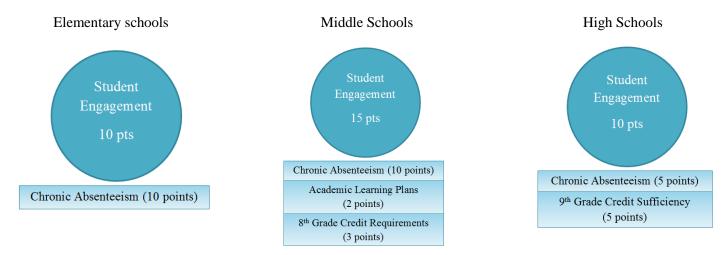
Student Engagement

The Student Engagement Indicator is used in all three levels of school ratings (elementary, middle, and high schools) under the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF). The Indicator includes both academic and non-academic Measures at each level.



In the elementary, middle, and high school rating systems, the Student Engagement Indicator includes the Chronic Absenteeism Measure. A chronically-absent student has missed 10% or more of enrolled school days. As an example, if a student is enrolled at the same school for a whole school year (180 days) and misses 18 or more days, they are chronically absent.

A school is awarded points based on the percent of chronically-absent students. For this Measure, the lower the rate of chronic absenteeism, the more points the school receives. This Measure is worth up to 10 points in elementary and middle school ratings, and up to 5 points in high school ratings.

In the middle school rating system, in addition to Chronic Absenteeism, the Student Engagement Indicator includes the Academic Learning Plans (ALPs) and 8th Grade Credit Requirements Measures. The ALP Measure was created because Nevada law requires each middle school student to have an ALP to make sure they are on track for high school. A school is awarded up to 2 points based on the percent of students with an ALP. The 8th Grade Credit Requirements Measure is designed to make sure 8th graders have the credits needed to be on track for high school. A school is awarded up to 3 points based on the percent of students meeting those credit requirements.

In the high school rating system, in addition to Chronic Absenteeism, the Student Engagement Indicator includes the 9th Grade Credit Sufficiency Measure. This Measure is designed to make sure students are on track to graduate from high school in 4 years. A school is awarded up to 5 points based on the percent of 9th grade students earning 5 or more credits.

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

For additional information, please visit the NSPF Procedures Manual.

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