

## SCHOOL YARDSTICKS

Despite being offered flexibility from the U.S. Department of Education, fewer than half of the states with No Child Left Behind Act waivers elected to go beyond traditional test scores, participation rates, and graduation rates in their school accountability systems. Among those that did, here's a list of other measures being used.

State	Dropout rate	College entrance exam scores/participation	High school advanced course-taking	Middle school advanced coursetaking	Attendance	Teacher/principal effectiveness	Career/industry certification or other indicator	Other
ALABAMA					✓	✓		Locally chosen indicators, school program reviews
ALASKA		✓			✓			Participation and scores on ACT's WorkKeys work-readiness test
COLORADO	✓	✓						
FLORIDA		✓	✓	✓				
HAWAII		✓			✓			College-going rates, ACT readiness in middle school
IDAHO		✓	✓					
INDIANA			✓				✓	Dual enrollment
KENTUCKY		✓				✓		Middle school passing rate on ACT "EXPLORE" exams, school program reviews
LOUISIANA		✓						
MARYLAND			✓				✓	College-going rate
MASSACHUSETTS	✓							
NEW MEXICO		✓			✓		✓	Parent-student engagement, "opportunity to learn" student survey results, dual enrollment
NEVADA		✓	✓		✓			Remediation rate in Nevada colleges, advanced diplomas granted
OKLAHOMA		✓	✓	✓	✓			
OREGON					✓			Number of students "on track" in 9th grade
PENNSYLVANIA		✓	✓		✓		✓	
SOUTH DAKOTA		✓			✓	✓		School climate
WISCONSIN					✓			Rate of academically "on track" students

SOURCE: Researchers Morgan S. Polikoff, Andrew J. McEachin, Stephani L. Wrabel, and Matthew Duque; *Education Week*