



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO: Shenandoah School Corporation  
FROM: Timothy Schultz, Hearing Officer, Indiana State Board of Education  
RE: Appeal by Shenandoah School Corporation of its 2015-16 Corporate Letter Grade  
DATE: July 12, 2017

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**Finding:** Shenandoah School Corporation's appeal of its 2015-16 category placement of an "B" grade should be denied.

## I. Facts

Shenandoah School Corporation ("Shenandoah") received a letter grade of "B" for the 2015-16 school year. Shenandoah appealed the "B" grade due to concerns regarding its 5-year graduation status report. A hearing was scheduled for April 17, 2017, which Shenandoah failed to attend. Therefore, this proposed determination is based on materials provided by Shenandoah before and after the hearing date.

## II. Argument and Analysis

Shenandoah contends that its category placement calculation did not properly account for the status of six (6) students in regards to the corporation's 5-year graduation cohort status report. As part of the appeal process, Shenandoah provided the hearing officer with the student data that the corporation believed was not taken into account for purposes of determining its grade. However, upon review, it was determined that the student data provided by Shenandoah did not alter the corporation's overall grade. Thus, Shenandoah's argument that its grade designation should be altered to account for the data provided during the appeal process lacks sufficient evidence.

For the forgoing reasons, Shenandoah's "B" grade should not be altered, and the appeal should be denied.