

A Thumbnail Sketch of *Education YES! (Yardstick for Excellent Schools)*

In May 2002, the Legislature accepted *Education YES!* as the new accreditation system for Michigan. *Education YES!* was developed by the Michigan Department of Education as an accountability framework that will lead all Michigan schools towards greater success. The authors believe that *Education YES!* will accommodate, perhaps through slight modification, all of the requirements of the federal legislation, *No Child Left Behind*.

Education YES! is based on three standards:

- All Michigan elementary and middle school children will read independently and use math to solve problems at grade level.
- All Michigan students will experience a year of academic growth for a year of instruction.
- All Michigan high school students, in addition to demonstrating high academic achievement, will have an individual educational plan leading them to being prepared for success.

Education YES! uses data in two broad categories: Measures of School Performance, and Measures of Student Achievement. Each of these broad categories is further divided into smaller categories and points are assigned to each one. There are a maximum of 100 points available. The table on the following page lists the components of each category as well as the point value assigned to each.

Criteria (rubrics) for assigning points to the School Performance Indicators will be developed over the Summer of 2002. All three Student Achievement categories are based on MEAP test results, however, there may be opportunities for schools to use additional assessment data.

Based on the point total, each school will be assigned a letter grade in the “traditional” system (A, B, C, D, F; no plusses or minuses). Schools that are labeled as “A” will be summary accredited. Schools labeled as “B”, “C”, or “D/Alert” will be in interim status. Unaccredited schools will also be labeled as such.

Additional information can be found at the Michigan Department of Education Website. The entire documentation of *Education YES!* can be found at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/educationyesstds_15723_7.pdf

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Education YES! Report Card

<u>Component</u>	<u>Point Value</u>
Measures of School Performance	
Indicators of Engagement	
Performance Management Systems	3
Continuous Improvement	3
Curriculum Alignment	3
Indicators of Instructional Quality	
Teacher Quality and Professional Development	3
Extended Learning Opportunities	3
Arts Education and Humanities for All Students	3
Advanced Coursework	3
Indicators of Learning Opportunities	
Family Involvement	3
Student Attendance and Dropout Rate	3
Four-Year Education and Employment Plan	3
School Facilities	3
Measures of Student Achievement (MEAP data)	
Achievement Status (% of students in each MEAP category)	23
Achievement Change (comparison of scores year to year)	22
Achievement Growth (1 year's growth for 1 year's instruction)	22
Total	100
