



AYP: What you need to know

What is AYP?

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is the measure established by the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001 to hold education officials accountable for yearly performance gains on state-mandated accountability tests.

What is required to make AYP?

In 2014, elementary schools will need 100% of students meeting or exceeding standards on the ISAT, and 95% of students must participate in the test.

How many schools make AYP?

Only 64 schools in CPS made AYP last year. In total, only 44% of schools in all of Illinois made AYP.

Will my school make AYP this year?

Probably not. Even schools with very high test scores are unlikely to make AYP; even with 95% student participation, 100% of students must meet or exceed state standards.

My school is a Title I school. What happens when my school doesn't make AYP?

After two years of not making AYP, there are list of steps that are intended to assist the school in improving performance, including spending money on professional development and tutoring.

My school isn't a Title I school. What happens when my school doesn't make AYP?

Nothing. There are no consequences for non-Title I schools that do not make AYP.

Could my school be closed if we don't make AYP?

No. CPS does not use AYP to make school action decisions because far too many schools do not make AYP.

Could my school lose funds we don't make AYP?

No. Title I schools may, however, be required to spend funds on some of the steps mentioned above.

Are there consequences for AYP if my child opts out of the ISAT?

No.

Will my school look bad if it doesn't make AYP?

Elementary schools in Illinois that didn't make AYP last year include Alcott, Bell, Blaine, Burley, Disney, Drummond, Franklin, Hawthorne, and Waters. These are some of the most in-demand elementary schools in the city. Draw your own conclusions.

Will the ISAT be used for anything besides AYP this year?

No. The ISAT is being phased out this year and will not be used for any decisions about students, teachers or schools.

My principal is pressuring me not to opt out. What can I do?

Your child is not legally obligated to take the ISAT, and parents have the legal right to "direct the upbringing and education of their children." Please contact us; we can help. We are stronger when many voices are heard together.