
Investing in Educational Excellence (IE²) 2013-14 Evaluation Results

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IE² Background

- IE² Partnership Contracts provide local school districts with greater governance flexibility as a means of increasing student achievement.
- Local Boards of Education can enter into multi-year contracts with the SBOE based on strategic plans developed in partnership with GaDOE and GOSA.
- GOSA monitors progress toward meeting performance targets on an annual basis and provides a report to the SBOE.

Schools with IE² contracts:

- Gwinnett County (2013-14 is Year 5)
- Forsyth County (2013-14 is Year 5)
- Rabun County (2013-14 is Year 3)

Evaluation Policy

GOSA's Evaluation measures performance against predetermined targets for each school.

A school has met its yearly performance goals if, within a 95% confidence interval:

- The school did not miss more than one subgroup target in a given subject area, AND
- The same student subgroup did not miss a target in more than one subject area.

Evaluation Policy

CCRPI Second Look Policy

Beginning with the 2011-12 evaluation, if a school has missed its targets, it will be deemed as meeting its yearly performance targets if:

- The school's CCRPI score is in the 85th percentile of CCRPI scores across the state within its grade cluster (Elementary, Middle, and High School clusters), as long as the 85th percentile score does not fall below an absolute CCRPI score of 80.

IE² Legislative Changes

In 2013, the General Assembly made important changes to the IE² authorizing law.

- Schools no longer have to meet targets for three consecutive years, only three years throughout the five-year contract.
- If a school does not meet targets in three years but meets performance goals by the fifth year, then the school will be deemed as meeting contract performance goals.

Gwinnett County- Contracted Performance Targets

- Elementary and Middle Schools

- Increase percent Exceeds for AYP subgroups in Elementary (3-5) and Middle Schools (6-8) on the Reading/ELA and Math CRCT
- Increase percent Meets + Exceeds for AYP subgroups in Elementary (3-5) and Middle Schools (6-8) on the Science CRCT

- High Schools*

- Increase percent Exceeds for AYP subgroups on the American Literature & Composition and Math II EOCT
- Increase percent Meets + Exceeds for AYP subgroups on the Biology EOCT

*A 2013 SBOE amendment changed these accountability measures from GHSGTs to EOCTs.

Gwinnett County- Flexibility Received

Gwinnett County receives flexibility with regard to:

- Class-size and Reporting requirements (O.G.C.A. §20-2-182)
- Expenditure Controls (O.G.C.A. §20-2-171)
- QBE Financing (O.G.C.A. §20-2-160)
- Categorical Allotment requirements (Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20)
- Salary Schedule requirements (O.G.C.A. §20-2-212)
- Certification requirements (O.G.C.A. §20-2-200)
- Employment, conditions of Employment as it relates to Duty Free Lunch (O.G.C.A. §20-2-218)
- School Attendance, Compulsory Attendance as it relates to the attendance protocol (O.G.C.A. §20-2-690.2)
- ELL Program requirements (O.G.C.A. §20-2-156)
- Educational Programs (O.G.C.A. §20-2-152)
- Middle School Programs; Schedule (O.G.C.A. §20-2-290)
- Competencies and Core Curriculum (O.G.C.A. §20-2-142 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.48)

Gwinnett County- Data Usage

- Elementary and Middle Schools
 - After reviewing previous evaluations and consulting with GaDOE, GOSA could not definitively determine whether “All Students” or “Full Academic Year (FAY)” student data were used. As a result, GOSA used both sets of data for this year’s evaluation for elementary and middle schools and chose the higher of these two percentages for each subgroup. This same method was followed for the Year 4 evaluation.
- High Schools and New Schools
 - All schools included in the 2013 amendment (high schools and new schools) were evaluated using “All Students” data because GOSA set these targets in spring 2013 using these data.

Gwinnett County- Evaluation Results

113 of 121 schools met targeted goals in this year's evaluation.

Schools Missing Targets in the 2013-14 Evaluation	
Beaver Ridge Elementary	Collins Hill High
Ferguson Elementary	Duluth High
Rockbridge Elementary	Meadowcreek High
Walnut Grove Elementary	Norcross High
Grace Snell Middle	

Parkview High School did not meet performance targets but met the CCRPI second look criteria.

Gwinnett County- Evaluation Results

Results from Years 1 through 5*

Number of Years Missing Targets	Number of Schools
1	12
2	5
3	3
4	3
5	1

*Includes only schools included in the original contract. Schools added in subsequent amendments will not reach the five years of evaluation until after 2013-14.

Gwinnett County- Evaluation Results

- Three schools in the original contract have missed performance targets for 3 or more years and did not meet performance targets in Year 5.
 - Duluth High (4)
 - Meadowcreek High (5)
 - Norcross High (4)
- As a result, these schools did not fulfill the terms of the contract.
- Central Gwinnett High School missed performance targets for 3 or more years, but met its targets in Year 5. As a result, Central Gwinnett High School fulfilled the terms of the contract.

Gwinnett County- Recommendations

- GOSA recommends that there be increased district oversight of and involvement with the implementation of each school's strategic improvement plan to assure continual progress in all areas.
 - The Math II targets, which kept these schools from meeting the contract expectations, are no longer appropriate since most students are taking the Coordinate Algebra/Analytical Geometry sequence. This leaves a very small number of students taking Math II, most of whom have previously taken and failed the course. In effect, the school is being penalized multiple times for the same students not passing the test.
 - All three schools have strong school improvement plans in place and have seen substantial changes recently in school staff.
 - Duluth High and Norcross High have CCRPI scores greater than the Gwinnett County and state high school averages.
 - Meadowcreek High does not, but it has shown significant improvement in terms of reducing the achievement gap and progress/growth.

Forsyth County- Contracted Performance Targets

- Elementary and Middle Schools
 - Increase percent Exceeds for AYP subgroups in Elementary (3-5) and Middle Schools (6-8) on the Reading/ELA and Math CRCTs
 - Increase percent Meets + Exceeds for AYP subgroups on the 5th and 8th grade writing assessment
- High Schools*
 - Increase percent Exceeds for AYP subgroups 9th Grade Literature EOCT, Math II EOCT, and GHSWT
 - Increase mean scale score on SAT-Writing

*A 2013 SBOE amendment changed these accountability measures from GHSGTs to EOCTs.

Forsyth County- Flexibility Received

Forsyth County receives flexibility with regard to:

- Graduation requirements (O.G.C.A. §20-2-131 and SBOE Rules 160-4-2-.48 and 160-4-2-.47)
- Middle School Program Criteria (O.G.C.A. §20-2-290, 20-14-33 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.05)
- Instructional Extension (O.G.C.A. §20-2-184 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.14)
- Early Intervention Program (O.G.C.A. §20-2-153 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.17)
- LEP Program (O.G.C.A. §20-2-156 and SBOE Rule 160-4-5-.02)
- Gifted Program (O.G.C.A. §20-2-151, 20-2-161 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.38)
- Scheduling for Instruction (O.G.C.A. §20-2-160, 161.1, 165, 168c and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.16)
- School Day for Students (O.G.C.A. §20-2-151, 202-2-160, 20-2-168 and SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.02)
- Promotion and Retention (O.G.C.A. §20-2-283 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.11)
- Class Size/Staffing (O.G.C.A. §20-2-182, 20-2-152 and SBOE Rules 160-5-1-.08, 160-5-1-.22, 160-4-7-.14)
- School Year (O.G.C.A. §20-2-168c and SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.01)
- Minimum Direct Classroom Expenditures (O.G.C.A. §20-2-171 and SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.29)
- QBE Financing (O.G.C.A. §20-2-160)
- Categorical Allotment Requirements (Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20)

Forsyth County- Data Usage

- Elementary and Middle Schools, GHSWT
 - After reviewing previous evaluations and consulting with GaDOE, GOSA could not definitively determine whether “All Students” or “Full Academic Year (FAY)” student data were used. As a result, GOSA used both sets of data for this year’s evaluation for elementary and middle schools and chose the higher of these two percentages for each subgroup.
- High Schools- EOCT and SAT
 - EOCT and SAT results were evaluated using “All Students” data because these targets were set using this assumption.

Forsyth County- Evaluation Results

- 32 of 33 schools met targets in this year's evaluation.
- Little Mill Middle school did not meet targets in this year's evaluation.
- Lakeside High School did not meet performance targets but met the CCRPI second look criteria.

Forsyth County- Evaluation Results

Results from Years 1 through 5

Number of Years Missing Targets	Number of Schools
1	14
2	7
3	-
4	-
5	-

- All Forsyth County schools have fulfilled the terms of the contract.

Rabun County- Contracted Performance Targets

- Rabun County Primary School
 - Increase percent Exceeds for AYP subgroups on 3rd grade Reading/ELA and Math CRCTs in Rabun County Elementary School for students previously enrolled in 2nd grade at a Rabun County primary school
 - The 2014 amendment to RCS' IE2 contract reflected the consolidation of Rabun Gap Community School and South Rabun Elementary School into Rabun County Primary School.
- Rabun County Elementary School & Rabun County Middle School
 - Increase percent Exceeds for AYP subgroups on the Reading/ELA and Math CRCTs
 - Increase percent Meets + Exceeds for AYP subgroups on the Science CRCT

Rabun County- Contracted Performance Targets

- Rabun County High School
 - Increase percent Exceeds for AYP subgroups on American Literature EOCTs
 - Percent typical/high growth on Math Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) for AYP subgroups exceeds state percent on Math
 - The 2014 amendment to RCS' IE² contract changed the high school math accountability measures from percent exceeds on the Math I EOCT, which is no longer administered.
 - Increase percent Meets + Exceeds for AYP subgroups on Biology EOCT

Rabun County- Flexibility Granted

Rabun County receives flexibility with regard to:

- Graduation requirements (O.G.C.A. §20-2-131 and SBOE Rules 160-4-.48 and 160-4-2-.47)
- Middle School Program Criteria (O.G.C.A. §20-2-290, 20-14-33 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.05)
- Early Intervention Program (O.G.C.A. §20-2-153 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.17)
- Remedial Education Program (O.G.C.A. §20-2-154 and SBOE Rule 160-4-5-.01)
- LEP Program (O.G.C.A. §20-2-156 and SBOE Rule 160-4-5-.02)
- Gifted Program (O.G.C.A. §20-2-151, 20-2-161 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.38)
- School Day and Year for Students and Employees (O.G.C.A. §20-2-151, 20-2-160, 20-2-161.1, 20-2-165, 20-2-168, 20-2-168(c), 20-2-240 and SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.02)
- Health and Physical Education Program (SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.12)
- Promotion and Retention (O.G.C.A. §20-2-283 and SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.11)
- Class Size/Staffing (O.G.C.A. §20-2-182, 20-2-152 and SBOE Rules 160-5-1-.08, 160-5-1-.22, 160-4-7-.14)
- Certification (O.G.C.A. §20-2-200)
- Minimum Direct Classroom Expenditures (O.G.C.A. §20-2-171 and SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.29)
- QBE Financing (O.G.C.A. §20-2-160 et. seq.)
- Categorical Allotment Requirements (Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20)

Rabun County- Data Usage & Results

- GOSA used FAY data for the evaluation because targets were set using FAY data.
- All 4 Rabun County schools met targets in this year's evaluation.
- Only one school has missed targets in Years 1 -3.
 - Rabun County High School missed targets in Year 1.

Final Summary

- Three Gwinnett County schools did not fulfill the terms of the contract. GOSA recommends increased district oversight of these schools.
- All Forsyth County schools have fulfilled the terms of the contract.

Questions

Information regarding IE², including the full annual reports, can be accessed at:

<http://gosa.georgia.gov/investing-educational-excellence-ie2-evaluation>

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