

Subparagraph (5)(a)1., and subsections (6) and (7) of Rule 6A-1.099822 are amended to read:

6A-1.099822 School Improvement Rating for Alternative Schools.

(1) – (4)(b)3. No change.

(5) Procedures for Calculating School Improvement Ratings for Alternative Schools.

(a) The school improvement ratings for alternative schools will be considered fully implemented with the following accountability elements:

1. The school improvement rating shall be based on a comparison of student learning gains for the current year and previous year. The learning gains definition will be consistent with the learning gains definition for school grades defined in Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C. The school improvement rating shall be calculated for each alternative school that has chosen to be rated by this method and, to ensure statistical reliability of results in accordance with Section 1008.34(3)(a)1., Florida Statutes, has:

a. ~~Has~~ a minimum of ten (10) eligible students with valid Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) scores in reading in the current and two previous years; and

b. ~~Has~~ a minimum of ten (10) eligible students with valid Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) scores in math in the current and two previous years.

2. – 6. No Change.

(6) Student Performance Credited to Home School When Alternative School Receives a School Improvement Rating. ~~Crediting of Student Performance at the Alternative School to the Home School for the Purposes of Calculating the Home School's School Grade.~~ If an alternative school chooses to be evaluated through a school improvement rating rather than a school grade, the student performance of eligible students (identified in Section 1008.34(3)(b)3., F.S.) shall be included in the students' home school's grade as well as the alternative school's school

improvement rating. An eligible student's performance will be included in the calculation of the home school's overall percentage of students making learning gains in reading and in math, provided that the student is enrolled in a grade level at the alternative school that is offered by the student's home school.

~~(7) Definition of Home School. "Home School" is defined as the school the student was attending when assigned to an alternative school, pursuant to Section 1008.34, F.S.~~

~~(a) Limitations on Students Credited Back. Student performance data will only be credited back to the home school if:~~

~~1. The student was referred to the alternative school by the home school; and~~

~~2. The student's grade level at the alternative school is within the same grade configuration as the student's home school.~~

~~(b) Eligible students' performance will be included in the calculation of the home school's overall percentage of students making learning gains in reading and in math.~~

~~(c) Eligible students' performance will be included in the home school's grade calculation as long as the student is enrolled in a grade level at the alternative school that is offered by the student's home school.~~

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