = 5%
School Quality and Student Success Indicator	15%		15%