



Governor's Office of  
Student Achievement

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## Georgia Promise Act School Calculation Guide (Feb. 2025)

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The Georgia Promise Scholarship Act, also known as [Senate Bill 233](#), tasked the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) with calculating the lowest 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of schools. This legislation amended Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia to create state-funded accounts for eligible students to use for non-public education expenses.

The legislation states in OCGA Section 20-2B-29:

(a) In the annual report required by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-27, the Office of Student Achievement shall include a separate list of public schools that performed in the lowest 25 percent of all public schools based on the cumulative individual school ratings, as provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 20-14-33, for the two most recent school years for which the Office of Student Achievement issued such ratings; provided, however, that in the event of a tied rating, the public school with the lower performance in student achievement shall be prioritized; provided, further, however, that such list shall not include any school with more than 50 percent of its enrolled students assigned to an education program provided for in Code Section 20-2-154.1.

(b) By December 1 of each year, the Office of Student Achievement shall publish on its [website](#) the list provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

The lowest 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of schools list is based on GOSA's calculated CCRPI Single Scores from the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. This document provides the business rules used to identify schools in the lowest 25<sup>th</sup> percentile for the 2025 Georgia Promise Scholarship Act list of schools.

## **Excluded Schools**

1. State Charter Schools
2. Locally Authorized Charter Schools
3. Conversion Charter Schools
4. Online/Virtual Schools
5. Non-Traditional/Alternative Schools<sup>1</sup>
6. Schools with Only PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students<sup>2</sup>
7. Residential Treatment Facilities
8. Department of Juvenile Justice Schools
9. State Schools for the Blind and Deaf
10. Schools Missing One and/or Both Years of CCRPI Calculation(s)
11. Magnet Schools

## **Calculation of the Lowest 25<sup>th</sup> Percentile List**

1. Exclude all schools meeting exclusion criteria eligibility from the total list of public schools.
2. Generate an average CCRPI Single Score for all included schools by adding the 2023 and 2024 Single Scores and dividing by two.
  - a.  $(\text{Single Score 2023} + \text{Single Score 2024}) / 2$
  - b. Round average Single Score to one **(1)** decimal places.
3. Determine quartiles and the associated cut score of the lowest 25<sup>th</sup> percentile based on the average Single Score calculated in the previous step.
  - a. The lowest 25<sup>th</sup> percentile list will include all the schools with a cut score equal to or less than the identified cut score of the lowest quartile.
  - b. The cut score for the 2024 Promise Act list of schools was **66.2**.

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<sup>1</sup> Alternative/Non-Traditional schools receive a state or federal accountability determination, report FTE, and earn QBE formula funds directly. GaDOE distinguishes between Alternative Education Programs and Alternative/Non-Traditional schools, and GOSA only excludes the latter from this list.

<sup>2</sup> Schools serving only Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students do not have 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Milestone Assessments.