

The Minimum N Count is the minimum number of students required for determining and reporting accountability and federal classifications without compromising student privacy.

To achieve the acceptable balance between inclusion and reliability, within what is technically possible, Kentucky will use a minimum n of 30 for each indicator per school level for all students and each student demographic group.

General

For all accountable students and each accountable student demographic group, there must be 30 students per school level (Elementary, Middle, High), per indicator (not per grade level and content area). Students with an approved nonparticipation (medical or first year EL) in a content area will not be included in the n count for that component of the indicator.

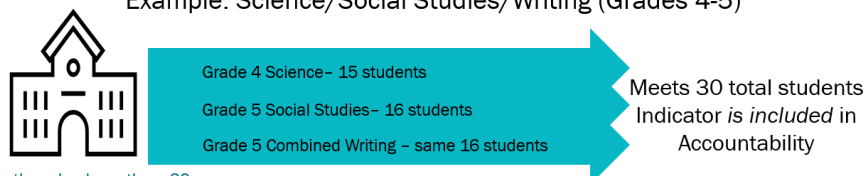
Students will be counted in the indicator only one time as part of the n count, even if the indicator has more than one component (such as reading **and** mathematics). For example, if the same 27 students take both reading and mathematics tests in grades 3-5 {or received the lowest possible score}, the n count will be 27 (not 54). The n count does not have to be met for each content area; it is met by indicator.

State Assessment Results Indicators

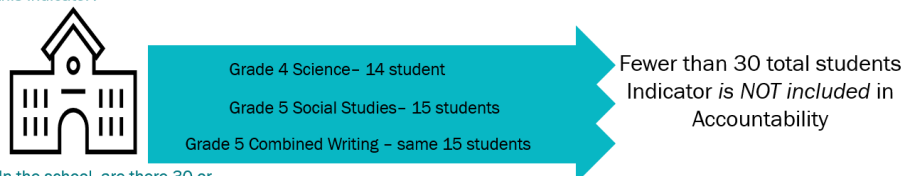
For the indicator of State Assessment Results in Reading and Mathematics an n count of 30 includes all accountable students who were expected to test in Reading and Mathematics. For the indicator of State Assessment Results in Science, Social Studies and Writing indicators, an n count of 30 includes all accountable students who were expected to test in Science, Social Studies and Writing. Students without an approved nonparticipation (medical or first year EL) will receive the lowest possible score for missing tests.

Minimum N of 30 Met at School Level by Indicator

Example: Science/Social Studies/Writing (Grades 4-5)



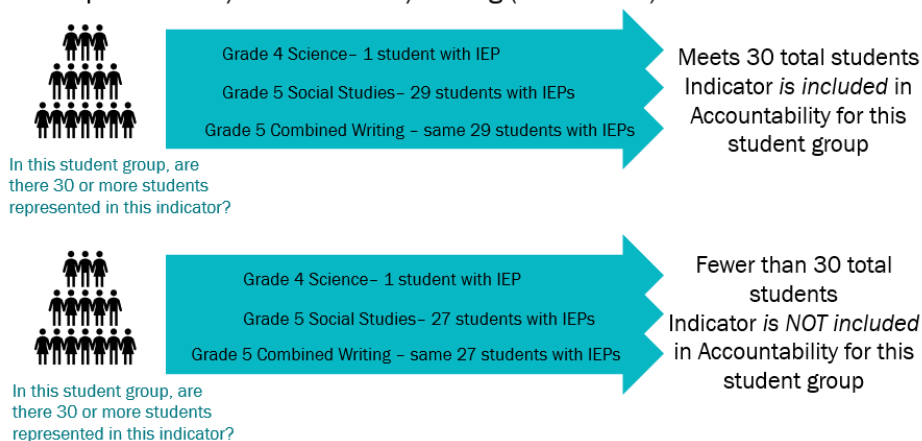
In the school, are there 30 or more students represented in this indicator?



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Minimum N of 30 for Student Group Met at School Level by Indicator

Example: Science/Social Studies/Writing (Grades 4-5) for Students with IEPs



Quality of School Climate and Safety

The minimum n for the Quality of School Climate and Safety Indicator includes accountable students who responded to at least one question in the Quality of School Climate and Safety survey. Students who did not take the survey are not included in the n count.

English Learner (EL) Progress

The n count for the EL Progress indicator is determined by the number of accountable English Learners in all grades 1-12 by level (E/M/H); Kindergarten is not included. Each student without an approved nonparticipation (medical) will be linked to prior year data if available.

- If the student switched test type (e.g., took ACCESS last year, Alt ACCESS this year), the student will be removed from the n count.
- If the student does not have an ACCESS or Alt ACCESS score in the prior year, the student will be removed from the n count.
- However, if a student does have a test score in the prior year but not in the current year, the student is included in the n count (without an approved nonparticipation {medical})

EL (English Learner) Student Status	Included in N Count
Exited in Prior Year	No
Has Approved Nonparticipation (medical) for Either Year	No
Tested with Different Test in Prior Year (e.g., ACCESS to Alt ACCESS)	No
Tested in Current Year Only (e.g., kindergarten, first year EL)	No
Tested in Current Year and Prior Year	Yes
Tested in Prior Year (or received lowest score) but NOT Tested in Current Year (without approved nonparticipation {medical}).	Yes (with lowest possible score on current year test)

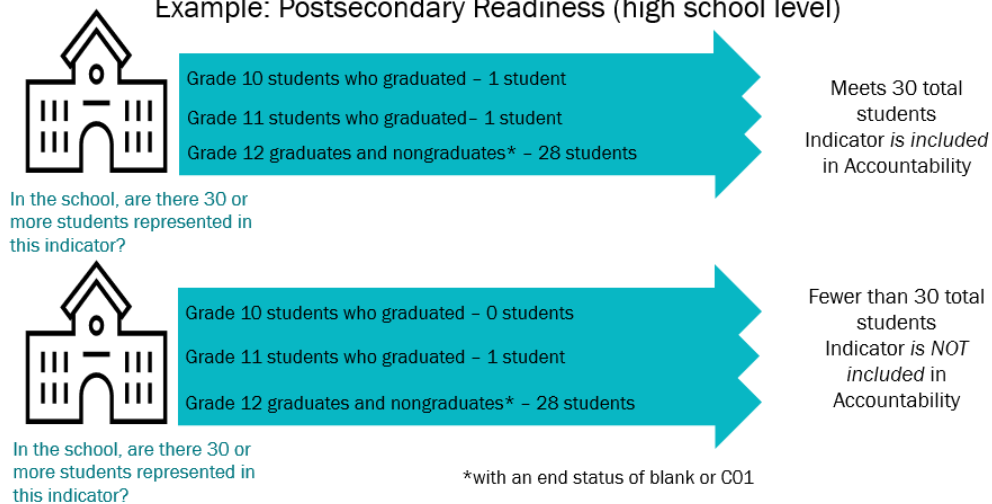
Note: “EL monitored” students are not included in the n count because the indicator data comes from the ACCESS tests.

Postsecondary Readiness

Postsecondary Readiness n-count determination includes all students that receive a G-code for the first time regardless of the grade they are associated with or grade 12 students with an end status of blank or C01.

Minimum N of 30 Met at School Level by Indicator

Example: Postsecondary Readiness (high school level)

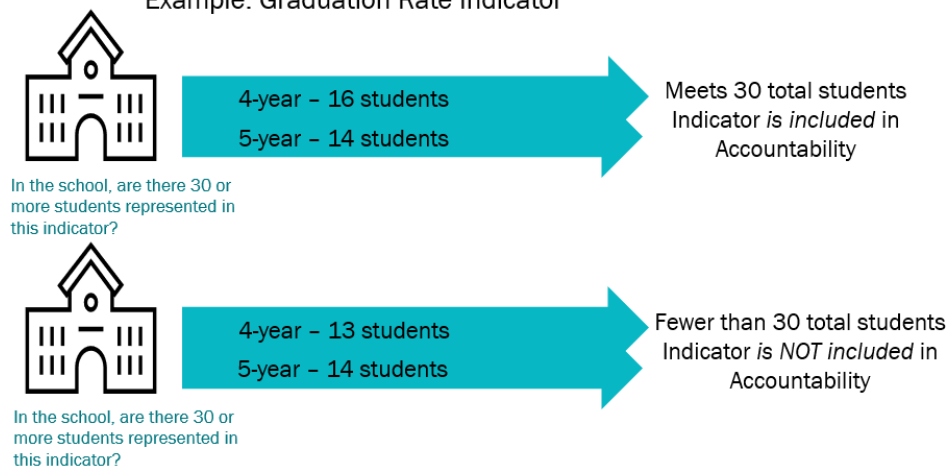


Graduation Rate

There are no nonparticipations (medical or first year EL) for the Graduation Rate indicator. The n count is determined using the sum of the 4-year and 5-year cohorts and is based on where the first G-Code was issued.

Minimum N of 30 Met at School Level by Indicator

Example: Graduation Rate Indicator



Unique Students

Each accountable student contributes to the n count only one time per indicator. Since nonparticipations (medical or first year EL) are applied by content area, there could be

situations where the data might need to be reviewed in more detail because at first glance, it could appear to not meet the n count, but actually does.

Unique Students Example: State Assessment Results in Reading and Mathematics (Elementary)

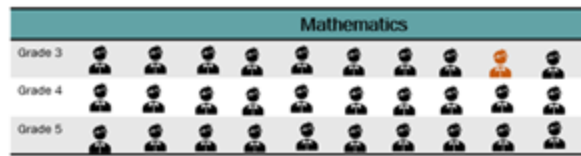
In this school there are 30 accountable students total in grades 3-5 (10 in each grade level).



 Jack received a nonparticipation for the reading test.



 Jill received a nonparticipation for the mathematics test.



Although there are only 29 students represented in each content area, the minimum n is met because it is determined by indicator, not content area. There are 30 unique students total represented in the indicator. If Jack and Jill had received nonparticipations in both tests, the minimum n would not have been met.

Suppression Impact

Suppression is the limitation of data publicly reported to protect student privacy due to FERPA rules and/or federal Best Reporting Practices. However, this does not impact the inclusion of the data in accountability. In some cases, the n count is met for the indicator, but student performance level data (NAPD) may be suppressed in public reporting. (e.g., small numbers in a level, no students in one of the student performance levels-NAPD).

NOTE: Schools with an enrollment of less than 30 students overall will be contacted individually.