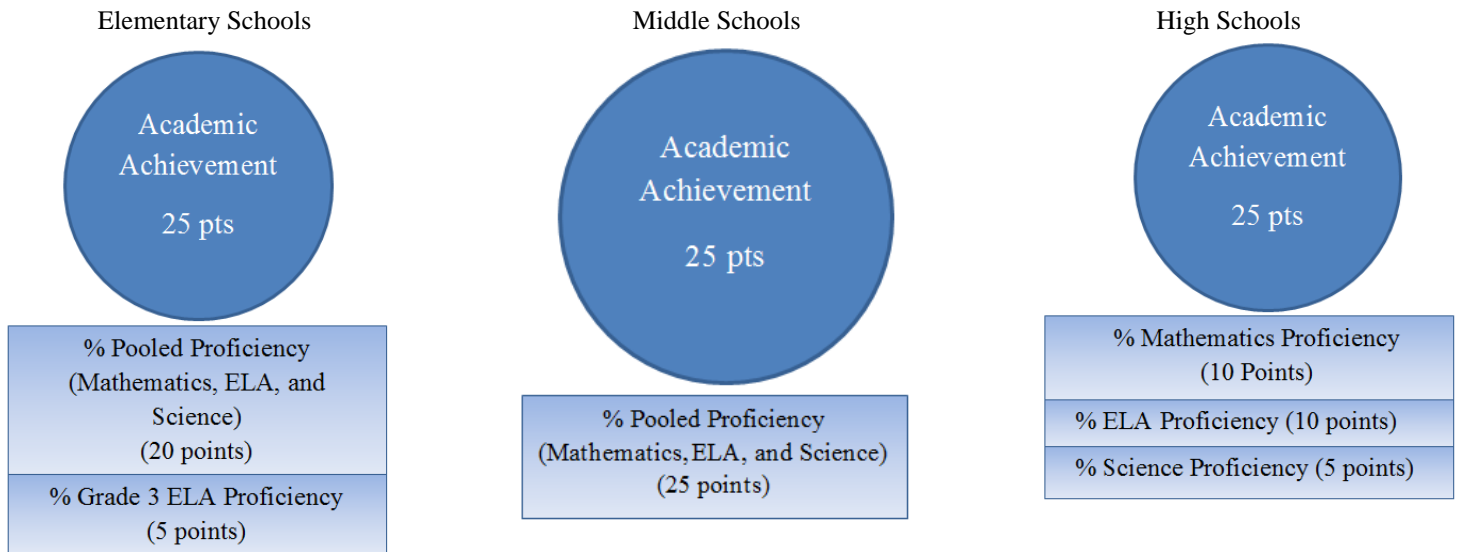


Academic Achievement

The Academic Achievement Indicator is used in all three levels of school ratings in the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF): elementary, middle, and high schools. Academic Achievement uses performance on state tests for Math, English Language Arts (ELA), and Science.

For Math and ELA, the Smarter Balanced Assessments are administered in grades 3 – 8 and the American College Test (ACT) is administered in grade 11. The state science assessments are administered in grades 5, 8, and 10. The Nevada Alternative Assessment (NAA) is administered to students with severe cognitive disabilities and these results are combined with Smarter Balanced, ACT, and Science assessment results.



Elementary/Middle Schools

For elementary and middle school ratings, results from Math, ELA, and Science are combined into the Pooled Proficiency Measure to determine an overall proficiency rate for the school. Points are awarded based upon the combined rate. Pooled Proficiency is worth 20 points for elementary schools and 25 points for middle schools.

An additional Measure for elementary schools is the Read-By-Grade-3 Measure, which is based on 3rd grade ELA performance. This Measure is worth 5 points and is used to measure the school's progress toward meeting the state Read By Grade 3 goals.

High Schools

In high school ratings, points are awarded for the Math, ELA, and Science Proficiency Measures. Unlike elementary and middle schools, these results are not combined together for one rate. Math and ELA are worth 10 points each, while Science is worth 5 points.

These points are added to the points a school may earn for other NSPF Measures and converted into a school star rating.

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