

Report of Accountability Concerns

Indiana Department of Education

Overall: Afford schools all available benefits; hold schools harmless.

2011-12 Concerns

- **Harmed Schools**

The following schools are considered by the IDOE to be harmed by the 2012 policy decision to categorize schools with unusual grade configurations as Elementary/Middle Schools.

- **Hammond Academy of Science & Tech (4486)**

- Background: The 2012 policy decision to use an Elementary/Middle School model to calculate a grade for Hammond Academy of Science & Tech (4486) resulted in an F for that school.
- Options: Two other options that would provide a better outcome for this school:
 - Apply a No Grade Required designation. Result would be no grade for 2012.
 - Apply a Combined model with EMS and 910 components. Results would be a D for 2012.
- Appeal: Hammond Academy of Science & Tech (4486) appealed their grade on October 24, 2012. Their appeal noted 8 appeal points, including the fact that 10th grade ECA data were not used in the calculation. This part of the appeal was denied.

- **Damar Charter Academy (5191)**

- Background: The 2012 policy decision to use an Elementary/Middle School model to calculate a grade for Damar Charter Academy (5191) resulted in an F for that school.
- Options: The other option that would have provided a better outcome for this school:
 - Apply the No Grade Required designation. Result would be no grade for 2012.
- Appeal: Damar Charter Academy (5191) did not appeal their grade.

- **Career Academy at South Bend (7564)**

- Background: The 2012 policy decision to use an Elementary/Middle School model to calculate a grade for Career Academy at South Bend (7564) resulted in an F for that school.
- Options: The other option that would have provided a better outcome for this school:
 - Apply the No Grade Required designation. Result would be no grade for 2012.
- Appeal: Career Academy at South Bend (7564) appealed their grade on October 24, 2012. Their appeal noted that they opened in Fall of 2011. They also noted they felt their model should be combined due to their grade configuration, not elementary/middle school only.

- **Cornerstone College Prep Sch (A236)**

- Background: The 2012 policy decision to use an Elementary/Middle School model to calculate a grade for Cornerstone College Prep Sch (A236) resulted in an F for that school. The school was newly state accredited in the 2012 school year.
- Options: The other option that would have provided a better outcome for this school:
 - Apply the No Grade Required designation. Result would be no grade for 2012.
- Appeal: Cornerstone College Prep Sch (A236) did not appeal their 2012 grade.

- **Removal of High School Category Caps**

Through 2013 IDOE and LSA review, it has been determined the removal of the category caps for high schools during the 2012 A-F calculations does not comply with administrative code. The omission of the category caps elevated 3 high school grades.

- **Rossville Senior High School (1021)**

- Grade increased from B with cap to A without cap.
- Options:
 - Recalculate and republish 2012 A-F grade for the 3 affected high schools.
 - Allow schools to retain the original grades.

- **Northview High School (0933)**

- Grade increased from B with cap to A without cap.
- Options:
 - Recalculate and republish 2012 A-F grade for the 3 affected high schools.
 - Allow schools to retain the original grades.

- **Speedway Senior High School (5891)**

- Grade increased from B with cap to A without cap.
- Options:
 - Recalculate and republish 2012 A-F grade for the 3 affected high schools.
 - Allow schools to retain the original grades.